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

Fall 2023 Issue	8/15/2023
Winter 2024 issue	12/15/2023
Spring 2024 Issue	3/15/2024

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FSSDAR Fall Forum's Pineapple Promenade 🍍

September 7-10, 2023 at , the Omni Orlando Resort, Championsgate.
<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/orlando-championsgate/property-details>

Any question or would like to inform that you will be attending, contact Anita Colette Maiworm, CAC / Pineapple Promenade Coordinator, at beach-house7@icloud.com, _224-588-2076

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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.

The Florida Society assumes no responsibility for statements made or opinions of contributors. All submissions are requested by email. The Society is not responsible for items sent through the mail. Please do not send original or irreplaceable materials or photographs.

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Society President's Message



Friends and Compatriots,

It is difficult to put on paper how humbled and honored one feels at being elected president of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Over a hundred men have held this position of stewardship since 1896. One can only hope to lead in a manner that brings credit to our membership and works to advance our patriotic, historic, and educational goals.

The legacy of our society is rooted in the brave deeds and determined resolve of our patriot ancestors – male and female. From the founding of this nation, every advancing year has been a struggle to remain true to our ideals. A great President reminded us that *“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same”*. This is the spirit with which we should approach the goals of our Society.

As to how we will accomplish this, we need to focus our efforts. At a Board of Management meeting last year, I encouraged the attendees to do something outside their comfort zone. I asked them to go home to their chapters and find someone to accompany them to the next Board of Management meeting in six months. Many did and the impact is already evident. The chapters are where the work of the SAR is accomplished. But the leaders that participate at state are the future. These men identify needs, devise solutions, and bring new information, resources, and energy back to their home chapters. They share ideas, lessons learned, and pitfalls found so that all in the FLSSAR may benefit. I encourage anyone interested in advancing their ability to further the goals of the SAR, our Society, and their chapter to attend an upcoming Board of Management meeting.

In the spirit of the challenge put out last year, I have a challenge for all of you. Find someone to bring to your chapter. The lifeblood of our organization is its members. Everything we accomplish – historic preservation, public service recognition, Veterans' programs, youth education, community engagement and so much more – is only possible because there are men willing to take up a task. If we want to accomplish more, to engage more, to educate more, there need to be more of us. Right now, there are approximately 2400 members in the Florida Society. For us to become more effective and impactful as an organization, there must be more of us. Right now, we need to be reaching out to find that next new member who will bring their talents to bear on the important work we do. We must reach out not just to family and friends but to like-minded members of our community with a love of country, a passion for history, and an infectious patriotic spirit. In other words – we need more men like you!

Celebrations for the recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of America are already underway. The coming years bring us the greatest opportunity to reinvigorate the public spirit since the Bicentennial celebrations of 1976. The SAR can help to renew appreciation of the principles that brought about independence and acknowledged our individual freedoms. New generations have not had the benefit of an honest education in American history. Myths and distortions have been spread so wide that many no longer understand the real reasons for revolution and the sacrifices of the founders. When we reach out in our community, we have the opportunity to correct the record and lift up the American spirit. With new more members, we reach a larger audience and have a greater impact.

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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So, this year I charge each of you to bring someone back. Bring someone back to their heritage. Bring them back to the real legacy of the founder's sacrifices. Bring someone back to the Spirit of '76 and true American patriotism. You will have done them, the SAR, and your country a service that will impact generations going forward. Build on the legacy of your patriot ancestors today.

Yours in patriotic service,

Steve R. Fields

President, 2023-2024

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Calendar of Events

August 19, 2023: 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Lick

October 21, 2023: 2023 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

March 23, 2024: 2024 Thomas Creek Ceremony

July 2024: 134th Congress in Lancaster, PA

The 246th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek

By: David Hardy Ramseur

The Battle of Thomas Creek's 246th Anniversary Ceremony was held on Saturday, 25 March 2023 at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve in Jacksonville, Florida with over 100 in attendance. This National Color Guard commemorative event honored those 109 Patriots who fought, and those who died in this battle. The Patriot Militia forces were camped at this location waiting to rendezvous with 400 Continentals, who had been delayed in their inland water travels, when they were ambushed and defeated by a large British Force of British Regulars, Loyalists, and Creek Indians. General George Washington, by ordering these attacks, believed N.E. Florida (from the Apalachicola River to St. Augustine) would become our 14th Colony. This battle was the second of three failed attempts; and it is considered "The Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution".

