

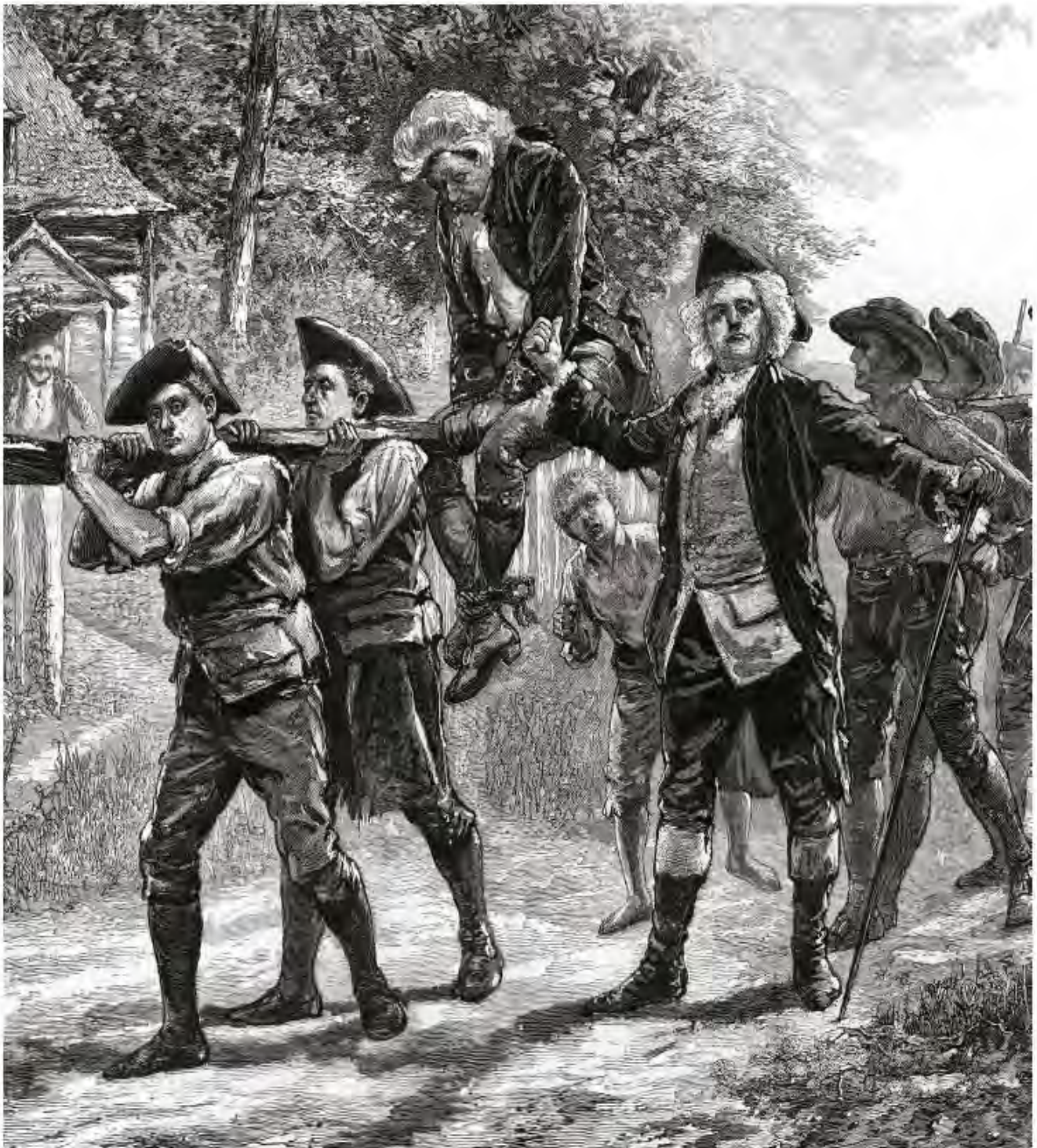


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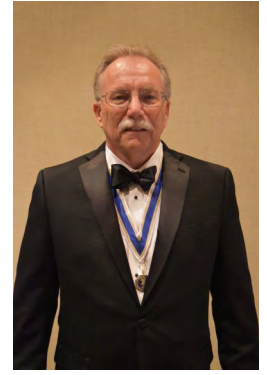
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The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should 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



My fellow Compatriots, as I write to you, many of our fellow compatriots are without the basics of life surviving necessities. If you can provide a helping hand to those Compatriots that are near to you and are in need, please do! Also, send information to other fellow Compatriots which may also be able to send needed items as well. Our prayers go out to many, hoping that you have the strength and resources to recover from this storm.

As a reminder we are hosting the 133rd Congress in July 2023, and we are now passing the 10th month mark and I am proud to say that all situations are coming together. The Rosen Plaza Hotel on International Drive in Orlando is the center of events and the contract is now finalized and the menus for volunteer and host receptions are being finalized in the coming weeks. If you have not made your reservation yet I recommend that you do, as the rooms are already 51% booked. Looking at the attendance of the Georgia Congress, over 600 attended and we are trying to anticipate every need of such a large crowd. The complete Congress Planning committee and staff are meeting via "Zoom", twice monthly and we are now planning the need of how many volunteers and placing them into their assigned positions. Teams are starting to build and many are needed that can stay the pace for 7 days.

As this year is coming to a close our state of new members continues to increase. In September our membership was 2383 and in early October it is now 2391, so close to breaking the 2400 barrier, well done to all who are getting the word out. Our genealogists and registrars are going through some new changes that hopefully will reduce the error rate and speed up the approval process. Our annual registration dues are upon us. What most do not realize and received as a reminder from National, if your dues are not received at National by the 31st of December, you are not a member in "good standing".

As a reminder our May 2023 Annual/BOM will be the last, but the most important to put the 'icing on the cake' for Congress 2023. As always, several updates to our Bylaws and Committees are forth coming, be important, be a part!

A fellow Compatriot

Earl F Mathews Jr

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President, 2022-2023

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Calendar of Events

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>.



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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 Committee

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.

From the 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.

Americanism Youth Contests

This is the poster contest for the elementary students and the brochure contest for middle school. We have 34 chapters yet over the past few years we have only had 1-3 entries for each of these. That is sad! Both of these are judged at the May BOM and the winner then goes to Congress for final judging. 3 years ago we had a third place national winner. Her town, Groveland Florida, proclaimed a day in her honor. These contests encourage students to learn more about our countries founding and hopefully might inspire some to become SAR members. These do not have to be “classroom” projects. They can be individual student efforts. And what I have found is that art teachers at both levels like this because it gives them a subject.

The cost to participate is minimal! The Endowment Trust Fund will reimburse your chapter 75% of the scholarships you award and meals for having winners attend your meetings to receive their award. A great way to reach out to your community!

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.

Loyalists to the King: Tories

by Scott Barker

The cause of American independence generally conjures images of Continental troops clad in blue tunics, and white trousers, with a tricornered hat and armed with musket and bayonet; they are opposed by similarly clad and armed British troops, albeit with a red coat. Of course, such images represent an idealized version

of The American Revolutionary War, but the reality is quite different. A significant component of revolutionary forces came from irregular troops, such as colonial militias, loyalists to the Crown, and Native Americans in the service of both sides.



