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## 240th Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle



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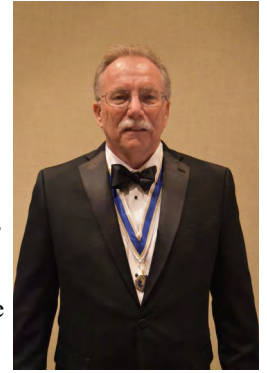
## Content Submission

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 Patriot's, my year as serving as the FLSSAR President is now coming to a close. I cannot even express in this letter to you the pleasure it was to serve you as President. As I visited the chapters and regions I can see why this state society is as bountiful as it is.

At this BOM, I hope a lot more participation will be seen, you must remember that each chapter member makes up the whole society, not just one individual. There will be discussions on bylaw changes and possibly committee changes, new officers will be selected, it is your vote that counts, only yours!

During this May BOM, we have an opportunity to recognize Memorial Day, remember our patriots were the first and should be honored as such. I am requesting a Veteran's Table of Honor be set up for the evening of the Installation of Officers in remembrance. Many of us are veterans and should be proud to carry on that legacy as well.

Change is inevitable and we need changes that are not created with bitterness but of compromises and agreements. The SAR is a great society that remembers what our nation went through and survived to become the leading country of the world for individual freedoms. Our three goals are; Education, Historical and Patriotic. Each Compatriot carries this burden to ensure continuity to the next generation and the next. In order to carry this burden on we need to be gathering "Junior" members, as with any family, we will surly die without them.

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n closing, it has been a busy year for this society, we are not done, we are hosting the National Congress 2023, let us leave a mark of not who we were, but who we are!

Remember, all of us carry the blood of a Patriot, making us all Brothers!  
May God Bless You All!

*Earl F Mathews Jr*

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President, 2022-2023

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

## Calendar of Events

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

## 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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## 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>

### Ladies Auxiliary Grapevine

The Ladies Auxiliary supports our Youth! During the Spring BOM Youth Luncheon the Ladies Auxiliary present a certificate and money to each of the youth winners. This is made possible with the Chapters participation from the Auxiliary raffles. Each chapter is asked to make a monetary donation or prepare a themed basket to be raffled during the Installation banquet. The themed baskets are filled with goodies and is a highlight of the banquet. Thank you for your continued support in this important annual project of the Ladies Auxiliary. The Florida Ladies Auxiliary would like to Thank the following Chapters for bringing a basket or making a donation at the Fall BOM:

Clearwater Chapter - Basket: Pain free pillow, Stephen King Bk, American Flag  
 Gainesville Chapter - Basket: Whiskey  
 Jacksonville Chapter - Basket: Tea Time with the Minute Man  
 Lake Sumter Chapter - Donation: \$100.00  
 Matt & Joni Mathews - Basket: Falling for You  
 Miami Chapter - Basket: Movie Night  
 Miami Chapter - Basket: Every Trail has its Highlights, Jim Beam  
 Naples Chapter - Basket: Whiskey & Joke Book  
 Palm Beach Chapter - Donation: \$50.00  
 William Dunaway Chapter - Basket: Coffee & Chocolate

Respectfully,

*Joni Laramore*

President, FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary (2022-2023)  
 850-272-2663

### From the Publicity Committee

This year the committee has received four entries for the Marlin Publicity Contest, which are the Clearwater Chapter, the Flagler Chapter, the St. Petersburg Chapter, and the Withlacoochee chapter, The lowest score submitted was 717 points. While the highest score submitted was 2010 points.

All four chapters will receive a monetary award based on their ranking. We encourage other chapters to participate next year in this contest. If you would like to participate on this committee, please let me know.

The stated deadline each year for the Marlin Publicity Contest is March 1, 2024. Please send in the form digitally and if paper proofs are needed, it will be requested thereafter. The details and updated form of the Marlin Publicity contest can be found on the FLSSAR website.

## From the New Chapter Development Committee

At the Spring BOM/Annual meeting, the number of members to start a chapter is part of the items that will be voted on as part of the changes to the Society Constitution and By-Laws. This is being updated to reflect survivability of a new chapter. We want a new chapter to continue once established.

Once the update has been adopted, the preliminary new chapter form will be uploaded onto the members only of the FLSSAR website.

## From the Newsletter Committee

At the present time, the committee is reviewing this year's submittal for the Newsletter Contest. The winners for this past year will be announced at the Spring BOM/Annual meeting. It is interesting to note that we have had some submittals from chapters that have not participated in this contest. Note that the winners will receive a monetary award.

The stated deadline each year for the National Newsletter and FLSSAR State Society Contest is December 15, 2023. To enter, please send a pdf version of year newsletter to the committee.

## From the Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee

This contest is pretty challenging requiring an original oration of not less than five minutes, or more than six. The oration must be delivered from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. The subject of the oration shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War with a mention of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration.

Our state competition was conducted by video entries from chapter winners. We did that this year because the national deadline for our state winner was before our May BOM where we would have conducted a live competition. National will choose 6 state video submissions to invite to the Congress for a final live competition. 2 years ago our Kelsey Lopp from Ocala was the national winner.

Our winner this year is Jones Hogsed. He is the Caloosa Chapter winner. He is home schooled and lives in Chuluota.

Second was Amandalesly Miranda. She was the Lake-Sumter Chapter winner. She attends Wildwood Middle High School in Wildwood.

On a disappointing note, only these 2 chapters – we have 33 chapters in Florida - had entrants. This is a great way to get students involved in our history and maybe gain future members. At least we are contributing to future leaders who are more aware of our ancestors who brought this nation into being. This is high school so we are talking about 4 years of possibly competing. This happens to be Jones' second year. Good luck to Jones at national!

Thanks to my committee members Kevin Yarnell, Hamp Allen and Ben Tidwell. Ron Grove, Rumbaugh Oration Committee Chairman

## The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

### The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

By Lindsey C. Brock, Jacksonville, FL, PG 2013-2014

On 9 March 1783, the *Alliance* Captain John Barry and the *Duc de Lauzun*, Captain John Green split up onto each ship their precious cargo of Spanish silver dollars that were badly needed by the Congress in Philadelphia. Off the coast of what would be today, Fort Pierce, FL, they completed the transfer and headed northward along the Florida coast. At this same time, the British ships, *Alarm*, thirty-two gun frigate, Captain Charles Cotton, *Sybil*, twenty-eight gun frigate, Captain James Vashon, and *Tobago*, eighteen gun sloop-of-war, Captain George Martin, met off of the coast of Cape Canaveral, FL and began cruising southward, looking for the American ships. The British ships were spotted by Captain Barry on the morning of 10 March 1783. Captain Barry decided to head southwest for the protection of the Spanish fleet, which he knew was sailing for a raid on Jamaica. As they tried to escape, the slower ship, the *Duc de Lauzun* lagged.