The program began with a welcome from David Ramseur, followed by the Invocation given by Chaplain Revered Bob Hale. Following the Invocation, we were again honored to have the patriotic chorus group, Let Freedom Sing, perform "Pray for America" along with two other songs during the program. The presentation of colors was commanded by SAR National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles, assisted by Vice Commander Scott Collins, FLSSAR Commander Steven Fields and Vice Commander Scott Breckenridge. Scout Ethan Vogel led the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner". Colors were then posted.

Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Mr. Harrison Conyers, Supervisor of Military & Veteran Affairs and from the NSSAR, Vice President General George Strunk. Greetings also came from the Florida Society SAR President Matt Mathews, and from the Georgia Society State Registrar Dennis McIntire. We were also honored to have greetings given from the Florida Society DAR, State Regent Elect Cindy Addison, the N.E. Florida Regents Council DAR President Phyllis Baehrand, the Florida State Society, C.A.R. President James Hamilton.

Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Inc., St. Augustine, gave a brief and fascinating overview of the facts leading up to the battle. After his presentation, wreaths were presented by 42 organizations from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., and other

patriotic societies. At the conclusion of the wreath presentations a black powder salute was given honoring our fallen heroes of this battle. Compatriot Fred Emery sounded Taps. And the Benediction was given by Chaplain Reverend Bob Hale concluding the event.

We are looking forward to next year's 247th Anniversary Ceremony to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024; as well, as to our Nations 250th anniversary in 2026.

Deadlines for Specific Events

(Committee Chairmen, if you notice any items that need to be updated, contact the FLSSAR Secretary).

Report Chapter Officers

Deadline: 2 weeks following the election of chapter officers
Email the names and positions of the newly elected officers to the FLSSAR Secretary

Submission of the Chapter Annual Report and Dues

Deadline: December 15
Detailed information will be sent by the FLSSAR Secretary in mid-September. The report accounts for the current membership listing those who have paid dues and those who have dropped their membership. The check paying for National and State dues will accompany the report and is sent to the FLSSAR Secretary.

Request for Credentials to the annual National Congress

Deadline: Mid - May
FLSSAR members wishing to serve as delegates to the Congress must indicate this to the FLSSAR Secretary. Late requests will not accepted.

Patriot Medal Nominations

Deadline: Mid-January
This award is the highest award given by the State Society and honors significant service to the local chapter and state society. The Nomination form is available on the FLSSAR website at <https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/testFLSSARForms.asp>. Send to the Patriot Medal Committee chairman.

Chapter Challenge / Americanism

Deadline: March 1
This contest pits Florida chapters of similar size against each other in friendly competition based on their activities for the calendar year. Send your form to the FLSSAR Secretary. In addition, NSSAR sponsors the President General's Activities Competition. To enter this competition, send your form to the National Americanism Committee Chairman. Both competitions use the same National form, available from the National Americanism Committee at <https://www.sar.org/committees/americanism-committee/>

Stark Award: Service to Veterans

Deadline: February 1
This contest seeks to encourage and reward chapters to engage in veterans affairs programs. Find the required form at <https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/Stark.pdf>
Send this form to the FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman.

Earl Marlin Publicity Contest

Deadline: February 1
This contest seeks to encourage and reward chapters in their efforts to gain publicity for their chapter and the SAR. The contest is run on an annual basis, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the calendar year. Entries are due Feb. 1. Information can be found at <https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/EarlMarlinCriteria.pdf>. Send first via email to Chairman at swampfoxsar@gmail.com.