As we reflect on our history and the events that culminated in the founding of the American nation, the typical American envisions a popular uprising and a unanimous revolution by the people to throw off the yoke of a tyrant. However, contrary to this view, sharply divided colonists found themselves on opposing sides and resorted to armed conflict. Patriots were identified as rebels and traitors to the Crown. At the same time, their American opposition held a variety of designations, such as King’s Men, Royalists, and Loyalists had been prevalent, but in general, they became known as Tories.

The number of Tories is estimated at 15-20 percent of the European-American population or about 450,000-500,000 people. Acclaimed historian of colonial America, Leonard W. Labaree, Ph.D., professor of history at Yale University, identified the essential characteristics of Tories, which included: they were older and better established; they felt that resistance to the Crown was morally wrong; they were alienated when Patriots resorted to violence; wanted to take the middle-of-the-road and were angry when forced by the Patriots to declare their opposition; had a long-standing sentimental attachment to Britain; and, they were rightly cautious and afraid of anarchy or tyranny that might come from zealots or mob rule, which did cost many their property and security, even their lives, during and after the revolution. The brutality of the revolution is best characterized by a 2000 cinematic portrayal of *The Patriot*, where a former provincial soldier, Mel Gibson, attempts to maintain his neutrality in the Revolutionary War. Still, he is drawn into the cause due to the barbaric practices of the British military and the loyalists. Likewise, the depictions of Patriots engaging in guerrilla tactics through the targeting of officers and hit-and-run engagements represented events in the Southern theater. Unfortunately, the



movie was panned by critics as being hyperbolic, especially in the United Kingdom, due to its anti-British sentiments.

Of course, as members of The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, we celebrate our Patriot ancestors in the cause of American independence. Nevertheless, the likelihood of also having Tory ancestors is a distinct possibility. After all, such a Patriot as Benjamin Franklin had a brother who was a Tory. As indicated earlier, approximately one in five colonists remained loyal to the Crown; however, by July 4, 1776, all territory of the thirteen colonies was in control of the Patriots, who had expelled royal officials. No one openly proclaiming their loyalty to the Crown was allowed to remain. Tories were subjected to confiscation of property, and outspoken supporters of the king were threatened with public humiliation such as tarring and feathering or physical attack. The treatment was widespread and warned other loyalists not to take up arms.

A researcher reviewing ancestral connections with the Revolutionary War discovered divided loyalties in his family, where a father and son served opposing forces. The father was a Tory, while the son patriotically served as a matross in the Rhode Island artillery. Furthermore, the record graphically described the capture, cursory trial, and summary execution of the father. The incident was told by a witness to events on April 22, 1779, near Holston, Washington County, Virginia. A party of riders traveling home from church services came upon the person of Francis Hopkins, a known Tory, counterfeiter, and horse thief. Hopkins was not just a mere Tory but the leader of a band of robbers who escaped jail and was actively plundering Patriot homesteads. A brief pursuit resulted in the capture of Hopkins, at which time he was alleged to have acknowledged his guilt and was hanged in the forks of a tree. This event was not an uncommon occurrence during the Revolutionary War.

The Battle of Kings Mountain is notable for being a significant Patriot victory. Still, it also symbolized the defeat of loyalist forces serving under British officers. At the October 7, 1780, battle in North Carolina, 1105 loyalist provincials were surprised by Patriot militias numbering 900. Only one regular British soldier had been involved in the battle, the major in command of the loyalists, who was killed in the attempt to break the Patriot line. With his death,

the loyalists surrendered, resulting in a resounding victory for the Patriots. In the aftermath, the Rutledge County, North Carolina, Court of Common Pleas issued the names of 112 loyalists found guilty of traitorous actions at Kings Mountain. It held that "their goods & chattels lands & tenements" be confiscated by the State of North Carolina.

The manner adopted by our Revolutionary fathers in dealing with Tories may not meet today's approval. Still, they were most effective in dealing with men who committed all forms of depredations and outrages upon frontier settlements. Following independence, Tories were banished from the United States. An estimated 100,000 received land grants in Canada, 80,000 to 100,000 fled to the West Indies, and a few went to Great Britain.

About the Author: A son of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Scott Barker received his BA degree summa cum laude in Liberal Studies from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, where he was the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Liberal Studies. In his ancestry, twenty-four lineal ancestors served the patriot cause of American independence. He is a retired police commander from the Dayton, Ohio, police department.

From the NSSAR Veterans Committee

The Veterans Committee would like to remind all chapters and state societies to recognize Veterans Day by displaying their support for those who sacrificed so much for our country. Some suggested ways of showing support on or about Veterans Day are:

- participating in Veterans Day ceremonies/parades,
- donating non-monetary items to organizations whose primary clients are Veterans,
- visiting Veterans that are home bound or in the hospital,
- placing flags or wreaths on the graves of Veterans, and
- taking a Veteran(s) on an outing such as a shopping trip, ride in the country, attending a sporting event, meal at a restaurant, attending a Veterans Day ceremony, etc.

Remember that these activities are reportable in the USS Stark Memorial report which is available on the NSSAR website under Forms & Manuals. The Veterans Committee strongly urges any chapter/society participating in activities with Veterans to submit a USS Stark Memorial report each year regardless of the points accrued in the report.

The USS Stark Memorial report is about more than just receiving recognition or an award. It is the primary tool used by the Veterans Committee for monitoring SAR member activities in serving Veterans. When societies and chapters submit the report, they are providing information that the Veterans Committee then uses to determine where the strengths and gaps are in the SAR's Veterans programs.

An example of how this information can be used is the current program to recruit SAR members to serve on local VA Medical Center (VAMC) voluntary services committees. Past analysis of USS Stark reports indicated a shortage of SAR

members on these important VAMC committees. Upon recognizing this deficiency, the Veterans Committee embarked on a recruitment program for representatives. Although further recruitment of SAR representatives is still needed, there has been a significant increase in the presence of the SAR at VA Medical Centers across the country.

If your chapter/society does not have plans to participate in a Veterans Day program, please consider one or more of the suggestions listed above. If your chapter/society has plans for an event, please consider expanding your plans to include one or more additional activity.

The Veterans Committee thanks you in advance for your time and effort supporting our Veterans.

In Patriotic Service,

Scott Giltner
NSSAR Chairman - Veterans Committee

Hotel Reservation Information for the 2023 Congress

Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. You can now register for the hotel at this time. I will give you both the web link and the phone number for the hotel reservations.

Our group is **NSSAR2023**

The general schedule of events is as follows:

14 Jul 2023: Friday: EXCOM/SARF
15 Jul 2023: Saturday: Long tour (Kennedy Space Center Tour)/ Host Reception
16 Jul 2023: Sunday: CG Breakfast, Trustee Meeting, Memorial Service (site TBD), Committee Meetings, Rumbaugh Orations Finals
17 Jul 2023: Monday: CoSP Breakfast, Opening Session, Youth Luncheon, Afternoon Session, Minuteman and Awards Night
18 Jul 2023: Tuesday: District Breakfasts, Morning Session, GWEF/VPGs Luncheon, Balloting, PGs Banquet
19 Jul 2023: Wednesday: Donor Recognition Breakfast, Final Session, Short Tour (TBD), Installation Banquet
20 Jul 2023: Thursday: EXCOM/SARF

So that should help you plan your arrival and departure for the week.