Captain Barry slowed his ship for the *Duc de Lauzun* to come alongside and advised Captain Green to jettison his cannon to lighten his ship. A fourth ship appeared on the horizon and the British ships shifted their positions, one breaking off from the pursuit. Captain Barry decided that the fourth ship was an ally, so he made the daring move to engage the one British ship, *Sybil*, was closing in, to buy sufficient time for the *Duc de Lauzun* to escape to safety. Captain Barry deliberately placed his ship between the *Duc de Lauzun* and the oncoming *Sybil*. The *Sybil* continued firing her cannon and the *Alliance* took several shots, one smashed into the captain's cabin killing a master's mate and wounding several others. Captain Barry left the quarter deck and personally walked from cannon to cannon encouraging and cautioning his men to not fire until he gave the order himself. He wanted to lure the enemy in as close as possible, "half a pistol range." The *Alliance* took a full broadside from the *Sybil* and still did not fire her cannon.

At the last moment, Captain Barry ordered the main topsail hove to mast to position the *Alliance* directly abreast of the *Sybil*. At the order from Captain Barry the full fury of a broadside from his ship was unleashed upon the *Sybil*. The British guns went silent after forty minutes of close fighting; the *Sybil* lost two sails and had considerable damage to her hull. The *Sybil* quickly broke off from the fight and fled back to the other British vessels. Her casualties were reported to range up to thirty-seven killed and forty wounded. Thanks to the courage and skill of Captain Barry both American ships completed their mission and on 20 March 1783, the *Alliance* sailed into New Port, Rhode Island, abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia given the strong presence of a British patrol. Sometime later news reached America that on 3 February 1783, the peace treaty had been ratified – the war for independence was over.

Thus, the last naval battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought and won off the coast of Florida, just south of Cape Canaveral – sealing another American naval victory!

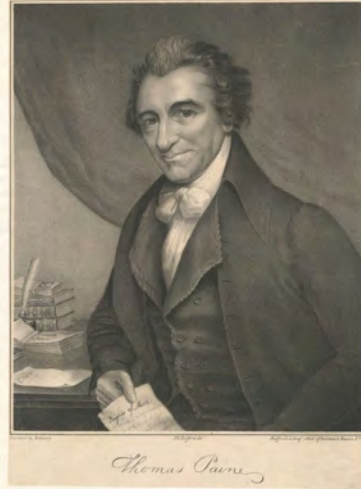
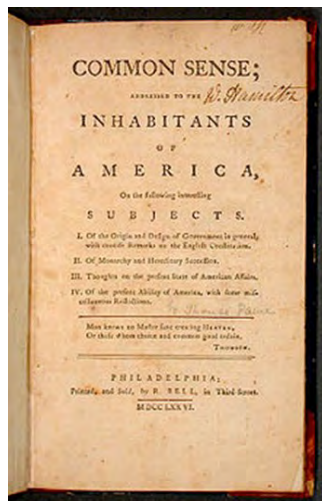
## Thomas Paine, Father of the American Revolution? Impact of *Common Sense* & The American Crisis

Compiled & edited by Donald Lanman Palm Beach Chapter

**Thomas Paine** (1737-1809) was an English-born American patriot, political activist philosopher, political theorist, and revolutionary.

He authored the impactful *Common Sense* in 1775 followed by *The American Crisis*, two of the most influential writings of the American Revolution, that helped inspire the Patriots in 1776 to declare independence from Great Britain, theretofore an unpopular cause.

Paine's ideas and philosophy reflected enlightenment-era ideals of transnational human rights. *Common Sense*, was the first widely published work to call for American independence and an insurrection against Great Britain and the Crown. Centuries before social media one of the most important political opinions in America to "go viral" throughout the American Colonies was the 47-page pamphlet: *Common Sense*. Although Paine is technically not considered a founding Father, *Common Sense* and many of Paine's subsequent publications, quickly became the basis for inspired political debate among the American patriots as the calls for independence took shape.



Those who could read, read it; those who couldn't read gathered around to hear others read these pages at local public houses, thus spreading these ideas throughout the colonies. The genius of Paine was that he spoke in plain English that was understandable to the common citizens, very persuasive and motivational.

His writings were radical, at the time, and shook-up the American Loyalists. These ideas eventually found their way onto the floor of the Continental Congress. These common-sense arguments also helped to change opinions held by many loyalists.

Paine's main thesis in *Common Sense* introduced an argument for the establishment of a *republican* form of government in the colonies. Paine railed against the tyrannies of a monarchy and the aristocracy as a legitimate or equitable basis for rule.

***"The true and only basis of representative government is equality of rights. Every man has a right to one vote, and no more in the choice of representatives."***

Paine was also optimistic that the American colonies had the potential to successfully revolt against the Crown. As he put it: ***"We have it in our power to begin the world over again!"***

While Thomas Paine may not be officially classified as a founding father, there can be little argument that his words planted seeds of revolution in the minds of American patriots. He said: ***"I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death."***

Following *Common Sense*, in late 1776, Paine published *The American Crisis* pamphlet series to inspire the Americans in their battles against the British army. He juxtaposed the conflict between the good American devoted to civic virtue and the selfish provincial loyalist.

To inspire his soldiers, General George Washington had *The American Crisis*, pamphlet, read aloud to them: ***"These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."***

***Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."***

Paine may indeed have earned a claim to the title *a Father of the American Revolution*, which rests on impact of his pamphlets, especially *Common Sense*, which crystallized sentiment for independence.

When the publication, was first published in Philadelphia in 1776, and signed anonymously "by an Englishman", it was an immediate success, quickly spreading 100,000 copies in three months to the two million residents of the 13 colonies.

During the course of the American Revolution, a total of about 500,000 copies were sold, including unauthorized editions.

