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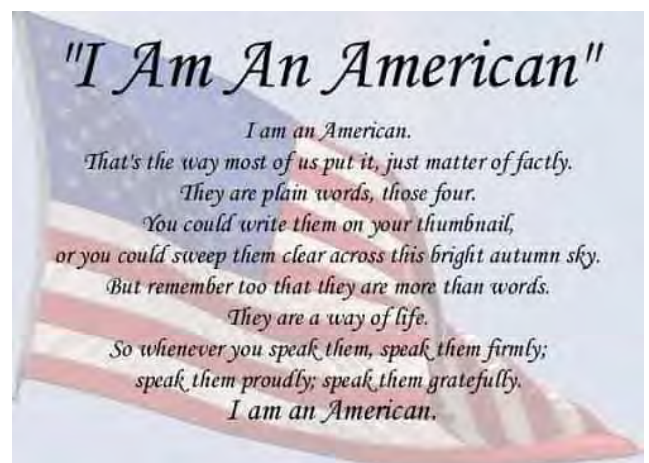
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In order for your news & articles to be published in upcoming issues, please submit before the cutoff dates listed below.

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Content Submission

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, a new year has started, reconciliation is over with, new officers are being elected. As I travel around the state attending chapter and regional meetings I see one thing that stands out, no two chapters are alike. Each has their own chapter traditions, each has their own personalities, but yet we all recognize that we have a legacy of being a member of the "Sons of the American Revolution" that will carry on.

Florida National Congress 2023, 133rd meeting of our SAR Society is coming fast, just 6 more months to prepare. Fund raising is critical and inflation is not our helper. There are two raffles going on that need our attention to finance this Congress. We have the Pennsylvania long rifle and the infamous "Minute Man", which is an exact replica of the one in front of National headquarters in Louisville, KY. Our state website provides a link to the Congress website and one of the tabs is marked as "raffles". For those that do not wish to purchase a chance to win, there is a "donate" tab. Most of us go out to eat dinner, instead donate the cost of one meal towards our congress meeting. In advance, to those who donate, "Thank You!"

The Congress Planning committee and staff are continuing to meet via "Zoom", twice monthly and we are now reviewing the need of how many volunteers are still needed and placing them into their assigned positions. There are still several openings left and hope that if you live a short distance or traveling in, you would be willing to step up and volunteer, even for an afternoon.

On behalf of the state secretary, thank you for collection of dues and updating our membership information.

Only two chapters had 0% losses, William Dunaway and Panama City Chapter, well done and keep up the great job. Our numbers are climbing and a goal of 2600 members is reasonably in sight by the year 2025.

As a reminder our May 2023 Spring Annual/BOM will be the last prior to Congress, but the most important to put the 'icing on the cake' for Congress 2023. PG Bruce Pickette is currently scheduled to attend and with that any color guard participation earns 20 points. As always, several updates to our Bylaws and Committees are forth coming, be important, attend and be a part!

Remember, all of us carry the blood of a Patriot, making us all Brothers!

Earl F Mathews Jr

Earl F Mathews Jr
President, 2022-2023

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

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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Calendar of Events

March 2, 2023: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
 March 18, 2023: 240th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle
 March 24, 2023: 246st Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek
 May 7-8, 2023: Battle of Pensacola Commemoration
 July 2023: 133rd Congress - Orlando, Florida
 August 19, 2023: 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Lick
 October 21, 2023: 2023 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

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?propertyCode=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 clicking 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.

VETERAN'S Voice

Compiled & Edited BY Don Lanman

"Every day we should pay homage to all those veterans who served, and those who didn't come home as solemn contemplation over the cost of our freedom."

"Regard our soldiers as your children, and they will follow you into the deepest valleys; look upon them as your own beloved Sons, and Daughters, and they will stand by you even unto death."