Here is the url for the on line registration:

<https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.ashx?proper-tyCode=ORLRZ&group=GRPNSSAR2023&arrivalDate=07-12-2023&departureDate=07-21-2023>

The Rosen Plaza toll free number is 1-800-627-8258.

If you use the on line site, please remember that the default date is 12 July since that is when our block is set up for the advance party people. You need to click on the little calendar next to the date 12 July and you can change your arrival date as necessary. It will also allow you to adjust the departure date if you need to by click-

ing on that calendar in the departure section.

This hotel has limited King Beds. So, if you want one please annotate that request in the "Additional Notes and Preferences" box when you input your contact information and credit card data.

Please read this paragraph for information on hotel policies for guaranteeing rooms and the cancellation policy.

Guarantee Policy

All reservations are required to be guaranteed with a valid credit card . Please be advised that five days prior to your arrival, an authorization equivalent to a one night's room and tax charge will be processed on your card. Authorizations on a debit card will place a hold on funds within your bank account at the time of authorization.

Cancel Policy

Cancellation required at least 5 days prior to arrival to avoid a charge of one night's room and tax As a reminder, the reservations cut-off date is Monday, June 12, 2023, or until the contracted room block is sold out, whichever comes first. At 5:00PM on the cut-off date, any rooms remaining in your block will be released back to the hotel for general sale. At that point, any new bookings will be accepted based on hotel availability.

If you have any questions please contact me at 704-756-0363 or LTCMRSC@aol.com

Thanks and I look forward to a great Congress in Orlando.

Paul

Volunteer Sign up for 2023 NSSAR Congress

The FLSSAR will need members to sign up to serve at the upcoming Congress. A Volunteer website is up for those that are attending any days and to include any ladies that are coming/attending for certain areas as well. Please go to the following link, indicate when you can help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CADA62BABF5C34-congress>

It will be most appreciated.



Update from the By-Laws Committee

At the present time, the By-Law Committee is working to address many items that will be addressed specifically in the next couple of issues of the FLSSAR Florida Patriot. The anticipation is that the membership will be voting on these various items at the FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. We are hoping that these changes will address issues that have come up over the past year and will further clarify how the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution operates as a volunteer organization in the coming years ahead. Below is an outline of the various items being reviewed at this time by the committee.

#1- Authority to Hold Meetings by EXCOM Members

Authority to hold EXCOM meetings by members other than the president will be clarified.

#2- Reprisal Actions by an Elected Officer

Potential reprisal actions by any elected officer will be addressed.

#3- Removal of FLSSAR Appointed Officers

Process for removal of appointed officers will be addressed.

#4- Ethics Review Process and Suspensions

This is being addressed to be in accordance with new National Ethics By-Laws process; suspensions will be aligned with the National By-Laws

#5- State Level Committee Appointments

Approval process for appointments to various state-level officer or committee positions from the EXCOM or the BOM will be clarified

#6- The FLSSAR Bylaws contain contradictory sections regarding appointments to state positions.

These contradictions will be addressed to avoid confusion

#7- Appointment to State Positions of At-Large Members

This topic will be addressed to delete this situation

#8- Authority of BOM Members to Hold and Terminate Meetings

Authority to hold and terminate annual BOM meetings without the president will be clarified

#9- BOM Meeting Procedures

The ability to change the agenda of the BOM at the time of the meeting will be addressed.

#10- Annual Elections

The voting process at annual meetings will be clarified.

#11- Appointment of State Elected Officer Positions

The authority to appoint members to state level elected positions after a vacancy occurs will be clarified.

#12- Public Statements Regarding FLSSAR Business Matters

The process to make or release public statements regarding FLSSAR business matters will be clarified to ensure statements are fully sanctioned

#13- Electioneering

Electioneering by FLSSAR elected officers will be addressed to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

#14. Schedule of BOM and Annual Meetings

The by-laws will be amended to address the Spring BOM meeting date and the Annual Meeting.

#15. Chair Positions

The ability of the FLSSAR President to hold any chair any committee other than the Executive Committee will be addressed

#16. Removal from Office of Elected Officers

The ability of the BOM to remove an elected officer will be addressed

#17. FLSSAR Contracts

The current By-Laws require the Treasurer to hold all contracts. Over the years, the practice has evolved that the Secretary now holds contracts. This will be clarified

#18. FLSSAR Assets

The By-Laws will be updated to address who will hold FLSSAR assets.

#19. Number of Members Needed for New Chapter

At May BOM, the topic of number of members required for a new chapter was raised. The By-Laws will state that the number of members must be a minimum of 15.

#20. Transfer of Members

The By-Laws will formalize the process for transferring membership from one chapter to another so that each chapter and the FLSSAR are aware of the changes.

From the Publicity Committee

It is the purpose of this committee to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and the FLSSAR in various community publications in the form of press releases. We appreciate all the efforts that the various chapters have done throughout the State of Florida. This effort will be very important as we gear up for the NSSAR Congress in 2023 that will be held at the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida.

Chapters are welcome to contribute to this effort so that we can as an organization can let the public know who we are and what we are about. In doing so, we can recruit others to join the SAR. If you have contacts in the various community papers, blogs, and other digital medians that the Florida Society SAR can promote and release press releases to, please submit the information to Committee Chairman Jeff Sizemore at swampfox-sar@gmail.com.

The committee is also involved in the Spring of each year in viewing the various chapter submittals for the Earl Martin Award. More details about this award will appear in the next issue.

NSSAR/FLSSAR Newsletter

Competitions

As always, the committee is looking for more members in the committee for judging the many contest newsletter issues. If you have experience in publishing or judging newsletters, please consider joining the committee by contacting the chairman.

To all Chapter Newsletter editors and State Society editors, now is the time to start thinking about entering the SAR competitions for these four 2022 year competitions:

- The two Carl F. Bessent Awards are presented to SAR chapter editors for the best multiple sheet and single sheet periodicals

- The Jennings H. Flathers Award is presented to the state-level society with fewer than five hundred members. State membership levels at the end of the preceding year will determine which of the contests should be entered.

- The Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award is presented to the state-level society with over five hundred members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with ten or fewer pages. State membership levels at the end of the preceding year determine which of the contests should be entered.

- The Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award is presented to the state-level society with over five hundred members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with more than ten pages.

The deadline to submit to either the NSSAR Newsletter Contest and/or FLSSAR Newsletter Contest is December 15, 2022.

Welcome New Members

At this time, the FLSSAR will like to welcome the following individuals that have joined our organization since the first of the year.