Paine's original title for the pamphlet was *Plain Truth*, but Paine's friend, pro-independence advocate Benjamin Rush, suggested *Common Sense* instead.

Finding a printer who was daring enough to commit his print shop to the printing of *Common Sense* however was not easy. At the advice of Benjamin Rush, Paine commissioned Robert Bell to print his work.

While the pamphlets came into general circulation after the Revolution had started, it was passed around and often read aloud in taverns, and public gatherings contributing significantly to spreading the idea of republicanism, and bolstering enthusiasm for separation from Britain, thus encouraging recruitment for the Continental Army and Militias.

The impact of *Common Sense* cannot be overstated. It was oriented to the future in a way that compels the reader to make a clear and immediate choice. It offered a solution for Americans disgusted with and alarmed at the ongoing lack of representation and threat of tyranny.

Paine had provided a new and convincing argument for independence by advocating a complete break with history and establish a new world order. So, Father of the Revolution? I think he's earned it.

## TRICORN HAT RESOLUTION

Recently, the Brevard Chapter drafted and voted on the resolution stated below at their April Chapter meeting. They will be presenting it at the upcoming FLSSAR Spring BOM/ Annual Meeting and hope to be able to present it for consideration at the 2023 NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL in July.

Whereas, the Tricorn Hat was worn by men in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial America, and not only by the aristocracy, but also by members of the military and common civilians; and

Whereas, the Tricorn Hat and the Round Hat, usually worn by farmers, were the most common form of headgear during the American Revolutionary War period; and

Whereas, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) National Society SAR Color Guard was formed in 1989, and through its current Color Guard Handbook delineates, among other things, the member requirements for uniforms for its Color Guard Units, that include the Tricorn Hat and the Round Hat; and

Whereas, the National Society SAR Color Guard through its Color Guard Units respond to many, many requests for their

presence and/or participation in events all over the United States of America, and even the World, bringing great recognition to NSSAR, and thus helps us to fulfill our Mission and Goals; and

Whereas, the remaining NSSAR Compatriots who are not in National Society SAR Color Guard Units have no NSSAR nationally sanctioned or authorized physical way to publicly show that they not only belong to NSSAR, but also are active in supporting their Societies and Chapters in furtherance of NSSAR Missions and Goals, and

Whereas, the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) has for many years followed a practice of not objecting to its Compatriots wearing a Tricorn Hat with appropriate civilian attire at FLSSAR and local Chapter meetings and events; and

Whereas, FLSSAR Brevard Chapter Patriot Medal Awardee (2006), and Past Brevard Chapter President (1999 & 2013), the late Compatriot Benjamin M. DuBose, was an active Color Guard Unit Commander and was responsible for creating a Class 'A' Attire Category for Chapter Compatriots if they wore a Tricorn Hat with a coat and tie to Chapter Meetings; and

Whereas, FLSSAR is hosting the NSSAR 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress and Conference in Orlando from July 13-20, 2023; and

Whereas, the FLSSAR Board of Management (BOM) will meet for its 2023 Spring BOM meeting in Kissimmee on May 19-20, 2023; and

Whereas, it seems most appropriate for FLSSAR to adopt a Resolution supporting the adoption of a national NSSAR policy and procedure to allow and recommend to the several State Societies that they encourage the wearing of the Tricorn Hat with appropriate civilian attire to all Chapter Meetings and Events; and

Whereas, this Tricorn Hat NSSAR policy and procedure should also allow the several State Societies to adopt NSSAR Standardized Criteria for when a Tricorn Hat may be worn, and allow the awarding of points to be used in Intrastate Chapter Competition or for other purposes, to wit:

10 Points - Class 'A' Attire: Suit or Coat and Tie with Long Pants.

5 Points - Class 'B' Attire: NSSAR Logo on Long Sleeve Shirt or Polo Shirt with Long Pants.

2 Points - Class 'C' Attire: Plain Single Color Long Sleeve Shirt or Polo Shirt with Collar and Long Pants.

Under no circumstances should the Tricorn Hat be worn with T-shirts, jeans and/or Cut Off Shorts, including Bermuda Shorts, or any attire that does not reflect proper respect and decorum at any SAR Chapter, State or National Event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Brevard Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) does hereby adopt this Tricorn Hat Resolution at its Regular Chapter Meeting on Saturday, April 15, 2023, and
2. Direct that it be forwarded to the FLSSAR Secretary for presentation to the FLSSAR BOM Meeting on May 19-20, with a request that it be adopted by FLSSAR, and forwarded to the NSSAR Secretary for presentation to the NSSAR 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress at its July 13-20, 2023 meeting in Orlando, and request subsequent adoption by NSSAR.



## New Members

The FLSSAR would like to welcome the following new members that has joined the Sons of the American Revolution over the past year. Please welcome them as they attend one of the local SAR chapter meetings.

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| Rinker, Ian Roylance              | Central Florida |
| Messenger, Archer Louis           | Jacksonville    |
| Badura, Paul Howard               | The Villages    |
| McKeown, David Robert             | Daytona-Ormond  |
| Hicks, Mark                       | Miami           |
| Knisley, David Jared              | Tampa           |
| Gaines IV, Frederic Frelinghuysen | Central Florida |
| Boll, Patrick Joseph              | Saramana        |
| Primiano, Austin Nicholas         | Central Florida |
| Parfitt, Richard Alan             | Caloosa         |
| Houston, Samuel Howard            | Emerald Coast   |
| Morris, Kevin David               | Caloosa         |
| Parsons, Gregory Everett          | Caloosa         |
| Thomas, Robert Patrick            | Jacksonville    |
| Bozarth, Colin Louis              | Brevard         |
| Moss, Barry Leonard               | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Rose, John William                | Central Florida |
| Rose, Michael William             | Central Florida |
| Lowe, James Stafford              | Central Florida |
| Joseph, Geoffrey Benjamin         | Pensacola       |
| Joseph, Grant Benjamin            | Pensacola       |
| Harden, David Theodore            | Palm Beach      |
| Harden, Charles David             | Palm Beach      |
| Harden, Aaron Christopher         | Palm Beach      |
| Velie, Matthew Powers             | Central Florida |
| Velie, Mason Powers               | Central Florida |
| Velie, Jack Powers                | Central Florida |
| Matchett, Eddie Joe               | Okeechobee      |
| Coppock, Darrell Ashton           | The Villages    |
| Rogers, Jeffrey Carter            | Brevard         |
| Wynkoop, John Luke                | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Spear, Michael Anthony            | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Trafton, Joshua Mills             | Tallahassee     |
| Rivers Jr, William Arthur         | Central Florida |
| Shurte, Kevin Ray                 | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Morrison, Kenneth Charles         | Emerald Coast   |
| Schneider, Stephen Douglas        | Jacksonville    |
| Bird, Daniel Dale                 | Palm Beach      |
| Roorbach II, James Arthur         | The Villages    |
| Page, Joshua McKay                | Daytona-Ormond  |
| Johnson, Mark Chandler            | Withlacoochee   |
| Wade, Michael Whitt               | Jacksonville    |