"Veterans are the legacy of our Revolutionary War Heroes — the memory of a great sacrifice, and the inheritance of a great example. May we never forget our fallen comrades who show us in their Val-or that Freedom isn't free."

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few... And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these heroes, surely with our actions we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to the final sacrifice at the Altar of Freedom."

"All veterans of our military services put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that Americans enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be honored for their commitment."





Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what we ought to be, what we can be, what must be."

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America must never forget their sacrifices."

"America without her Soldiers would be like God without His angels. And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps for the brave."

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men and women who died protecting our Freedom. Rather we should thank God such Patriots lived. This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of every soldier who died protecting it."

From the FLSSAR George S & Stella M Knight Essay Committee

The FLSSAR George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Committee is proud to announce the winners of our 2023 Knight Essay Contest:

First Place: Anna Sheppard sponsored by the Withlacoochee Chapter

Second Place: Jones Hogsed sponsored by the Caloosa Chapter

Third Place: Rachel Xu sponsored by the Gainesville Chapter

Honorable Mention: Cristinaa Socas sponsored by the Central Florida Chapter

Honorable Mention: Blake Griffiths sponsored by the Miami Chapter

The awards will be presented during the Youth Awards Luncheon at the FLSSAR BOM on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

The Committee wishes to thank all of the FLSSAR Chapters for supporting this very important Youth Program.

Hampton (Hamp) Allen
Chairman, FLSSAR Knight Essay Contest Committee

From the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee

Compatriots,

We have to make a major change with the Rumbaugh Oration contest. In the past we held a live state contest at the May BOM. Last year the deadlines were close. This year national has moved their deadline up to May 19 and our BOM is 19-20. For the national competition it will once again be done from video submissions. They will choose the top 6 submissions and invite them to the Congress for the live, final competition.

So to meet these dates we will have our state competition by video submissions. We will need the text and video by April 14. We will announce the results May 1. Submissions to the state competition should include all the forms. The forms and instruction can be found on the web site - SAR.ORG. We will invite our winner to present their oration at the BOM youth luncheon.

And remember the Endowment Trust Fund is available to help you with the awards. The scholarship is raised to \$500/250/150. Meals were raised from \$40 per award to \$100 - limited to 3 meals, recipient and parents. We hope this will attract more participation.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to email or call me - 352 801-7919.

Ron Grove
Chairman

From the ByLaw Committee - Proposed By-Law Amendments

Authority to Hold Meetings by EXCOM Members

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

Article V, Committees, Section 1, Executive Committee, second paragraph, recommended change to the first sentence: "Three members shall constitute a quorum, which may or may not include the President."

Removal of FLSSAR Officers

Article III Officers: Add a new Section 9, Removal of Officers, with the following wording. "In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Article VI. - Officers and Management, paragraph (C), states that "the Board of Management shall have control over all officers and committees, and for good cause may declare any office vacant." This declaration of vacancy shall include authority to remove FLSSAR elected officers for good cause."

In accordance with Article I, Section V, Special Meeting, paragraph a., the President shall call for a Special Meeting of the BOM to consider the removal any FLSSAR elected officer below the President.

For good cause, it shall be the responsibility of Senior Vice President to hold a special BOM meeting in accordance with Article I, Section V, to vote on the President's removal.

A vote of two thirds of the BOM membership will be required for removal."

Appointment to State Positions of At-Large Members

Article III, Officers, Section 3, Additional Offices, recommended change: Add sentence that states, "No person who is a member-at-large (not a member of a chapter) shall be appointed to any FLSSAR office or committee."

BOM Meetings

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

Article II, The Board of Management, Section 3 Meetings, recommended change to first paragraph, as follows: "The currently elected President of the FLSSAR shall normally preside over the BOM meetings, but alternate officers are authorized to preside at these meetings if the President is unable to fulfill these duties for any reason."

Annual Elections

Article III, Officers, Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers, paragraph C. current wording states: " Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting."

Recommended change: "Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting by those in attendance. Electronic voting and proxies are not authorized."