Murray, David Eugene
Choisser, Charles Josephe
Wilson, Andrew Jonathon
Slack, Philip Andrew
MacCutcheon, Seth William
Davis, Robert Jonathan
Findley, Jeremy Norman
Baird, James Edward
Kittinger, Kevin Keith
Kittinger, Kyle Keith
Kittinger, Eric Lee
Kittinger, Craig Steven
Ashley, Max Steven
Oliver, Dale Wayne

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Thompson, Bryson Hall
Thompson, Samuel Bryson
Thompson, Benjamin Bryson
Thompson, Bryson Potvin
McMullen, Ted Andrew
McLeod, Daniel Owen
Croslyn, Caleb Neil
Winbun, Luke Michael
Bradley, Seamus Patrick
Young III, Forrest Parkhurst
Greene Jr, Gerald Gene
Jones, Dylan Riley
Tyler, David Alan
Pearson, Charles Devin
Landry, Kirk Christopher
Hughes, Paul Clayton
Simmons, James William
McCooley, John Robert
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Harper, Steven Douglas
Harper, Cole Ryan
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Maier Jr, John Leonard
Keen III, Charles Thomas
Keen IV, Charles Thomas
Joseph III, Millard James
Kirsch, Gary Lee
Burdshaw, Wesley Adam
Harris, James Byron
Latta-Raines, James Avery
Tomlinson Jr, Hoyt Melton
Weiss, John Henry
Egger, Ronald Leslie
Nuernberg, John Robert
Nuernberg, Kenneth Edward
Wicker, Jonathan Carlton
Wicker, Nathaniel Henry

Hillyer Jr, Robert Leroy
Taylor, Patrick Aaron
Burgess, Christopher Michael
Burgess, Kelton Merrill
Johnston, Jeremy Dean
Johnston, Steven Franklin
Kavala, Chris Michael
Tokarz, David Charles
Raffield, Jerry Bennett
Garner, Richard James
Gross, Colton Robert
Hendricks, Daryl Glenn
Wilson Jr, Charles Wayne
Dale, Lewis Ingram
Cole, Richard Elliott
Sagan, Robert Allan
Carter, Michael Keith
Fry, Thomas Francis
Cook, Alexander Andre
Dillard Jr, Harry Knight
Verville, Blake Joseph
Verville, Jacob Michael
Verville, Andrew Blake
Narvaez II, Derwin Francis
Roberts II, Thomas Andrew
Taylor, Jax Maximillion
Delano III, George
Carroll, Stephen Biesecker
Nunnelley, Kenneth Sload
Nunnelley, John Davis
Wise, Donald Craig
Townsend, Charles Franklin
Carpenter Sr, Thomas Roberts
Carpenter Jr, Thomas Roberts
Carpenter III, Thomas Roberts
Primiano, Mason Reid
Reich, David Matthew
Grogg, Landin Michael
Grogg, Konnor James
Duncan, Curtis Benjamin
Duncan, Casey Benjamin
Davis, Gregory Michael Francis
Davis, Christopher Scott
Lanzone II, Daniel Amelio
Sopher, Bonnie Elaine
Werner Jr, Orman West

McLean, Brian Kelly
Carroll Jr, Larry Keith
Carroll, Scott Dyar
Smith Jr, Robert Edward
Butler, Leonard Bion
Itak, Jason Robert
Frye, John Monnette
Kuleski Sr, Erick Stephen
Kuleski Jr, Erick Stephen
Taylor, Terry Robert
Pulsifer, Howard Ashley
Keen III, Arthur Roy
Gerken, Jack Brady
Gerken, Samuel Cooper
Shaner, Timothy Richard
Kvarnberg, Daniel Austin
Miller, Brett Thomas
Miller, Aiden Brett
Stewart, Bryan Gregory
Stewart, Alexander Lon Walter
Stewart, Andrew Edward Ian
Ashley, Michael Warren
Spangler Jr, John Frederick
Spangler, Thomas Christopher
Spangler, Justin Frederick
Kimball Jr, Raymond Hurleigh
Simms, William Harrison
Jewett, Nicholas John
Jewett, Henry Walter
Cheever, Alan William
Richner, John Alvin
Smith, Steven Craig
Smith, Ronald Scott
Watts, Jeffrey Howard
Watts, Joshua Howard
Johnson Jr, Samuel Harris
Wolf, Clifford Louis
Roberts, Lloyd LeRoy
Roberts, Wayne LeRoy
Roberts, Jeffrey Lloyd
Hill, McCoy Donald
Dalley, Robert Charles
Smaldone, Leo Edward
Ryder, Mark Ernest
Carey, Marvin
Stone, James Alan

Stone, Samuel Anthony
Gray, Robert Michael
Gray, Jason Robert
Hinnant, James Michael
Griffin, Samuel Franklin
Griffin, Benjamin Clark
Griffin, William Edward
Griffin, Dean Ali
Hyland, Curtis Scott
Brown, Brendon Scott
Lubinski, Daniel Edward
Bridgford, Paul Lyle
Bridgford, Michael Scott
Bridgford, Gabriel Brotherhood
Calkins, Martin John
Clark, Alan Walter
Sheets, Kent Allan
Corsa, William Mark
Corsa, Justin Neal
Topper Jr, Joseph Raphael
List Jr, Edwin John
Walker, Kenneth Paul
Wood, Richard Michael
Wood, Bryan Grant
Wood, Robert Keith
Stiles, Robert Edward
Skinner, Richard Allen
Welker, Lawrence Edward
Lester, Richard Thomas
Lester, Oliver Thomas
Lester, Finnegan Thomas
Lester, Harrison Fisher
Roniger, Tyson Walter
Roniger, Timothy River
Dice, Carl Lee
Boymer, Raymond Leslie
Franklin, John Christopher
Rovenstine Jr, Jay Arthur

In Our Memory - 2022

It is with deep regret that we announce the following individuals that have passed since December. We appreciate their membership in the Florida Society and recognize them for their value as a member and volunteer to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Riegle, Kirk Dennis
Nelson, Harley Benjamin
Bayer, Gerald Joseph
Freeman, Vernon Dale
Allen, Orville
Smith, James Ronald
Clark, Alan James
Davis, Paul Byron
Odom, Robert Ernest
McCain, Marvin Enloe
Mann, Franklin Balch
Dodson, William Berry
Johnson, Donald Wayne
Haff, Robert Morton
Pratt, George Craig
Farmer Jr, Claude S
Green, Carl Randell
Miller, Raymond Arthur
Gradeless, Donald E

Mad Anthony Wayne

By Jonas Hogslen
(2022 FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner)

Could a madman be an American hero? Though his nickname didn't originate from his conduct on the battlefield, Mad Anthony was a passionate military leader, known for his decisions to bravely rush into battle. While our nation was suffering devastating losses & rewriting its cultural identity, America needed unconventional leaders who didn't yield because a battle seemed foolhardy, or a skirmish a hopeless endeavor. Wayne was the hero who saved the American forces from defeat at key battles. From early life onward, his courage prepared him for his audacious foray at Trois Rivières and his defining victory at Stony Point.

Wayne was born on January 1, 1745 in East town, Pennsylvania, to Isaac and Elizabeth Wayne. Like most young men, he was deeply interested in everything military. However, his father wanted him either to attend school or pursue an academic career or to stay home and help on the farm. Preferring a career as a surveyor, Wayne studied at the Philadelphia Academy. By the late 1760s, he was married and owned land in Waynesborough, PA, where he operated a tannery and continued his career as a surveyor. When

America started displaying open hostilities towards Britain in 1774, Wayne joined the Provincial Convention in Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1775, the Continental Congress received news that shots had been fired at Lexington and Concord, and Wayne as soon colonel in the Continental Army. Many men specifically volunteered to be in his battalion in order to be led by Wayne. He was finally able to pursue his dreams of military prowess.