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| Round, Austin Daniel       | Central Florida |
| Morrow, Gregory William    | St Augustine    |
| Burry, Daniel Raymond      | Gainesville     |
| Wilklow, Charles Manfred   | Central Florida |
| Wilklow, Charles Alexander | Central Florida |
| Hohman, Stephen Gregory    | Withlacoochee   |
| Barr, James Michael        | The Villages    |
| Hansen, Erik Louis         | The Villages    |
| Cannon, Connor Ashton      | Lake-Sumter     |
| McCurdie, Michael Paul     | Central Florida |
| McCurdie, Aidan James      | Central Florida |
| McKelvie, Milton           | Caloosa         |
| Spring, Trevor Stilson     | Emerald Coast   |
| Gant, Ryan William         | Jacksonville    |
| Bell, Ralph Eugene         | Withlacoochee   |
| Bell, Blake Edrington      | Withlacoochee   |
| Huff, Jackson Garrett      | Central Florida |
| Fisher, Robert Louis       | Central Florida |
| Fisher Jr, Robert Louis    | Central Florida |
| Fisher III, Robert Louis   | Central Florida |
| Fisher, Henry Mills        | Central Florida |
| Munger, Caleb Evans        | St Lucie River  |
| Oswald, Walter William     | Tampa           |
| Bell, Gregory Jason        | Tampa           |
| Bell, Gregory Keith        | Tampa           |
| Bell, Tristen Durant       | Tampa           |
| McDowell, Lee Russell      | Gainesville     |
| Miller, Gary Kenneth       | The Villages    |
| Corbett, Arran Henry       | Tallahassee     |
| Peterson, Kyle John        | Palm Beach      |
| Martin, Ezekiel Bryant     | Tallahassee     |
| Foster, Peter Lynn         | St Augustine    |
| Roberts, William Howard    | Jacksonville    |
| Cooke, Christopher Jon     | St Lucie River  |
| Manford Jr, Harry Glenn    | St Augustine    |
| Wicker, Robert Herman      | Jacksonville    |
| Rastatter, Chadwick Towne  | Palm Beach      |
| Preston, Robin Lee         | Central Florida |
| O'Grady, Jake Preston      | Central Florida |
| O'Grady, Patrick Douglas   | Central Florida |
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| Flack, Joseph Weiser       | South Shore     |

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| Reyher, Kimball Alan       | Tampa           |
| Petri, Jack Michael        | Flagler         |
| Banet, Josiah Paul Bowe    | Central Florida |
| Banet, Caden Josiah        | Central Florida |
| Gragg, Zachary Lewis       | St Augustine    |
| Cather, Charles Shelburne  | Pensacola       |
| Lubinski, Joseph Daniel    | Tampa           |
| Bowling, Robert Collier    | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Bowling Jr, Robert Collier | Ft Lauderdale   |
| McLane, Timothy Gerard     | Ft Lauderdale   |
| DeForest, Timothy Charles  | Saramana        |
| Oden, Jack David           | Lake-Sumter     |
| Kane IV, Joseph Andrew     | Lake-Sumter     |
| Kane, Noah Nadrew          | Lake-Sumter     |
| Duncan, Caden Edward       | Jacksonville    |
| Duncan, Kyle Harvey        | Jacksonville    |
| Cameron, James David       | Caloosa         |
| Stalcup, Stephen Howard    | Central Florida |
| Piraino, Vincent James     | St Augustine    |
| Mix, Cash Richard          | Miami           |
| Mix, Walker William        | Miami           |

## The Last Roll

It is with deep sympathy that the FLSSAR announce the passing of the following members over the past year. Please remember & let the families know that we are thinking of them at this time.

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Hollien, Harry Francis      | Gainesville     |
| Copanos, John Silvestro     | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Reeves, Charles Sherman     | Saramana        |
| Boone Jr, Sam Wood          | Gainesville     |
| Burns, Frank Anthony        | Lake-Sumter     |
| Chancey, Hubert Wayne       | Withlacoochee   |
| McSwain, Douglas Alan       | Emerald Coast   |
| Moor Sr, Thomas Ross        | Brevard         |
| Herring, Rodney Louis       | Panama City     |
| O'Bryan, Roger Leon         | Jacksonville    |
| Avant, Philip Joseph        | Okeechobee      |
| Thomas, Patrick Michael     | Emerald Coast   |
| Zehner Sr, William James    | Panama City     |
| LaVergne, Ronald Basil      | Ft Lauderdale   |
| Stebbins, Daniel Whitfield  | Central Florida |
| Mayne II, Joel Harlan       | Palm Beach      |
| Peppel, Robert Wayne        | Lakeland        |
| Badgley Jr, Charles Albert  | South Shore     |
| Hedgcock, Robert Eugene     | Lake-Sumter     |
| Atwater, William Montgomery | Brevard         |
| Bartholf, Lewis James       | Clearwater      |
| Hampton Jr, Don Sylvester   | Lake-Sumter     |
| Ferree, Edwin Alfred        | Palm Beach      |
| Kuleski Jr, Erick Stephen   | Flagler         |
| Weatherwax, John Alfred     | Central Florida |
| Hooper, Danny Robert        | Clearwater      |



## SAR Annual Conference on American Revolution

This conference shall explore the ways in which we may frame the seminal events of the late eighteenth century. Should the American Revolution be situated in a global, hemispheric, or continental context? Or are imperial, national, Atlantic, or regional frames more appropriate? Are there other contexts, or must we combine our frames of reference, to enhance our understanding of the American Revolution?