Appointment of State Elected Officer Positions

Current wording: "If any elected officer shall be unable to serve his full term because of a death, resignation, or disability or other cause, there shall be an appointment by the President for the unexpired portion of the term, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee (by phone conversation, e-mail or letter, with formal confirmation at the next scheduled BOM per Article II - Section 2.F."

Recommended change: "....subject to confirmation by the majority of the Executive Committee members..."

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

Article VIII Miscellaneous, Section 2, Authority to Speak for the FLSSAR, recommended change:

Add sentence, as follows: "Members of any FLSSAR authorized committee shall obtain approval from their respective committee chairman before releasing any report to the general membership of the FLSSAR. Due to possible legal repercussions, all reports, findings, or other written documents generated as a result of any FLSSAR committee which may adversely reflect on the organization or an officer of the FLSSAR shall be reviewed by the EXCOM for approval prior to release."

Electioneering

By-Laws do not address electioneering. Suggested change to Article III, Section 2, Nomination and Election of Officers, paragraph A. Nominations, (2) Nominations from the Floor, to the following: Add sentence, which states: "Nominations via electronic media, mass mailings, etc. in advance of the Annual meeting to the FLSSAR membership for alternate names or an alternate slate of FLSSAR officers shall not be allowed."

Schedule of BOM and Annual Meetings

Article II, Section 3, Meetings, currently states, "One meeting will occur on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting."

Recommended change to the following: "One meeting will occur on the day before, or on the date fixed..." This will allow for flexibility in scheduling the BOM and annual meeting.

Chair Positions

Article III, Section 6, Holding Multiple Offices, currently states, " Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this Article. "

Recommended change: Add an additional sentence that states, "The currently elected President will not hold or chair any committee other than the Executive Committee."

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.

Article IV, Duties of Officers, Section 4, Secretary, paragraph g., as written, states, " Sign documents for official certification; sign checks as authorized; arrange for bonding of officers as directed by the BOM; and maintain the archives of original records of the FLSSAR; including all corporate resolutions...."

Recommended wording: "including all corporate contracts and resolutions..."

FLSSAR Assets

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

Section 12, Sergeant-at-Arms, current wording includes the following clause, "custody of the paraphernalia belonging to the FLSSAR..."

Recommended change to include the words "other assets" after "paraphernalia."

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.

Article I, The Society, Section 2, Chapters and Regions, recommended new paragraph, as follows:

New FLSSAR state chapters may be authorized, provided a minimum of 15 existing FLSSAR members in good standing located in the area where the new chapter intends to hold meetings agree to support and participate in the new chapter. Petitions for a new chapter will include a statement that coordination with existing chapters within the region, as defined by boundary of the applicable Regional VP, has been conducted to ensure conflicts will not exist regarding community related activities, such as JROTC, etc.
(updated revision)

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.

Article I, The Society, Section 3, Members, new paragraph c. as follows:

"c. Members may request to transfer from one FLSSAR chapter to another by submitting a written request to the current chapter Secretary. The member's current chapter Secretary will coordinate the transfer with the Secretary of the new chapter. The new chapter Secretary will ensure the transfer is noted by the FLSSAR state secretary." (updated revision)

NEW: Reference to Committees:

Current By-Laws has an error. Currently, Article V, Committees, Section 6, Other Committees, (a) 1, states "Statutory Committees are established by, and its mission statement is set forth in, the By-laws (see Article VIII - Section 3 below). However, Article VIII, Section 3 addresses Amendments.

Recommended change to (a) 1: "Statutory Committees are established by, and their mission statements are set forth in, the By-Laws (See Sections 1-5 above)." (new change)

NEW: Financial Review Committee

Article V, Section 2, Financial Review Committee wording does not mention any chairman for this committee. All other statutory committees mention a Chair, appointed by the President.