NSSAR Chapter Newsletter Contest- the Carl F. Bessent Award

Deadline: December 15 To be eligible for competition, there should be a minimum of two (2) issues per year submitted to the NSSAR Newsletters and Publications Committee Chairman by December 15. Details can be found at: <https://www.sar.org/committees/newsletters-and-publications-committee/>. Send to swampfoxsar@gmail.com.

Robert B. Vance Website Award

Deadline: April 1
This is a National award and is presented during the Annual Congress. This award has two levels Chapter and State Society. Details of the competition are available from the NSSAR Information Technology Committee at <https://www.sar.org/committees/information-technology-committee/>

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

Event Date: 1st Saturday in March
This event commemorates the last naval battle of the American Revolution which took place off the eastern Florida coast near Cape Canaveral. For additional details, contact the Chairman of the Last Naval Battle Committee.

Battle of Pensacola Commemorative Celebration

Event Date: May
This event commemorates the Battle of Pensacola. For additional details, contact the Chairman of the Battle of Pensacola Committee.

Battle of Thomas Creek Commemorative Celebration

Event Date: Last Saturday in March
This event commemorates the Battle of Thomas Creek. For additional details, contact the Chairman of the Battle of Thomas Creek Committee.

Monthly Deadlines

These items are required on most months.

Chapter Newsletter

Send your chapter newsletter via post or email to FLSSAR Historian and to FLSSAR Newsletter & Periodicals Committee Chairman. The former will allow your newsletter to be archived with the FLSSAR History. The latter will enter your newsletter into the annual FLSSAR Chapter Newsletter contest to swampfoxsar@gmail.com.

Quarterly Deadlines

These items are required to be completed prior to each Board of Management Meeting

Public Service and Heroism Awards

After making the award at your chapter, complete the NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Award Reporting Form (<https://www.sar.org/resource-repository/>) and send to the FLSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee chairman.

Veterans Affairs Activity

Report any chapter activity regarding veterans to the FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman.

Quarterly Chapter Activities

Report all your chapter activities for the most recent period to your Regional Vice President so that the work may be published in the Board of Management Meeting Proceedings Book. Please be sure to include information on flag certificates presented during the time period of your report.

Quarterly Color Guard Activities

Report all your Color Guard activities for the most recent period to the Color Guard Commander so that they may be published in the Board of Management Meeting Proceedings Book.

Ongoing Items and Responsibilities

The following need to be completed as needed throughout the year.

Member Change of Addresses or Phone Number

Send the changes to the FLSSAR Secretary. Please include the member's National number.

Deceased Members

Use <https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/EnabledObituaryReport.pdf> to report deceased members. Post or email the form to the FLSSAR Secretary AND the FLSSAR Chaplain.

ETF reimbursements

Chapters may submit requests to the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee from January 1 to November 15 for activities completed between November 1 of the previous year and October 31. These basically include 100% reimbursement for medals to non-SAR members and 75% reimbursement for other approved activities. Instructions and guidelines: https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/ETF_ApplicationForm.pdf

DAR Recruiting Contest

Every year at the NSSAR National Congress the National Society presents the DAR / SAR Award to the DAR state society that recruits the most members for SAR during the calendar year. Please complete this form (<https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/EnabledDARfinderForm-Revised.pdf>) and submit it with the membership application that resulted from the DAR referral.

Present a Flag Certificate

Each chapter is asked to present one Flag Certificate which recognizes an individual or group for "Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States". Report the presentation to your Regional Vice President.

Liberty Tree

Report the dedication of a Liberty Tree to FLSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Chairman. Also include this in the chapter's quarterly report to the Regional Vice President.

NSSAR Library – Friends of the Library Program

Individuals and Chapters are encouraged to become a "Friend of the SAR Library" with a donation of \$25 per year. Please be sure to renew your membership in this program when it comes due.

Youth Scholarship Contests and Programs

The following youth scholarship contests and programs are sponsored by the FLSSAR. Deadlines listed here are also included in the "Deadlines for Specific Events" section above. They are repeated here for ease in seeing the full slate of programs for our youth.