Registration is now open for this conference that will be held on June 16-18, 2023 at the University of Notre Dame. The SAR has a block of rooms at the Morris Inn, 1399 Notre Dame

Avenue, South Bend, Indiana. Rooms at the Morris Inn are from \$179 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes. To reserve a room, please call the hotel directly at (574) 631-2000, and tell them you want to attend Contexts of the American Revolution, the 2023 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. Please be sure to inform the hotel at time of booking that you are part of the SAR Annual Conference Room Block.

"Contexts of the American Revolution" seeks to explore these and other questions, and to broaden our understanding of the American struggle for Independence.

To register for this conference, please go to: <https://www.sarfoundation.org/education/sar-annual-conference-on-the-american-revolution/>

# Chapter News

## Brevard Chapter

The Brevard SAR Chapter meets at 11:00 AM on the third Saturday from Oct through May at the Tides Club at 1001 North Highway A1A South Atlantic Avenue in Satellite Beach, FL.

For October 2022, the 1992 Brevard Past President Carl Green passed away September 05, 2022. Due to family health, services took place on October 4<sup>th</sup> Carl received military honors at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. The Brevard Chapter also unveiled its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag. Compatriot Ryder received his SAR Certificate, Indian River Past President Ireland received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Supplemental Certificate. Jensen and Mihora attended in full period attire, and Etherton was in Class A attire.

In November 2022, the chapter participated in the Veterans Day Observance at VMC, theme was "Celebrating Veterans throughout History". President Joel Etherton made a presentation of War Service and Military Service Medals during the ceremony, linking three Compatriots to their respective Patriots. Compatriots William Cole, WSM, 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President Christopher Ratzel, WSM, Mark Russell MSM. The DAR 250<sup>th</sup> Plaque was unveiled with many DAR in Colonial Attire with Compatriots Bisset and Desmarais in period attire. At the November chapter meeting, we honored 15 FLSSAR Veterans Battalion members present for Veterans Day Jensen and Bisset attended in full period attire, and Etherton, Desmarais and Ashdown were in Class A attire.

The December's meeting was held a week early to accommodate WAA. Meeting was centered to the holidays, no business or speaker. The annual Christmas Ornament exchange was the highlight of the day. Compatriot William "Monty" Atwater passed away on December 13<sup>th</sup>. He is laid to rest at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. The Brevard Chapter also donated several books about the American Revolutionary War Period to the December 14, to the Veterans Memorial Center Library. Members participated in the annual Wreaths Across America at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery and at Veterans gravesites across the county. Stark Report was compiled and submitted. Mihora attended in full period attire.

In January 2023, the 2023 Eagle Scout contest winner attended our meeting and presented his Essay to the chapter. Parents and Scoutmaster were present. Compatriot Jeff Rogers received his SAR Certificate. Compatriot Lou Stocks received his Grandson's SAR Certificate. Service Awards were presented to: Carl Ohemann 20yr, Ray Norman 15yr, Brian McWaters 10yr. Military Service Medal presented to: Carl Ohemann Eller and Jensen were in period attire.

In February 2023, Sgt Joseph Plumb Martin Young Member supporter medal was presented to Nic Mihora, and the Service Award was presented to Norm Desmaris 10yr. The meeting theme was Women in the Revolutionary War. Compatriot Bisset gave an excellent presentation relating to the role of women who served during the war. F.S.C.A.R. Conference Orlando: Supported by Compatriot Jensen.

FLSSAR Genealogist Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> FLSSAR Genealogist meeting was held. Purpose is to aid in the efficiency of processing applications and exchanging resources for research. Bisset and Mihora were in period attire.

In March 2023, the DAR State Conference Orlando: Jensen attended manning the SAR table and provide Color Guard support for the Annual meeting Presentation of the Colors. At the Last Naval Battle for 2023, we had 210 in attendance for this year's services. It was an honor to have Compatriot Larry Tidwell, a descendant of Captain John Green present. More DAR and C.A.R. chapters were in attendance. Weather was good and we appreciate all chapters who traveled to participate.

At the Battle of Thomas Creek, Compatriot Jensen attended the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville FL.

At the April meeting, the chapter voted to various changes to their Constitution and By-Laws; as well as, announced the slate of officers for the upcoming term. The chapter also announced a resolution called the "Tricorn Hat Resolution". There is details in this resolution to establish Class A attire, Class B attire, and Class C attire as related to members that can voluntarily wear such attire and be recognized in Color Guard events that may not be able to participate in the full Colonial Color Guard attire. The Brevard Chapter voted and approved this resolution. It will also be brought up for consideration at the FLSSAR Spring BOM/ Annual meeting, and at the NSSAR 2023 Congress that will be held in Orlando, Florida this year.

## Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida SAR Chapter meets at 6:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday Oct through May at the Winter Park Elks Club off of Lake Howell Road in Winter Park, FL.

In January, the chapter set up a recruitment booth at the Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, and at the Longwood Art Festival. The chapter also had two students that participated in the chapter Knight Essay contest. Out speaker this month was Compatriot Burt Fairchild who spoke on James Otis.

At the February meeting, Compatriot Harry Rinker gave a presentation called the "Antique Road Show". He also appraised various antique items that was brought to the meeting. Since Compatriot Rinker also serves as the chapter's registrar, he mentioned that for 2022, the chapter had added 61 new members upon which he was instrumental in getting these applications reviewed



It is planned that the May meeting will be the election of new chapter officers; as well as, presenting chapter awards. Members of the chapter are also gearing up to serve as volunteers at the NSSAR 2023 Congress that will be held in Orlando in July.

## Clearwater Chapter

and approved by NSSAR. Members also assisted at the Florida Society DAR Spring Meeting that was held near Sea World.

In March, the chapter learned of the passing of Richard Hoffman, past chapter registrar, after a long battle with cancer. This month's presentation was by Compatriot Scott Cook and the Ft. Gatlin CAR Chapter who did a presentation on Taxation without Representation.

Member of the chapter and the chapter color guard participated in a grave marker dedication at the Lakeview Cemetery in Sanford, Florida, the Last Naval Battle Ceremony in Merritt Island, Florida, and the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, Florida. Some members of the color guard are also planning to attend the Frederica Naval Operations in Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

During the month of April and May, members of the chapter will be presenting ROTC Awards at the various ROTC ceremonies in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties. For the month of April, our speaker was Compatriot Harry Rinker who gave a presentation titled "Research Techniques to Learn More About Your Patriot".