To avoid confusion, and ensure the President does not chair this committee, the following wording is submitted. Recommended change: "The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, a Financial Review Committee...."

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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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”.

Endowment Trust Fund Distribution Committee

This program year (November 1 to October 31 started off slow but really picked up at the end. We ended with 52 requests from 21 chapters for a total of \$11,383.83 sent back to chapters for their outreach programs. That compares to \$10,003 from last year but far from the \$26,000 that was available. We have this wonderful endowment fund, such a valuable resource for outreach yet chapters don't take advantage. The ETF pays for medals and awards to non-SAR members – potential SAR members. That's especially true for our youth programs. These young folks are our future. I'm glad we had 21 chapters participate but what about the other 11? Especially if you are a small chapter with not a lot in your treasury this is most valuable to you. You are reimbursed 100% for medals you present and 75% for associated expenses like meals for those awardees and their families.

At the last BOM we greatly increased the awards. You now can submit 5 requests at \$500 each for a total of \$2,500. Why pass that opportunity up? The new form and amounts will be on the state website and you can start making your requests January 1. We will be so glad to see them!

I would like to thank my committee – they approve all the requests – Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess for helping with this effort.

Ron Grove, Chairman

The Battle of Eutaw Springs

Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman

The *Battle of Eutaw Springs* was the last major engagement of the war in the Carolinas. Both sides claimed victory.

After a month-long siege and a fierce battle at the British controlled village of Ninety-Six, Major General Nathanael Greene, commander of the Southern forces in the Continental Army, became aware that British reinforcements were headed his way.

Greene retreated for several days towards Charlotte, North Carolina. Finally, after his pursuit by the British was aban-

doned, Greene moved his forces to a campsite on the High Hills of the Santee.

Here Greene allowed his exhausted troops to rest and awaited reinforcements. On 23 August, Greene moved his forces to cross the Wateree River, then the Congaree River, to Fort Motte and on to Burdell's Plantation in the vicinity of today's Vance, South Carolina.

Meanwhile, on 13 August, British Colonel Stewart led his force of 2000 to 2300 men from Orangeburg, South Carolina to Thompson's Plantation south of the Congaree River. He then fell back to Eutaw Springs on 27 August. On 08 September 1781, Greene's army of 2400 men began marching the 7 miles towards Eutaw Springs. Greene had infantry, cavalry, Continental troops, and militia as well as two 3-pound grasshopper guns and two 6-pound cannons. 200 of his men were left behind to guard the baggage train. Stewart also had infantry and cavalry, comprised of both British regulars and American loyalist contingents at his disposal as well as two 6 pound, one 4 pound and one 3-pound cannons as well as a swivel gun. His total troops on hand were between 1800 and 2000.

Around 8:00 AM Captain John Coffin and a detachment of South Carolina Loyalist cavalry were out foraging for supplies for Stewarts army. They encountered a mounted American scouting party under the command of Major John Armstrong. Coffin pursued Armstrong, who led him into an ambush. Coffin escaped but 4 or 5 of his men were killed and 40 captured, Armstrong's men then came across the foragers and captured 400 more British troops.

On an intensely hot morning Greene's forces advanced towards Eutaw Springs. At their approach, the surprised British left their uneaten breakfast and quickly threw lines of battle across the road in a heavily wooded area. A large brick home with a high walled garden and cleared fields stood behind them.

The waters and wood of Eutaw Springs were on the north. At first the center of the American line caved in. While opposing flanks were fighting their own battles, Greene restored the center with North Carolina continentals. The British line began to give, but Stewart quickly pulled up his left flank reserves.

The Americans were forced to retreat under thunderous fire. Greene then countered with Maryland, Virginia and Delaware Continentals and South Carolina cavalry, with devastating effect. The British fled in every direction and the Americans took over their camp. Colonel Stewart gathered

some of his men and took refuge in the brick home. From this vantage they "picked off" many American officers and men.