Good Citizenship Program for 5 and 6 Graders

Deadline: Spring

Chapters provide one or two Good Citizenship Certificates to 5 and 6 grade classrooms at local elementary schools. The certificates can be obtained without cost from the FLSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate Committee Chairman.

Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

Deadline: April 1

Purpose: To help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade curriculum. Use the following to find the guidelines and entry form:

<https://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Forms/Americanism%20Elementary%20School%20Poster%20Letter.pdf>

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Deadline: December 15

Information about this contest can be found at:

<https://www.sar.org/committees/rumbaugh-orations-contest-committee/> Included on the website are rules, judging criteria, and much more. In order to enter a contestant from your local chapter contact FLSSAR Rumbaugh Chairman mid-December.

High School History Fairs

Deadline: Fall

Chapters are encouraged to contact their local school system to determine if a local History Fair will be conducted. If so, the chapter is encouraged to recruit knowledgeable members willing to serve as judges and to offer this service to the Fair organizers. The Fairs are typically held later in the school year but arrangements must be made in the fall. Contact FLSSAR History Fairs Chairman for more details.

George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Scholarship Contest

Deadline: January 30

Information about this contest can be found at

<https://www.sar.org/committees/knight-essay-contest-committee/> Included on the website are rules, judging criteria, and much more. The FLSSAR contest is primarily run at the state level however local chapters are welcome to conduct local contests. If your chapter wishes to participate alter the rules found on the website changing the section on how to submit an entry. The State Chairman needs to have the winning essay, the names of the other participants, and the one page Chapter form for the contest found on the NSSAR website in the Knight Essay Section.

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship

Deadline: December 31

Scouts who are currently active in their unit and have not reached their 19 birthday during the year of application are eligible to enter the scholarship competition. Contest details and the applications form can be found at the National Website at: <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/>

JROTC Program

Deadline: Spring

In the JROTC program chapters present the SAR JROTC medal and certificate to an outstanding cadet chosen by the local unit

commander. Additional information can be found at <https://www.sar.org/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program-3/>

Enhanced JROTC Contest

Deadline: March 31

The JROTC contest is open to cadets in their next to last year (typically juniors). The nomination form can be found at: <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Enhanced-JROTC-Program-Nomination-Form-Instructions.pdf>

Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

Deadline: January 2

The FLSSAR is not heavily involved in this National program. However, if your chapter knows of an exceptional middle or high school American History teacher you might consider entering them into this contest. Specifics can be found at: <https://www.sar.org/committees/american-history-teacher-award>

Endowment Trust Fund Distribution Committee

Hopefully all our chapters have had a busy spring and made lots of awards that the ETF will gladly reimburse. The ETF program year doesn't end until November 1st. but there is no use waiting until the last minute. Be sure to use the current form on the state web site so you see all the increases we made last fall as well as a form that is better overall. Remember these awards are for non-SAR members, medals are reimbursed at 100% and other activities at 75%. This is a great way to reach out to your community. And it helps generate membership.

Ron Grove

ETFG Committee Chairman

Host Region BOM Assignments

At each Florida Society BOM meeting, volunteers are needed to host the membership table; as well as, the hospitality room. At the table where members come to get their packages at each Board of Management meeting, several people are needed Friday morning and Saturday morning. Depending on the meeting, additional members may be needed.

For the hospitality room, volunteers are needed to man when it is open. Refreshments such as K-cup coffees, soft drinks, individual size chip packages, cracker packages, cookie packages, and candy are to be acquired before each meeting. The specific guidelines for host registration and hospitality are found in the FLSSAR Standing Rules located under the Governing Documents tab of the flssar.org website.

The projected schedule of the regions to assist at the upcoming BOM meetings that volunteers are needed are as follows: (a) Fall 2023 – North Central, (b) Spring 2024 - North

West, (c) Spring 2025 – East Central, Fall 2025 – South West, (d) Spring 2026 – South East, and (e) Fall 2026 North East. Please consider volunteering at future meetings as needed.