Our January 18, 2023 meeting had Professor Donald Green, a member of the Central Florida SAR Chapter as guest speaker in which he portrayed Benjamin Franklin. Compatriot Parks Honeywell presented the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal to President Walter Arnold. Compatriot Rob Moore presented NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corp Certificate to Compatriot Ronald Egger.

Clearwater Chapter compatriots provided the color guard for the opening of the 38th Annual Genealogy Seminar arranged by the Caladesi Chapter DAR at the Scottish American Society of Dunedin on February 8. The Clearwater Chapter also had an information table for attendees interested in the SAR.

Our February 15 meeting had Compatriot Robbie Robinson, President of the Tampa Chapter, give a presentation about Revolutionary War uniforms. Our Chapter also inducted Lewis Dale as a new member.

## Daytona - Ormond Chapter



Daytona-Ormond SAR meeting in February at Louie's Pizza in Daytona the newest additions were shared with the Compatriots and Guest. Brothers Romain Bastian and Bob Crawford are holding of the 250<sup>th</sup> Flag which will be displayed at our meetings and other special events.

Romain Bastian and President Bill Elder are holding up the Support Our Troops banner for all our Brothers and guests to see at our February meeting. We had visiting Compatriots from the St. Augustine and Central Florida Chapter Chapter, as well as, several DAR members from Col. Arthur Erwin Chapter, Mary Virginia Cabell Chapter, and Sugar Mill Chapter. Also in attendance were a few prospective members. Harry Rinker was our guest presenter and shared his story:

“We Wouldn't Have A United States If It Wasn't for George Washington.” It was most interesting, entertaining, and appropriate for the month of Washington's Birthday.



## Lake City Chapter

On March 25, 2023 the Lake City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Edward Rutledge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in conjunction with the family of Pvt. Theophilus Weeks held a Restoration and Rededication Event. The event was held at the gravesite of Pvt. Weeks at Price Creek Cemetery in Columbia County, Florida. Under beautiful centuries-old oaks, approximately forty SAR, DAR and family members gathered to share history and events of the famous patriot, veteran and revered family member.



L-R J. Charles Kime, Vice President, Charles R. Millican III, James McGarity, Conny Bossard, Chaplain, David Chandler Event Coordinator, Joseph Carroll, President, William H. Williams, Jr. Registrar



L-R David Chandler -Secretary, Joseph Carroll - President, Scarlet Parnell Frisina - Weeks family descendant and Keynote Speaker, Kitty McElhane, Regent for Edward Rutledge Chapter, DAR, Cheryl Chandler, Nancy Wheaton, Jane McClelland

## Okeechobee Chapter

The Okeechobee Chapter SAR provided color and honor guard for the Highlands County Heritage Day at the Pearce Estate. The Pearce Estate was settled on the banks of the Kissimmee River in 1874 by Confederate veteran John Mizell Pearce. The Okeechobee SAR color and honor guard are pictured in front of the 450 year old Liberty Tree.



## Palm Beach Chapter

“Service before Self”, 2023 Officers were formally installed, by SAR National Inspector General and former Chapter & State President Ray Wess, at the January meeting; President David Bird, Vice President TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Historian, Donald Lanman, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain, Benjamin Tidwell, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson.

The Chapter inducted 4 new Compatriots including; Daniel Bird, David Harden, Kyle Peterson and Nathaniel Benjamin Stephens, age 2, Grandson of Chapter Chaplain and FMR Chapter President Benjamin Tidwell III.



65 SAR, DAR and CAR members attended the February Chapter meeting to meet *George & Martha Washington*. Remarkable Historians *Compatriot Bill & DAR Daughter Cara Elder* delivered First-Person interpreters of George and Martha Washington in Honor of Washington’s 291st Birthday.





**Compatriot Edwin A. Ferree** passed in January. He was remembered at a Chapter Memorial Service as a devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather, Professional, Civic Volunteer, Huguenot Society member and esteemed SAR Patriot.



As an *FVF Ambassador*, the Chapter continues to support **Florida Veterans Foundation Gadsden Flag "Don't Tread on Me" Specialty Florida License Plate**, fundraising program. \$25 from each license plate sold will benefit Florida Veterans in need. License plates are available online at [www.HelpFLVets.org](http://www.HelpFLVets.org) or at local Florida State vehicle offices.

## Pensacola Chapter

The Pensacola Chapter are starting off this year with some great news as far as our membership goes. For the first time in several years, the chapter is up over 50 members! We ended the year with an outstanding 96% retention rate with only two members choosing to not renew. 2022 was far and away the best year we have had for membership in a long time, and I want to see that continue in 2023. We've already added a couple of new members with transfers from the Aaron Snowden chapter joining our chapter (more on that later), and we have a couple more that should be transferring in from elsewhere very early this year.

Our chapter is blessed with a phenomenal registrar in Ray Judd and this year he is joined by our new genealogist, Carl Judson. Both compatriots are willing and VERY able to help prospective members finish off their research and ensure that they can join our chapter. With a little effort, we can easily see our chapter continue to grow over the rest of this year. We have had a couple of compatriots

transfer to our chapter from the Aaron Snowden chapter shortly after the first of the year. It saddens me to have to report that the Aaron Snowden chapter officially disbanded at the end of 2022. Their membership numbers had dropped, and despite the valiant efforts of Lonnie Jones, David Hillsman and Burt Outlaw, the interest in keeping the chapter alive just wasn't there.

Speaking of the 250 by 250th Flag recognition program—as of the start of January, we have had 13 individuals and companies nominated for Flag Certificates.

On March 11, the Alabama SAR and DAR Societies worked together to hold the first ever commemoration of the Battles of Fort Charlotte and Spanish Fort. The event took place in downtown Mobile near the remains of Fort Charlotte. The event included the SAR doing a presentation of colors, wreath presentations by SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters, and a musket salute from the SAR. In addition, SAR President General Pickette brought greetings, and a local historian gave a brief talk about the significance of the battles that took place in Mobile and set the stage for General Galvez's victory at the Battle of Pensacola. Chapter President Chris Washler was fortunate enough to not only present a wreath on behalf of the Pensacola chapter, but FLSSAR President Mathews asked him to bring greetings on behalf of the Florida Society. The organizers are hoping to make this an annual event, so next year hopefully we can have more Pensacola compatriots in attendance. At our March meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming Geoff Joseph and his son Grant as the newest members of the Pensacola chapter. Geoff is an attorney here in town, and Grant is officially the youngest Junior member that the chapter has ever inducted.