Feeling the battle was won, the tired, thirsty, hungry and ill clad Americans began plundering the British stores of food, liquors and equipment. Thoroughly enjoying themselves they ignored their leaders' warnings and commands. The British, recognizing the disorder, were able to gather and mount an attack on the Americans.



The stunned Americans fought bravely but were put to flight from the British camp. After more than 4 hours of vicious battle, both armies had had enough. Casualties were extremely high. Greene collected his wounded and returned to Burdell's Plantation. Stewart remained in Eutaw Springs for the night.

09 September brought rain, which prevented a continuation of the battle. Stewart buried his dead, destroyed supplies and retreated towards Charleston. He left behind many dead unburied and 70 of his most seriously wounded. Greene pursued Stewart until 11 September, when he drew within range of British support from the garrison at Charleston.

Stewart's letter to his commander stated that he was attacked by the rebel Greene and all the forces he could muster, totally defeated him and took two 6 pounders. Greene's letter to Washington stated that he engaged in one of the most obstinate fights ever. "Victory was ours, and had it not been for one of those little incidents which frequently happen in the progress of war, we should have taken the whole British Army."

This last major battle in South Carolina completely broke the British hold in the south and denied needed aid to the British forces in the north. The British attempt to pacify the south with Loyalist support, had failed.

Despite winning a tactical victory, the British had lost the strategic battle. They were forced to abandon most of their conquests in the south, leading up to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Rest of the Story... My Patriot Ancestor, James Lanman, fought at the Battle of Eutaw Springs as a colonial regular where he was wounded.

Report From the FLSSAR Nominating Committee

For the 2022 – 2023 term, the Nominating Committee consisted of Dwight Elam (chairman), David Ramseur, Jim Gaskins, Jonathan Hunt, and James Ward. The list of candidates proposed for your consideration for 2023-2024 officers are:

President – Steven R. Fields
 Senior Vice President – Jonathan D. Hunt
 Treasurer – W. Richard Young, Sr
 Secretary – M. Scott Breckenridge
 ExCom Member-at-Large – Robert W. McGuire, Jr
 Recording Secretary – Leonard W. Crame
 Registrar – Raymond C. Lantz
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 Chaplain – Dwight D. Elam
 Chancellor – Thomas J. Thompson
 Genealogist – J. Gray Chandler
 Historian – Joel A. Etherton
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 SW RVP – Hampton E. Allen
 SE RVP – William R. Wicks III
 National Trustee – Earl F. (Matt) Mathews
 Alternate Trustee – Steven R. Fields

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

In November, the chapter participated at the Veterans Day Observance that was held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center located in Merritt Island, FL. The speaker for the November chapter meeting was Leslie Smith of the CHA Rescue Mission.

On December 17, 2022, the chapter participated in the Wreaths Across American program at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. While their chapter meeting was a Christmas Luncheon and time of fellowship.

The Patriot Research System (PRS) was presented at the January meeting. The PRS is an online repository that contains 169,000 applications linked to 165,000 Patriots. The PRS also links the Patriot to the DAR Genealogical Research (GRS) Patriot page and Find a Grave if records exist.

It was also announced that fellow member William Montgomery "Monty" Atwater passed away.

Central Florida Chapter

In November, the Central Florida chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade that was held in downtown Orlando, FL. At this event, the chapter also welcomed a new member into the chapter



For the month of December, members of the chapter participated in the Colonial Night Watch Parade in downtown St. Augustine, FL on 12/3/22, and then at the chapter meeting on 12/14/2022, our special guest, Florida Society President Earl "Matt" Mathews, to our chapter meeting and then on 12/17/2022, members participated in Wreaths Across America Day at both the Palm & Pineywood cemeteries in Winter Park. At the December meeting, many new members were installed into the chapter.



At the January meeting, Compatriot Burt Fairchild spoke on the life and Revolutionary War activities of James Otis, who led the intellectual attack against British tyranny in his writings and oratory. He coined the phrase—No Taxation Without Representation.