Florida Genealogy Committee Report

On 19 May 2023 at the Spring BOM the Genealogy Committee presented a morning session on “SAR Genealogy Part 1”.

The primary objective of this session was to present an “overview” of the New Member Application Process. Hopefully this session will better equip a Chapter who has a New Genealogist or may want to start their own Chapter Genealogy Committee.

Key points of this sessions were:

1. Communications with Applicant
2. Determining Patriot Ancestor Eligibility
3. Documents Provided by Applicant vs. Genealogis
4. Proof Documents Needed and Where to Find Them
5. Tips on how to proof your own work
6. Final Stage of Process
7. Applicant sign and collect checks
8. Cover Letter to State Registrar (Not required but a good idea)
9. List out inconsistency and/or possible conflicting/weak data.
10. Keep Applicant informed as his application moves through the approval process.
11. Invite New Applicant to Chapter Meetings before application is approved.
12. An overview of the “Online” application Pro/Cons:

National continues to improve the “Online” application form. If you haven't tried it recently, you shouldFall BOM will be a demonstration of the SAR Online Application Form

Florida Genealogy Zoom Calls Next Zoom Call will be September 11, 2023,

If you would like a copy of this Power Point, just send an email to WArnold.SAR@GMail.com.

J. Gray Chandler

FLSSAR Genealogy Committee Chairman

New Members

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

Gilmour III, James Roger	Withlacoochee
Rowell, Roger	Jacksonville
Reed, Douglas Mark	Jacksonville
Robbins, Paul Vivian	Jacksonville
Howard, Russell Walter	Emerald Coast
Kennedy Jr, William Altman	Jacksonville
Bostwick, Karl Eric Carter	Jacksonville
DeBold, Paul Johnston	Ft Lauderdale
McCaughin, Michael Edward	Central Florida
Hargrave, Shane Trace	Lake-Sumter
Smith, Kellen Grant	The Villages
Maples, Hunter Lynn	Lake-Sumter
Schmidt, David Karl	Jacksonville
McGhee, Truman	St Petersburg
McGhee, Timothy Sean	St Petersburg
Kelly, Alexander McGhee	St Petersburg
McGhee, Miles Phenix	St Petersburg
Hawke, Logan Alexander	Central Florida
Hawke, John Freeman	Central Florida
Bihr Jr, Robert Francis	The Villages
Anderson, Ryan Jon	South Shore
Stewart, Robert Harold	Caloosa
Waite, Michael Stephen	The Villages
Maynard, Gregory Carson	Okeechobee
Raskin, Craig Allen	South Shore
Stames, David Hampton	Jacksonville
Hughes, Lawrence Joseph	Caloosa
Lentz, Frederick Meredith	Okeechobee
Anselmo, Peter Harwood	Brevard
Nash, Timothy Steven	Naples
Loyd, Gregory Howard	Brevard
Eitenmiller, Kenneth Gustav	Charlotte
Yearwood, Charles John	Miami
Walker, Kevin Paul	Caloosa
Walker, Kory McDonald	Caloosa
Garrison, William Scott	Palm Beach
Garrison, Gregory Scott	Palm Beach
Garrison, James Michael	Palm Beach
Lively, Douglas Morgan	Central Florida
Castle, John Krob	St Petersburg
Castle, David Alexander	St Petersburg