Beginning in 1776 and the years that followed, the thirty-one (31) year old Anthony scraped together a formidable force from scratch. His first assignment was to aid in the capture of Quebec, then occupied by the British. He put his men on ferries, crossed the St. Lawrence River to reach Trois Rivières (meaning Three Rivers). He marched his force eastward to reach the fort, but his French guides mistakenly led him down the wrong path, and the American army soon found themselves floundering in a swamp. After they escaped the swamp, Wayne found himself faced with a large detachment of British regulars and he was hard-pressed in routing the entire party. Unfortunately, this was only a small part of the fort and as the main body prepared to slaughter the outnumbered Americans. Wayne had to retreat to his boats. His bad luck continued, however, as the British had cut him off from his ships. Faced with a difficult decision, Wayne moved further inland and westward until he was able to come to a spot in the river which he could safely ford. Wayne led his army safely back to American territory, having saved the northern portion of the American army. Though not a victory, the American attack on Three Rivières increased Wayne's reputation as a brave and disciplined commander.

Wayne's crowning achievement came at the Battle of Stony Point. The British had sailed up the New York River and taken the fort of Stony Point on the west bank. The fort was built on a small promontory of rock which could only be reached at low tide; a natural defensive position if ever there was one. It was impossible to directly attack the fort, but Wayne proposed to Washington that he could ambush the fort. Washington agreed, and Wayne took two hundred men with him. The battle began at midnight on July 16, 1779. Wayne first sent a small advance team to break down the barricades and clear the way for the main body of troops. The army then moved up the steep hill and attacked the British with bayonets. During the attack, Wayne was gashed in the head with a musket ball, but he continued on. His light infantry captured more than five hundred prisoners and successfully reclaimed the fort. This battle lifted the American's morale and gave them new energy to fight the war. In a dispatch to Washington, Wayne wrote, "The fort and the garrison are ours. Our officers and men behaved like men who are determined to be free." In recognition for his bravery, Wayne was presented a medal by Congress.

Wayne would continue to fight alongside Lafayette in Virginia and then with General Greene in South Carolina and Georgia. In 1783, he retired as brevet major general before being recalled by Washington in 1792 to quell rebellions by some Native American tribes who were terrorizing the colonists north of the Ohio River. He fought several wars with the Native Americans before negotiating the Treaty of Greenville in 1795. While traveling to Pittsburg, Wayne died in Erie, PA at the age of 51.

Without the veracity of Wayne's command on the battlefield, our nation may not have won the Revolutionary War. His tactical mastery at Three Rivers and his courage and audac-

ity at Stony Point earned him a place in America's hall of war heroes. Not only did he fight for freedom, he set aside his personal motives, becoming wholly set on winning the war. Though known for his impetuosity and rash personality, he typified the American warrior. In our present conflicts, American would do well to employ such determined men as Wayne. Our country is in debt to such a man as Mad Anthony Wayne.

Thomas Jefferson: A Federal Success, A Gubernatorial Failure

By Chan McCathy – 2022 FLSSAR Knight Essay Winner

Many know him as the writer of the Declaration of Independence – the great scribe of arguably the most important founding document of the United States. The founding father on the \$2 bill. The establisher of the University of Virginia, resident-in-chief at Monticello. One of the most recognizable, respected names in American history – Thomas Jefferson. However, within the life of this titan of American history lies a period of cowardice: a blemish to Thomas Jefferson's noble reputation. This blemish is his time as Governor of Virginia.

Jefferson had a successful, early start to his career. After a formal education at the College of William and Mary, Jefferson worked for a few years in a law office, passing the Virginia bar exam in 1767 (1). He also went on to represent his county in Virginia House of Burgesses, where he legislated to reform slavery while fought cases on behalf of slaves seeking emancipation (2). His judicial experience with slavery led him to take a general stance against slavery, although he still owned over 600 slaves himself (3). He joined the Second Continental Congress (at the impressive age of 33), which is where he, of course, authored the Declaration of Independence.

Most American History textbooks stop there on Jefferson, resuming only to briefly cover his presidency and the Lewis and Clark expedition in the early 1800s, or perhaps his stint as a diplomat in France during the mid-1780s, or his shared death date with John Adams (4, 5). But in the summer of 1779, the General Assembly of Virginia elected Jefferson Governor of Virginia (6). Publicly, Jefferson accepted the position with grace and gratitude at the opportunity to serve the people of Virginia. However, he knew that a place of public office would be an immense burden over his personal life (7). Much of this fear derived from the fact that the Independent States of America were engaged in a Revolutionary War against Britain, a powerful and wealthy foe. In 1778 and early 1789, Britain had made invasions in Georgia, Virginia, and many other places along the Eastern seaboard, and Jefferson himself admitted that the likelihood of invasions of Virginia, either through the British or from neighboring Indian tribes. This fear of war too close to home was accentuated in 1779, when Jefferson was asked by the Continental army for Virginia armies to battle the British in the Carolinas. Jefferson was unable to yield large numbers of men, and the men he did gather didn't have many resources. This both left the Continental army at a disadvantage and left Virginia relatively open to attack, with any defense forces now constituting whoever was left in Virginia. Not only this, but a lack of currency put Virginia near an economic crisis. Jefferson was unhappy in

his position, and wished to resign, but the General Assembly reinstated him in the summer of 1780 (8,9).

By now, Jefferson was really anxious about the current situation he found himself and Virginia in. In late 1780, the British briefly invaded Virginia, and in January 1781, they occupied Richmond, but were pushed back by Virginian militia, only to return in April. As a fleet of British naval vessels sailed their way up the James River toward Richmond, Jefferson evacuated the General Assembly from the capital, moving them to Charlottesville instead, where they would meet in May 1781 to elect the governor of Virginia. The election was set for June 2nd, 1781. Thomas Jefferson, under pressure to defend against the British with little military might, had absolutely no desire to continue as Governor of Virginia at that point. When, on Jun 2nd, the vote was delayed for two more days and a Governor was not declared, Jefferson heard tell that the British were coming straight for Charlottesville. He gathered his family and left Monticello for their second home, Poplar Forest, narrowly escaping the British invasion.

The General Assembly, after electing a new Governor, called for an inquiry into Jefferson's handling of the executive powers of Virginia during his last term as Governor. Jefferson then had to speak directly to the General Assembly, defending himself from any accusations of misdemeanor in his military actions in the battle against the British (10).

Jefferson was never seriously accused of any misdemeanors, but his abandonment of Virginia at a time of dire executive lead is surely questionable. While the British closed in on the heart of Virginia, Jefferson seemed to put his and his family's needs ahead of the needs of his state, which he admitted would entail "great private loss" (11). However, can only truly blame him for his actions? For one, Jefferson was a lawyer, writer, and a scholar – his experience with the handling of a military was very limited. He also had very little control over Virginia's militia because of its scrappy nature, and Jefferson's general disconnect from the troops. Indeed, Jefferson never wanted to be disconnected from this struggle, during the January 1781 invasion, he had personally overseen the preparations of troops and resources for the battle. But being a Commander-in-Chief just wasn't his strongest suit.

So, should we frown upon Jefferson's abandonment of Virginia during the British invasion? Yes, but only so far as considering the slight selfish air it had. As far as logic, strategy, or what have you, there's no other option he had at that point than to take his family and evacuate.