It is with deep regret that the chapter announce the passing of Dan Stebbins. He served for many years as our Chapter Treasurer. He also attended with his wife when she attended the Orlando DAR Chapter.

Also in January, the chapter had a recruitment table at the Scottish Highland Games.



Clearwater Chapter

The speaker at our November 16, 2022 meeting was Com-patriot Rene Jewett from the Miami Chapter. He spoke about the peoples of color that supported the cause of American Independence and the challenges the Sons of the American Revolution face in recruiting their descendants.

On December 4, 2022, members of our Color Guard and our Ladies Auxiliary participated in the Belleair Holiday Parade. Then on December 21, 2022, our new officers were sworn in. From left to right are Secretary Larry Patterson, Board of Governor James Grayshaw, First Vice President Timothy Shaner, Board of Governor Robert Anderson, Sergeant At Arms Russell Petworth, President Walter Arnold, Board of Governor Parks Honeywell, Treasurer Thomas Hancher, and Second Vice President Harry Fuller.



A new member, Dave McKeown, was inducted and he shared the story of his Patriot, John Hart, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence from New Jersey. A special thanks to our Acting Registrar from The Villages Chapter SAR, John Moore. He has been relentless working with our new prospects. He has had a 100% success rate. Our Chapter continues to grow and the new members continue to get involved by volunteering to be a member or chair different committees.



After the meeting was adjourned we retired and several of our Brothers went to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and presented The Good Citizenship certificate, medal, and bar. The recipient was Sea Cadet, CPO Warren Dietrich. His credentials are most impressive. Jim Haff, our Treasurer and Sea Cadet Chair, made the presentation. Cadet Dietrich's parents and fellow Sea Cadets were present. The ceremony was conducted at their monthly training session.

Photos of all of our recent proceedings can be seen on our new website:

www.daytonaormondsonsoftheamericanrevolution.com

Daytona-Ormond Chapter



November was a busy month for the Daytona-Ormond Chapter. We honored our members that were Veterans. We read each of their names, along with, their branch of service and rank. Lance Langlotz, our Chaplain, was honored as he served with the U.S. Navy Lance served as a Data Processor with the rank of E-5/2nd Class. He received a gift as he shared the story of his service.

Flagler Chapter

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the Flagler Chapter SAR set-up its Christmas Tree in the Flagler County Public Library in



Palm Coast. The Flagler Chapter SAR has participated in this Flagler County community event for over 8 years. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to meet the children! "Entertainment will be furnished by The Hand Bell Choir from the Palm Coast United Methodist Church and a very talented family called the "Sunshine Mafia" with a different take on many classic favorites of the holiday season," said Li-

brary Director Holly Albanese. Over 45 Christmas trees and wreaths decorated by local civic and community organizations will be on display throughout the holidays. In photo with the Flagler Chapter Christmas tree are shown (L to R) Compatriots Randall Morris, Dave Bull, John Feind and Randall Conway



At the December 17, 2022, Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath placement at the Spruce Creek Cemetery organized by Sugar Mill DAR Chapter Cecilia Nunnolley, Regent (Center), the Featured Speakers were (Left) Compatriot Bill Elder, President, Daytona Chapter and (Right) Compatriot Randall Morris, former President, Flagler Chapter. Compatriot Morris answered the question why the Wreaths Across America ceremony should be meaningful to me: "It is often said that a person dies twice: Once when they take their last breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken. Today, it is no different for deceased American Veterans. One of the principal missions of the Wreaths Across America ceremony is to keep our deceased Veterans in our nation's consciousness. These Patriots have sacrificed part of their life in service to our nation and they deserve our gratitude. When you say a person's name, it brings them to the forefront of your mind. When you take a wreath and lay it on the Veteran's headstone,

say the name of that veteran, write it down on a slip of paper and then go home and research that Veteran. In today's computer world, information on just about everyone is out there to be viewed. You will then begin to know the person behind the name on that headstone. As a registrar for the Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, I have been privileged to help men, indeed families, discover their ancestors. I have witnessed tears from men and women as they became emotional when reading about their ancestor's lives 50, 100, even 150 or more years ago. Many of the Veterans buried in this cemetery do not have family here today, however, we are here to remember and honor them, for we are part of the American family! Let us join in a prayer for all deceased American Veterans: Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to protect our country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Amen!"