Our April meeting will feature a visit from the Florida Society President, Earl "Matt" Mathews. Matt will give us an update on what's going on at the state level as well as insight into the upcoming National Congress this summer in Orlando. Finally, we are finalizing details for the Battle of Pensacola event on May 8th, and we are looking for volunteers to help with a recruiting event at Odd Colony Brewing on Palafox. Thanks to our newest compatriot, Geoff Joseph, Odd Colony has agreed to let us do a "Who's Your Patriot Ancestor" event at their facility. We just have to get volunteers lined up to help man the event, and then we can get a date nailed down!

## Saint Augustine Chapter



On April 12, 2023, Sean Tonnelier, Saint Augustine chapter SAR, and Marcea Oetting, speaker from the Adams-Onis treaty chapter in West Orlando FL. Marcea gave a speech about Abigail Adams.

## Saint Petersburg Chapter

The January 21 meeting featured Chapter Registrar Walter Arnold who gave a presentation about genealogical research and how to submit an application to the SAR.

The February 18 meeting featured Compatriot Hardy Bryan who spoke about his ancestor John Treutlen, the Governor of Georgia from May 1777 to January 1778. Chapter President Douglas Maddox on left, Compatriot Hardy Bryan on right in photo.



## William Dunaway Chapter

Compatriot Neal Spooner inducted the newly elected officers for 2023 during a ceremony at the January 12th chapter meeting. Congratulations to each one and thank you for your service and support to the WDC FLSSAR Chapter! Tom Rankin, President Micheal Mathews, Vice President Dale Macumber, Secretary Ernie McNeill, Treasurer Jim Dunaway, Chaplain Matt Mathews, Registrar/Genealogist, & Lionel Young, Sergeant of Arm.

Reverend Robert (Bob) Ott was the guest speaker at our January 12 meeting. Reverend Ott is the minister at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Marianna, Florida and is a prior US Army service member. While serving in the US Army he was stationed in Germany as an Armored Cavalry Officer. Towards the end of his assignment, he was asked to participate in a multi-national investigation to uncover and prosecute spies in a high-level US Army operation called Canasta Players. Reverend Ott provided a very personal and interesting program, "How to Catch a Spy," describing his participation in catching and prosecuting these spies who were selling United States military classified information to the USSR.

At the February meeting, Mr. Langland, Assistant Minister, Director for CHROME "Christ Helping Rescue Oppressed Men Everyday" presented a very informative program about how his organization helps men with substance abuse problems. This is a new center in Marianna, Florida that helps men receive no cost addiction recovery treatment in a residential setting. Participating men can either be Court Enrolled or ask for help themselves. Clothing, housing and meals are provided at no cost for those entering the program. This is a faith-based program for men who are evaluated and receive counseling and mentorship to overcome and assist them with their substance abuse issues.

President Rankin recognized the following members (who are also charter members) for 15 years of service to SAR: Larry Ray Clere, Leon Rogers Dunaway, Michael Kennedy Dunaway, John Omie Dunaway, and James Frederick Dunaway. President Rankin presented a special award and certificate to Robert Kennedy "Kenny" Dunaway for his many years of dedicated service to the local chapter and SAR. Dale Macumber presented the SAR Martha Washington Award to DAR member, Margaret Lewis Rankin, for supporting the chapter in a variety of organizational actions and creation of publications that promote achievement of the SAR mission and goals.

At the March meeting, Major Chomos, the Senior Military Instructor at Vernon High School, Washington County School District, in Vernon, Florida provided the Chapter an overview of JROTC explaining how the program benefits participating Cadets. During his informative talk, he discussed the many different aspects of training and instruction provided to his students throughout the school year. His Cadets not only have classroom work and study, but they also have physical fitness and drill and ceremonies. Cadets not only compete with each other in many different areas but also with other schools within their district for awards. The Vernon High School (VHS) JROTC Program and the William Dunaway Chapter FLSSAR have a long-standing relationship. VHS has been involved with the chapter for many years through their Outstanding Cadet selection program. This year all three of the supported schools, Vernon, Chipley and Bonifay, were invited to participate in the Enhanced JROTC Program Essay Contest. Major Chomos stated that he challenged his Cadets and one Cadet produced a first ever Enhanced JROTC Essay contest entry. Major Chomos said he feels his primary function is to motivate his Cadets to be better citizens. He wants to instill in his Cadets the idea of having a purpose and a goal so they can be successful in life.





## Withlacoochee Chapter

The Withlacoochee Florida Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded a total of 14 SAR Military Service Medals for service in the following conflicts.: Vietnam Veterans, Afghan Veterans, Southwest Asia and Global War on Terrorism. These medals were presented by the Florida State President of the SAR Earl "Matt" Mathews at our regular meeting at Citrus Hills CC on November 12, 2022. President Mathews thanked each of these veterans for their military serve. Of interest Citrus County Florida has one of the highest population of veterans in the state (15.9%) exceeded only by four other counties in the state. The names of our esteemed veterans are listed left to right in the photos.



Seven Vietnam Veterans: John Attanasio, Robert A Brown, John E Carey, William Moorhead, David L Stoughton, Robert C Thomas and John Wilder - Presenter Pres. Mathews not pictured.



Southwest Asia Veterans: Robert A Brown, Nelson R Peters, Andrew J Wright - President Mathews - Presenter



Afghan Veterans and Global War on Terrorism: Nelson R Peters, Andrew J Wright - President Mathews - Presenter

## FSDAR Spring Conference

On March 4, 2023, the Florida Society DAR held their 121st Spring Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Orlando across from Sea World. Many FLSSAR members were in attendance serving at the recruitment table and serving as color guard for this event. Herein are some pictures from this event.