Now, if we go back further in this brief gubernatorial timeline, should we consider it irresponsible for Jefferson to accept the position of Governor in the first place if he truly felt anxious about it? He probably knew that he wasn't fit to handle the stressful military situation. Then again, he loved his state, and the General Assembly appointed him. Again, I don't think he's much at fault. There was no explicit reason for him to deny the position both times he received it, especially since he was directly chosen for it. It certainly had a lasting effect on Jefferson, though. Perhaps because his ego insofar as his political prowess went was inflated from the success of the Declaration of Independence, he must have felt well able to preside over Virginia. But this miscalculation presented him with a lot of turmoil, and it's no surprise that we see Jefferson, three years later, return to law and diplomacy in France.

Jefferson's time as Governor is characterized by hec-

tic, stressful battle that he had little control over, yet Jefferson's time as an American statesman is characterized by power, eloquence, and wit, shaping our country into a place of stability and freedom, far from what he must have experienced in 1780 and 1781 as Governor. While we must acknowledge his general failure as Governor, it should not, and does not, take away his legacy. Instead, it should add to it, showing that even titans of American History have times where they lose control and don't know everything, and that is a humbling thought.

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Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

On August 7, 2022, the Brevard Chapter held a Purple Heart Ceremony. Compatriot Carl Miller, also the chapter president of the Military Order of Purple Heart, gave the presentation and oversaw the ceremony.

It is with deep regret that the chapter announce the passing of past president Carl Green. His funeral service took place on October 4, 2022 and he was laid to rest at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.



Central Florida Chapter

In September, the Central Florida SAR Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Award to Apopka officer Robert Campbell.



Clearwater Chapter

The Clearwater Chapter held our first meeting after our summer hiatus at the Dunedin Golf Club on September 21, 2022. Clearwater Chapter member and Hawaii Society Trustee Rob Moore gave a presentation about the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Education Center and Museum. Compatriot Moore (pictured on left) also presented War Service and Military Service Certificates to (from left to right in photograph), James Grayshaw, Tom Hancher, Larry Patterson and Walter Arnold. Our chapter. The Clearwater Chapter also inducted seven new members (from left to right in photograph), Kelly McLean, Chris Kavala, Alan Cheever, George Delano III, Timothy Shaner, Stephen Carroll and Terry Taylor. The Clearwater Chapter also thanked Dunedin Golf Club General Manager Charles Croasmun and his staff for their help making our meetings at the club possible. Past President James Grayshaw and Ladies Auxiliary member Margaret Harris (left and center in photograph) presented Charles (on right) with a palm tree statue which was chosen because the Dunedin Gold Club is located at 1050 Palm Boulevard in Dunedin.



Flagler Chapter

On August 1, 2022, Flagler Chapter President Charles Hayes, assisted by Compatriots Flynn Edmonson and Randy Morris, inducted Erick Stephen Kuleski, Sr. and Erick Stephen Kuleski, Jr. as members of the Flagler Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, at Palm Coast, Florida. Their Patriot is Eleazer Ring, who served as a PVT in COL John Fellows 8th Regt, Massachusetts, Continental Line. The Kuleski's are also, direct descendants of Stephen Hopkins, a Mayflower passenger. In group photo L to R: Harry Kuleski, Charles Hayes, Erick Kuleski, Sr., Randy Morris, Erick Kuleski, Jr. and Flynn Edmonson.



The Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution assisted in placing 221 US Flags on Veteran's graves at Historic Espanola Cemetery on Saturday 28 May 2022 along with local family members, Boy Scouts, and members of the American Legion Post 115 at Bunnell Florida. In group photo (L to R) are Compatriots Randy Morris Registrar, John Feind 1st Vice President, Charlie Hayes President and Jeff Schaller Historian. Also photographed, Compatriots John Feind and Jeff Schaller are placing flags at Veteran graves. Thanks to Compatriot Randy Morris having previously identified, located and marked all 221 Veteran graves, coupled with beautiful weather, all 221 Veteran graves were honored with an American flag. At the request of the cemetery owners, the flags will remain until next year when the old flags will be replaced with new ones.



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FHP Troopers assigned to Pinellas County honored this week by the Clearwater Chapter of the S.A.R. for interdicting an impaired wrong-way driver in July on Park Street.



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Gainesville Chapter

On October 18, 2022, compatriot Charles Goodnight, right, was awarded the veterans battalion award by chapter and regional vice president, Dave Thomas.



Okeechobee Chapter

Here are pictures from the Okeechobee Chapters first color guard presentation at the Edna Pierce Lockett's March 2022 Heritage Day.

The 235th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention's approval of the U.S. Constitution on 9/17/1787, was celebrated with a collaboration of the Palm Coast Historical Society (PCHS), the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, and a crowd of over 125 at the Palm Coast Community Center on September 17th. Special guests were George and Martha Washington portrayed by Bill and Cara Elder of DeLand. Compatriot Bill Elder is President of the Daytona Chapter, SAR and Cara Elder is a member of the DeLand DAR Chapter. The Elders are retired teachers after 40 years in education. They are Historians – 1st Person Interpreters of the Washingtons and with extensive research have been giving their 1st person interpretations for over 23 years. George and Martha Washington discuss the origin of the Constitution, from the Treaty of Paris, the Constitutional Convention, the debates and compromises, the establishment of the Constitution, and concludes with George Washington taking the Oath of Office as our first President. The Elders have participated in many Revolutionary War Battle Reenactments and have appeared at Mount Vernon, Valley Forge, and Philadelphia 4th of July Celebrations. Left to Right: Compatriot 1st Vice President John Feind, PCHS President Elaine Studnicki, Cara Elder, Compatriot Bill Elder, Palm Coast Mayor David Alfin, and Compatriot David Kelsey.





Port Charlotte Chapter

Earlier this year, the chapter's color guard along with the color guard of the Caloosa Chapter participated in the local DAR Constitution Week Luncheon. Herein are some pictures from this event.



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 Fire Rescue Officers Brad Alberton, David Arlo, Paryk Mierzejewski, with the prestigious SAR First Responder Commendation Medal.



Palm Beach Chapter Compatriot and President General Mike Tomme presented an SAR Flag Certificate on behalf of the Chapter to the Eastminster Presbyterian church in Indialantic, Florida.



(Group picture L to R) Alan Doshier, Jack Rowley, Im Morris, Craig McCall, Rev Dr. Fred Foy Strang, Ed Bowers, Jim Fisher, Julio Vallette, Karl Schab, President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr., Rev Dr. Fred Foy Strang holding the certificate



The Chapter continued its dedication to patriotic and civic service by attending several summer patriotic events including the *Flags 4 Fallen Veterans* flag placement at the *South Florida National Ceremony*, *SAR Chapter Wreath Presentation* at the annual *Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Ceremony* and the *DAR Regents Council Flag Retirement Ceremony*.

The *Palm Beach Chapter* supported the people of *Ukraine* with donation of *\$1,525* to the *Doctors Without Borders* charity. *Palm Beach Chapter* also joined local and state *DAR Daughters* with a *\$250* donation to the *DAR* sponsored *Hindman Settlement School* devastated by the Eastern KY floods

Chapter Compatriot John Annan along with his sister **DAR Daughter Barbara Annan (Rapid City SD DAR Chapter)** joined other donors in the **Chapter's Presidents Brigade** with a remarkable donation of \$5,000 to support of the Chapter youth, scholarship and related civic programs.