Gainesville Chapter

On December 14, 2022, Dave Thomas, Florida NC regional vice-President and Gainesville chapter President and Sean Tonnelier, first vice-President attended the Gainesville DAR meeting. Speaker Lenora Bresler, regent of the DAR Lakeland chapter gave a very spirited talk on the Language of the Fan", a topic of colonial life of interest to women and men. Sean Tonnelier is shown with Regent Bresler.



On December 17, 2022, members of the Gainesville SAR and DAR chapters were present for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony. It was held at forest meadows east cemetery in Gainesville Florida. In the foreground in colonial clothes are David Thomas, NC. Florida regional vice-president and chapter President with Gainesville DAR Regent Nancy Brilles. Also attending were Sean Tonnelier in colonial costume and Mike O'loughlin.

Jacksonville Chapter

Jacksonville SAR Chapter Color Guard at the Wreaths Across America presentation at Jacksonville National Cemetery where 13,000 Wreaths were placed honoring our departed Veterans.



Palm Beach Chapter



Chapter President Lanman joined NSSAR President General Bruce Pickette, Secretary General John Dodd, Chancellor General Michael Elston, FMR President General Lindsey Brock, FLSSAR President Matt Mathews, SVP Steve Fields and other Florida SAR leaders at the home of Palm Beach Chapter Compatriot Bill Koch to present the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to US Senator & FMR Florida Governor Rick Scott. Senator Scott also submitted his application for membership in the SAR at the same event.

Palm Beach Chapter Compatriots with **DAR Daughters** continued their dedication to patriotic and civic service by attending two Patriotic events includ-

ing the *Missing in America Project* where we inurned, with full military honors, the unclaimed remains of 18 Veterans of WW 1, 2, Korea. **Chapter Compatriots** also supported the funeral of WW 2 Army Air Corp Veteran Nicholas Zoller. LT. Zoller was laid to rest with full military Honors at the South Florida National Cemetery.



Chapter Compatriots joined **DAR Daughters** to honor Veterans at the annual *Wreaths Across America* Veterans Wreath placement event December 17 at both the *South Florida National* and *Woodlawn Cemeteries*.



Chapter Compatriot John Annan along with his sister DAR Daughter Barbara Annan (Rapid City SD DAR Chapter) were honored with the Meritorious Service Medal and Martha Washington Medal in recognition of their support of the Chapters Youth Scholarship programs.



President Lanman joined *DAR Regent Karen Christie* of the *Garcilaso de la Vega DAR Chapter* to deliver \$1,800 in canned/package goods to the WPB VA to feed homeless Veterans over the holidays.



Chapter President Lanman was formally inducted into the *Florida Veterans "Hall of Fame" Class of 2022* by *Governor Ron DeSantis* in Tallahassee November 15 along with 9 other inductees.



Panama City Chapter

On Monday, 24 Oct 2022, the Florida Society SAR Panama City Chapter held its Fall Quarterly Luncheon/Meeting at the home of the Registrar, DeCody Brad Marble. Pizza Hut delivered the pizza paid for by chapter donations collected in the past. SAR Panama City Chapter is just priming up for their year celebration of its 50th Year Anniversary, the chapter established 27 Sep 1973. In the photo, holding the 250th Anniversary, 1776 -2026, USA/ SAR flag are from left to right: Chapter President Jim Franklin Haynes, Applicant Joseph Meriwether Oglesby, Compatriot Mathew "Matt" Lawrence Bickers, Registrar/ Secretary DeCody B. Marble, Compatriot Jerry Bennett "Benny" Raffield, Applicant Robert Allen Henry, Compatriot Jim Paddison Pretlow and FLSSAR President, Earl