## Battle of Kettle Creek, a top of War Hill

By DeCody Mable

On Friday, February 10, 2023, Panama City to the Top of War Hill:

A six and half hour drive from Panama City, FL to Washington, GA, I left at 2:00 A.M. EST, drove with one fuel stop, and arrived at 8:45 A.M. EST at War Hill Road on Friday. Not a single drop of rain fell from the sky and hit my truck; therefore, I exhaustively stubble out of my vehicle on top of the 'War Hill'. After putting on my colonial uniform, I hastily and clumsily grasped my camera, tripod, wreath and 'Brown Bess' and took a straight path towards the 'Battle of Kettle Creek' Monument for an old fashion selfie. Obviously, in the attached photo, I do not have my typical smile, because of mental and physical exhaustion, but mission accomplished.

On Saturday, February 11, 2023, not dampened by the 84 - 100% rain prediction, the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Ceremony paid tribute to the Patriot Soldiers who defeated the Tories on February 14, 1779.

At 09:50, The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard of over 12 compatriots raised the Betsy Ross Flag to begin the ceremony activities, while over 25 various uniform militia compatriots shot three volleys, before the large enthusiastic crowd, in front of the Wilkes County Courthouse on the magnificent city square.

At 10:30, behind the courthouse, the parade participants assembled in the following order; Color Guard, Militia, Brier Creek Canon Unit, colonial dressed Daughters and Children of the American Revolution, and other various colonial dressed actors. The Color Guard and Militia marched in two abreasted columns followed by the others around the city square twice. Cheers and applause from the observing crowd, while many took photos and videos.

At 11:15, behind the courthouse, in Fort Washington Park, I found myself joining other re-enactors ready to portray the Battle of Kettle Creek in a wide, grassy, partially wooded gully. Manned by the Brier Creek SAR, four large canons rested on the hilltop, pointing over the gully. In the distance, on a cliff stood spectators armed with cameras, with a narrator speaking about the battle to occur. The Patriot Commander ordered me to guard the Color-bearer with my life. The cannons roared, the muskets cracked loudly, horrid screams resounding from all directions; the cannon smoke began to slowly descend and settle like a thick fog on the gully rough terrain. Charging forward, seeking cover from tree to tree and trying simultaneous-



ly to cover the bearer waving 'Old Glory' like a lunatic. Again, cannon fire erupted throughout the gully and I caught a glimpse of musket fire adding yet more dark smoke to the haze.

I heard the Tory's yell: "Retreat, our Commander is dead!" Just then, the Color-bearer and I broke through the smog, to find ourselves standing before an audience of spectators, cheering us while 'Old Glory' intact waved above our heads. "GOOD GRIEF, THIS IS FUN!" .... dbm

## FLSSAR Nominating Committee Report

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 – James Y. Gaskins  
 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  
 Sgt. At Arms – Jeffrey F. Brunelle  
 Chaplain – Dwight D. Elam  
 Chancellor – Thomas J. Thompson  
 Genealogist – J. Gray Chandler  
 Historian – Joel A. Etherton  
 Editor The Florida Patriot – Jeffrey L. Sizemore  
 Webmaster – E. Scott Bushnell  
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 NW RVP – Christopher E. Washler  
 NC RVP – David C. Thomas  
 EC RVP – Jeffrey L. Sizemore  
 WC RVP – A. Parks Honeywell  
 SW RVP – Hampton E. Allen  
 SE RVP – William R. Wicks III  
 National Trustee – Earl F. (Matt) Mathews  
 Alternate Trustee – Steven R. Fields

## Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee Report

By James Gearey Ward

This report is in four parts:

### 1. Last Naval Battle Observance March 2023

Thanks to Joel Etherton, Brevard Chapter LNB Committee Chairman, and the BC LNB Committee Sam Ashdown, Doug Bisset, Sharon (DAR) and Barry Eller, Linda (DAR) and Brian Jensen, Donn Weaver, and James Ward. 1st Vice President Ratzel was trained for future leadership.

Thanks to partners Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, Military Officer Association of America, Cape Canaveral, and FLSSAR. Reimbursement request submitted to FLSSAR Treasurer. Article submitted to "Patriot" Editor, and "Color Guardsman". Thanks also to Naval Ordnance Test Unit, Marine Corps League, and Sea Cadets.

Thanks to Sons and Daughters from Florida and beyond who participated in the parade, and/or presented wreaths.

An "after action" review was conducted, and a planning document prepared for future observances.

2. The Congress 2023 Planning Committee prepared a Last Naval Battle and Veterans Memorial Center "Short Tour", to include a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary bench dedication and dedication of an "Alliance" flag.

3. LNB is scheduled for 16 March 2024, and deconflicted with the 2024 DAR spring forum. It is requested that the 2024 Guilford Courthouse observance not conflict. If a scheduling conflict becomes unavoidable, prompt notification is requested. FLSSAR Chapters are invited and are asked to avoid scheduling their activities the same date.

4. A nomination for the FLSSAR LNB Committee and Chairman is at the ready to be delivered to the FLSSAR President after the FLSSAR 2023 Annual Meeting.

2022-23 FLSSAR Committee Members are Steve Fields, Jeff Sizemore, Joel Etherton, and James Ward. Each is thanked, as is Dick Young.

## Florida Society CAR Conference

Florida Brigade provided Color-Guard support for the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution Ninety-Second State Conference held in Orlando, Florida February 17-19, 2023. Participants were Dick Young of Tampa; Phil Markoe, Scott Cook, Rich Lester of Central Florida; and Brian Jensen of Brevard.

Supporting events such as the F.S.C.A.R. Conference provides SAR the opportunity to share their gear with the attendees. This helps provide the C.A.R. members with an example of what their ancestors would have and carry during the revolutionary period.





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](http://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](mailto:battle@pensacolasar.org)

Pictures from the 240th Commemoration of Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution



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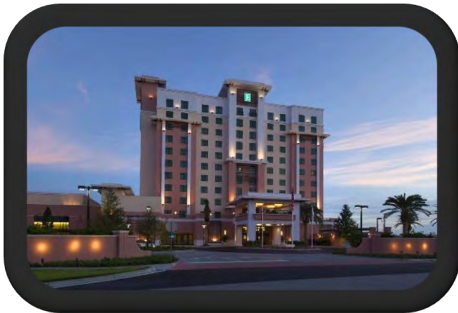


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*FROM INTERSTATE 4 EAST - (from Daytona Beach and downtown Orlando):* From I-4, take exit #68 (SR535). Turn left from the ramp traffic light & head to Kissimmee. Upon going about 3.5 miles, turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel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

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

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