Chapter Compatriot William A. Adams Jr., who passed in February 2019, remembered the **Palm Beach Chapter SAR** with a gift of \$10,000, with the passing of his wife Mildred in 202, to support Chapter civic activities.



Chapter President Lanman is to be formally inducted into the **Florida Veterans "Hall of Fame"** by **Governor Ron DeSantis** in November along with 9 other inductees. Nominees for the **Hall of Fame Class of 2022** was voted on by the **Florida State Cabinet** on August 23rd.

The **Florida Veterans "Hall of Fame"** recognizes and honors those military Veterans who, through their works and lives during and after military service, have made a significant contribution to the **State of Florida** through their civic, business, public service and related acts of service.

South Shore Chapter

On September 10, 2022, the South Shore Chapter of the Florida Society celebrated Constitution Week early by dressing in their period dress along with a few DAR daughters and having a special program. The program was "Events Leading to the Declaration of Independence" and was presented by Bill and Cara Elder (aka George and Martha Washington). The Elders are retired teachers after forty years in education in Pennsylvania and Florida. They are historians – 1st person interpreters of George and Martha Washington and have been doing the interpretations for 23 years. Their research on the Washingtons has been extensive, both at the Fred W. Smith Library at Mt. Vernon, and through their own library of books on the Washington family and 18th Century events. In addition, they have contributed to living history events at Mt. Vernon, Valley Forge, Philadelphia (4th of July), Colonial Williamsburg, and Princeton Battlefield in New Jersey to name a few.



St. Augustine Chapter

The Maria Jefferson Chapter DAR, the St. Augustine Chapter SAR, and the Jacksonville Chapter SAR jointly held a Patriot Remembrance Ceremony at the Tolomato Cemetery in St. Augustine on Saturday, 19 November 2022. The purpose of the Ceremony was to honor the memory of DAR and SAR Patriots, to remember the sacrifices and hardships they endured to win our struggle for freedom as an independent nation, and to recommit to our fundamental responsibility to fulfill our obligations as active, engaged citizens. The three Patriots interred in the Tolomato Cemetery, Juan Francisco Ruiz del Canto, John McQueen, and Francisco Xavier Sanchez, were also honored.

Elizabeth Gessner, Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Association (TCPA), gave an overview of the Cemetery and its history. Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith was the featured speaker. The Ceremony had many attendees, to include DAR and SAR compatriots and families, as well as a large number of tourists visiting the Tolomato Cemetery.





Tampa Chapter

Our last meeting before the summer recess was our annual Fire Fighter and EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate presentations. The SAR Firefighter Commendation Medal and Certificate was presented to Fire Inspector II Sharri Dufresne. The SAR EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate was presented to Battalion Chief John Shirah. Both are with Hillsborough County Fire & Rescue. We again thank Chief Dennis Jones and Captain Kevin Kahmeyer for their assistance to our chapter in these presentations every year.

We also recognized some our veteran compatriots with presentations of the SAR War Service and Military Service Medals. Pictured above are Compatriots Wagner-Hart, Robinson, Whipkey, Westerfield



St. Petersburg Chapter

The Saint Petersburg Chapter held its first meeting after the summer hiatus at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club on September 17, 2022. The guest speaker was Jerald Hurwitz, Vice President of the Princeton Battlefield Society. Dressed in a British Army Officer uniform, he spoke about his book, Alamo of the Revolution: Benedict Arnold and the Massacre at Fort Griswold. The Chapter also inducted five new members, (from left to right in photograph) Robert C. Dalley Sr., Colton Gross, Robert Gray, Jason Gray and Thomas Fry with President Brett McMullen and Registrar Walter Arnold.



Kahmeyer, Pres Klug, Shirah, Dufresne, Cap'n Weldon



Even though the chapter took its summer recess, your chapter Color Guard was busy.

May 30 We Presented the Colors at the American Legion Post #5 Memorial Day Service. Also in attendance representing the SAR was Compatriot Terry Doan (also representing the American Legion), Compatriot Will Wagner-Hart who presented a wreath on behalf of the Tampa Chapter and prospects (now new members) Nicholas Jewett and his young son, Henry. The Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. was also present.

June 14 (Flag Day) We were once again at the St Petersburg/Clearwater airport to welcome home West Central Florida Honor Flight Mission #42. Many other patriotic organizations were present.

July 4 (Independence Day) We joined the local military vehicle preservation group and led them in the Safety Harbor 4th of July parade

August 25 We Presented the Colors at the opening of the baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Los Angeles Angels at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg.



Withlacochee Chapter

Teri Dioquono - Regent of the Annuttaliga Chapter of the DAR was introduced by President David Hitchcock at our monthly meeting on September 10, 2022. She gave a speech on the history of her family as well as the closeness of the local DAR and SAR chapters. She then presented a flag to the Withlacochee Chapter of the SAR that was flown above DAR national headquarters in Washington D.C. She read a proclamation that this flag was flown on Flag Day June 14, 2022. The proclamation was signed by the national DAR chair. President Hitchcock thanked her for the flag and proclamation and emphasized the importance of the cooperation between local chapters of the SAR and DAR.



From the Genealogy Committee

The Committee has been very active: (1) The Genealogy Committee members (5) had a Zoom call on September 6th to prepare for the Genealogist/Registrar class at BOM on Friday Oct 7 at 10 AM. (2) We had a Power Point presentation put together by the committee for the BOM. (3) We invited all the Genealogist/Registrars in the state and would like for others that are interested to attend. (4) We will also set up a Zoom call every other month to discuss issues that come up with the GG and other items of interest. One of our members, Harry Rinker, has contact with the MI Registrar that presents class to Registrars to help them better to prepare a proper application for submission.



Proposed By-Laws Amendment
Article V (Committees), Section 6 (Other Committees)

By-Laws Article V, Section 6, presently reads as follows:

Other committees, not listed in these bylaws, may become necessary or useful; or the need to modify the duties of, or eliminate, an existing committee may arise. In such case, the desired change shall be proposed for consideration by the President, the BOM, or any member of the FLSSAR, as appropriate. A proposal for a new Statutory or Standing committee or for the modification of an existing Statutory or Standing committee shall include a proposed draft of a new or revised mission statement that states the name, duties, structure, powers, method of appointment, and term of office of its members, and shall propose whether it shall be given the status statutory or standing.

Committees are described as follows:

A Statutory Committee has the following characteristics:

Statutory Committees are established by, and its mission statement is set forth in, the By-laws (see Article VIII – Section 3 below).

Statutory Committees perform functions and have powers as stated in the By-laws.

Statutory Committees remain in existence permanently, from year to year.

Members of Statutory Committees are appointed by the officer identified in their Bylaws and their terms are concurrent with that of the appointing officer unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

A Standing Committee has the following characteristics:

Standing Committees are established, chartered, and empowered by action of the Board of Management.

Standing Committee mission statements may be amended or revoked by action of the Board of Management.

Standing Committees perform functions. They remain in existence as long as their mission statements remain in effect.

Standing Committee mission statements designate the class of business for which the Standing Committees' mission statements have cognizance, and they grant authority to conduct business.

Members of Standing Committees are appointed by the officer identified in their mission statements. Members of Standing Committees serve for a term as stated in their mission statements.

A Special (sometimes called Ad Hoc committee) has the following characteristics:

A Special or Ad Hoc Committee is established, structured, chartered, and empowered by action of the President or of the Board of Management.