"Matt" Mathews. Photograph taken by the Chapter's Lady Auxiliary President, Jonita Sharp Haynes. Chapter meeting included discussion led by the President Earl Matthews about the 133rd National Society SAR Congress sponsored by the FLSSAR in Orlando in July 2023. In addition, President Jim Haynes discussed preparation for the SAR Panama City Chapter 50th Anniversary Banquet scheduled for Sep 2023. The membership unanimously agreed that the Rodeos Steak Pit and Seafood Restaurant would be the banquet location.

The SAR Induction of Jerry Bennett 'Benny' Raffield was performed on October 24, 2022, at the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, Panama City Chapter Fall Quarterly Meeting. Born in Panama City Florida, Benny Raffield is a fourth great-grandson of the Florida American Revolutionary Patriot, Joseph E Singletary Jr.

In April 2022, at the Bay County Genealogical Society monthly meeting, Ben stated to the class speaker, the SAR Panama City Chapter Registrar, DeCody Brad Marble; "My Revolutionary Patriotic Ancestor is Joseph Singletary." Marble replied, "No Way!" Then Ben said, "My grandmother of Grady County, Georgia said Joseph is buried in Georgia." "I don't know where he is buried." Marble replied; "I know exactly where he is buried and I have been there twice!" "I already did research on him and twenty-nine other American Revolutionary Patriots of the Flori-

da Northwest Region.” “Hey Ben, You need to join the SAR, I will be your sponsor and I am the SAR PCFL registrar!”

Joseph E Singletary (1761 – 1844) a Private in the North Carolina Militia is buried South East of Cairo, Grady County, Georgia, north of Pine Park Road and on the West side of Brumbley Creek. On April 9, 1833, Joseph Singletary made his Declaration of Military Service in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Thirty known American Revolutionary Patriots had reside in the Florida Northwest Region, AKA the ‘Florida Panhandle’. Nine known burial sites exist from those **thirty patriots**.

On December 01, 2022, the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Panama City Chapter gave 120 Christmas Stockings and the Lobby Wall Banner to the Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home, 4419 Tram Road, Panama City, Florida. Carol Richard Glayre the Vice President of the SAR Panama City Chapter Ladie’s Auxiliary is the seamstress and creator of the stockings and the banner, both appearing in this photo. Standing in the center of this photo, Carol Richard Glayre is the widow of Compatriot Louis William Glayre, who passed away on October 01, 2021. Carol has been an essential help in organizing the free meals served at the SAR Panama City Chapter Quarterly Meetings held at the home of the chapter registrar, DeCody Brad Marble standing at Carol’s left in the photo. Marble states that he will be more than happy to continue to finance other projects for the chapter décor and for donations in the name of the chapter. “The SAR chapter is grateful for the crafting skills and creative talent of Carol R. Glayre”, says D.B. Marble.

Our speaker at the November 19, 2022 meeting was Compatriot Hardy Bryan who spoke about the history of the Statue of Liberty.

Our speaker at the December 17, 2022 meeting was Monica Drake, Operations Manager of Heritage Village in Pinellas County. Heritage Village is a county park with exhibits and buildings dedicated to preserving local history. Vice President Harry Fuller, Secretary/Treasurer Will Scott, Registrar Walter Arnold and Chaplain Robert Koehler were sworn into office by West Central Region Vice President Parks Honeywell.



St. Petersburg Chapter



Our speaker at the October 15, 2022 meeting was Andrew Lumish, founder of the Good Cemeterian project. His presentation included pictures of veteran gravestones that he cleaned and repaired. Our Chapter presented him the SAR Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal.





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

**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 _____



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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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.

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