A Special or Ad Hoc Committee performs the task or tasks specified in that action.

A Special or Ad Hoc Committee remains in existence, and its members continue to serve, until the tasks shall have been completed, a report submitted and accepted, and the committee is discharge.

Changes may be made to Special or Ad Hoc Committee assignments by the empowering authority.

Special or Ad Hoc Committees may be transformed into Standing Committees by the Board of Management.

Proposed Amended Article V, Section 6, revised as follows:

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- Standing Committee ~~mission statements charters~~ may be amended or revoked by action of the Board of Management.
- Standing Committees perform functions. They remain in existence as long as their ~~mission statements charters~~ remain in effect.
- Standing Committee ~~mission statements charters~~ designate the class of business for which the Standing Committees' ~~mission statements charters~~ have cognizance, and they grant authority to conduct business.
- Members of Standing Committees are appointed by the officer identified in their ~~mission statements charters~~.
- Members of Standing Committees serve for a term as stated in their ~~mission statements charters~~.

A Special (sometimes called Ad Hoc committee) has the following characteristics:

- A Special or Ad Hoc Committee is established, structured, chartered, and empowered by action of the President or of the Board of Management.
- A Special or Ad Hoc Committee performs the task or tasks specified in that action.
- A Special or Ad Hoc Committee remains in existence, and its members continue to serve, until the tasks shall have been completed, a report submitted and accepted, and the committee is discharge.

Changes may be made to Special or Ad Hoc Committee assignments by the empowering authority.

Special or Ad Hoc Committees may be transformed into Standing Committees by the Board of Management.

Justification:

The term associated with such a document is merely a label. It has no impact on its use or purpose.

The term “mission statement” is more cumbersome to say and type than “charter”.

These documents have been known for years as “charters”, and even though this was changed in 2021, members continue to refer to them as “charters”.

DAR 2022 Constitution Week Luncheon

By Robert W. McGuire, Jr.(DAR Liaison Cte.)

For many years the FSSDAR has been holding Constitution Week Luncheon events throughout Florida. These are organized by area Regents' Councils, in our area “*The Great Southwest Florida Regents' Council*”. There are 10 DAR Chapters within an area covered by 3 of our FLSSAR SW Region Chapters. We were invited by DAR to have our color guard post colors – we assembled 9 guardsmen from our Naples, Caloosa, and Charlotte Chapters for this mission.

These are great opportunities for SAR chapters to develop positive relationships with the DAR. It was also a chance to present the SAR America 250! Flag to a large audience (there were over 115 in attendance) and get our local 250th Anniversary celebration program under way. Not only did the color guard members each earn 10 points towards the color guard medal for a State Event, they also earned points for the 250th recognition program. Even the non-SAR members participating may receive points, and streamers may be awarded to both the SAR and non-SAR organizations. In addition to the regular opening and closing rituals conducted by the DAR, Chaplain Dwight Elam led everyone in reciting the SAR Pledge. Greetings were brought from FSSDAR by Regent Anne Peck; from FLSSAR by SW Region VP Hamp Allen; from FS C.A.R. by State Chaplain Caleb Gold-

en; and from C.A.R. Billy Bowlegs Society President Levi Golden.

Fort Myers Mayor Kevin Anderson presented a Proclamation from the City in honor of Constitution Week. Our own FLSSAR Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith provided the keynote speech "The US Constitution: Securing the Nation".

Connie Lizak, a member of the Estero Island Chapter NSDAR, has been a great resource and support to the SAR for many years, including by referring (more than) three new members to the Caloosa Chapter, and additional members to other chapters and state societies. Caloosa President/SW RVP Hamp Allen presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Connie. She also contributed to awarding to the FSSDAR the National SAR 3rd place award for the DAR State Society with the most new SAR member referrals. Make sure that those DAR Referral Forms are included along with new applications when they are submitted.

Many Can TALK THE TALK, But Can You WALK THE WALK?

The Thomas Creek Hike

This is your chance to personally experience the challenges faced by our Patriot ancestors fighting in scenic North Florida.

The May 17, 1777 Battle of Thomas Creek was the southernmost battle of the Revolutionary War. It was fought in Florida, south of the Georgia state line and immediately north of the present day Jacksonville Airport.

The 9th Annual Hike through the purported Thomas Creek Battlefield area will once again be led by the Flagler Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, at a date to be determined in middle to late January (After a good freeze drives off those pesky, biting critters).

The Thomas Creek Battlefield area is believed to be located in the Houston Creek headwaters which lie just south of Thomas Creek (see map) within the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve. The hike to the battle site is 2.5 miles (5 miles roundtrip) through an uninhabited area that was at one time a commercial pine timber forest. This hike is rated as easy yet interesting as all the trails are at sea level, wide, well maintained, and pass through different types of environments with abundant wildlife.

The hike will follow the blue blazed "Patriot Trail" and pass by "Victoria Pond", two giant bald cypress trees (dedicated to Continental Army General McIntosh and Georgia Governor Button Gwinnett), a giant swamp chestnut oak named in honor of LTC John Baker, leader of the Patriot forces, and a probable Patriot encampment area.



The hike will begin and end at the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve parking lot located at 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218, ~2.1 miles west of I-95 at Exit 366 (Pecan Park Road).

Please feel free to invite anyone you know that may be interested in this fun-filled Historical, Educational, and Patriotic hike. Compatriots, Ladies Auxiliary, DAR, CAR are especially invited. Be sure to bring your flag.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE EMAIL OR TELEPHONE ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS HIKE.

Compatriot David Kelsey

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386-447-0350

246th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek
Saturday 10:00 AM, March 25, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 246th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 24th at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 13551 Airport Court, \$126 current rate for the 24th . We will then walk over, as we have done in the past, to the Long Horn Steak House for dinner together. During our ceremony on the 25th, we will recognize organizations and participants. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General from NC, George Strunk (SMSgt USAF Ret.) We are again honored to have our FLSSAR President Matt Mathews bringing greeting and Florida DAR Vice Regent Cindy Addison bringing greeting from FL State Regent Debbie Duay. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2023 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
 3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
 (904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name (s): _____

Title (s) (if applicable) _____

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

Number of members from your group: _____ : In Uniform /Militia or

Colonial Attire _____



Last Naval Battle Reservation Form



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

**March 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a **"Wreath laying Ceremony"** for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 18, 2023. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.**

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

Group/Unit name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number in group attending: ____ How does the group want to be announced?

Wreath presentation:

If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting the wreath _____

Please send your completed form to: emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com

or mail to:

Brevard SAR c/o B. Jensen

5470 Hastings Street, Cocoa FL, 32927



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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Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Congress Fundraising Project

This is our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fundraising project for the 2023 Congress. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities.

With the classic Minuteman logo, the 133rd Congress throw will make the perfect Holiday gift for your favorite SAR members. We are down to our last box.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company created these made-in-the-USA (North Carolina), 50"x60", 100% cotton, custom throws with fringe all the way around and prewashed for softness.

Your throw can be ordered now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus shipping if you would like it sent to you. Send orders to: Martha Grove, 38 Lakeview Dr, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-6362. Make checks out to LAFSSAR for \$70.00 to reserve one, 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 sent to the same address for the same shipping cost). Please make the Notation: 2023 Congress on your check. Please include email and phone number.