Castle, William Emmett	St Petersburg
Castle, Edward Clyo James	St Petersburg
Castle, Matthew Alexander	St Petersburg
Blocker, Jeremiah Ray	St Augustine
McEntire, James Dwight	Clearwater
Pitts, Douglas Jay	Jacksonville
Gorman, Harrison Alexander	Central Florida
McCullough, Marshall Wayne	St Augustine
Gaines, William Coyle	William Dunaway
Roland, Dorman Thomas	William Dunaway
Roland, Wyatt Allen	William Dunaway
Vislocky, William Chisholm	Tallahassee
Feind, Christopher	Flagler
Feind, Luke Anthony	Flagler
Branham, Richard Austin	Central Florida
Branham, John Douglas	Central Florida
Branham, Christopher James	Central Florida
Quinn Jr, John Edward	Saramana
Boone, Max Christopher	The Villages
Millman, Richard Conley	The Villages
MacDonald, Keith Edwin	Jacksonville
Barker, Christopher Charles	Daytona-Ormond
Zurbruggen, Richard Allen	Caloosa
Thompson Jr, John Andrew	Central Florida
Nowicki, George Andrew	Central Florida
Taylor, Mark David	Central Florida
McGillicuddy, Steven Vose	Palm Beach
Marshall, Howard Eugene	Central Florida
Marshall, Michael Arnold	Central Florida
Marshall, John Carl	Central Florida
Krause, Eric Richard	Central Florida
Krause, Matthew Thomas	Central Florida
Townsend, David Marshall	Central Florida
Lee, Edward Elden	Withlacoochee
Amason Jr, Robert Frank	St Augustine
Keith, Brian Edwin	St Augustine
Moore, Scott Andrew	Ft Lauderdale
Mahaffey, Kenneth Robert	St Augustine
Schnauss, Roy Harris	Jacksonville

Gainer, Richard Alton	The Villages
McGaver, James Donald	Caloosa
Dickinson, Walter Clifford	Ft Lauderdale
Anderson, John Thomas	Clearwater
Sisson, Esward Francis	Ft Lauderdale
Sisson, John Barrett	Ft Lauderdale
Sisson, Matthew Cassidy	Ft Lauderdale
Hand, Jesse Altman	Jacksonville
Hand, Paul Andre'	Jacksonville
Hamborsky Jr, Dwight Kelsey	Tampa
Fox, Edward Arnold	Clearwater
Balmer, Barry Paul	Clearwater
Taylor, Thomas Clayton	Saramana
Abney, Gary Lynn	Clearwater
Wyman, Gregory Wayne	The Villages
Wright, Paul James	The Villages
Reese, Noel Randall	Charlotte
Dove, Robert Alexander	Emerald Coast
Crumley, Jay Kevin	Daytona-Ormond
Tucker, Lyle Bennett	Jacksonville
Tucker, Stanley Edwin	Jacksonville
Tucker, Kenneth Anthony	Jacksonville
Tucker, Lannie Loel	Jacksonville
Bridgford, Bradley Sheats	Central Florida
Bridgford, Scott Michael	Central Florida
Rich Jr, John Paul	Jacksonville
Rich, Thomas Edward	Jacksonville
Bock, Warren Everett	The Villages
Carey, Scott	Withlacoochee
Schmelling, William Allen	Jacksonville
Barnett, Robert Ira	Palm Beach
Spear, Eugene Edwin	Ft Lauderdale
Tilson, Timothy Michael	Jacksonville
Smith, Bruce Harris	The Villages
Alexander, Landon David	Jacksonville
Sparks, David Frederick	Jacksonville
Petri Jr, Jack Michael	Flagler

The Last Roll

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

Hoffman, Richard Cooley	Central Florida
Wiseman Jr, Roderick Jefferson	The Villages
Arnold, John Buchanan Avery	Ft Lauderdale
May, Michael Leffie	Jacksonville
Shands, Willie Wendell	Naples
Patterson, Lawrence Robert	Clearwater
Blackburn, James Ross	Palm Beach
Dreyfoos, Alexander Wallace	Plam Beach
Higginbotham, Manson Earl	Ft Lauderdale

Myra J Bushnell (1942 – 2023)

It is with deep sympathy that the Florida Society SAR announce the passing of Myra Bushnell. She was the wife of Scott Bushnell who attended various BOM meetings with him over the years and participated in various positions of the Ladies Auxiliary. She will be missed. Below is her obituary.



Myra Joyce Bushnell, age 80, of Clermont, Florida passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023. A visitation for Myra will be held Monday, June 19, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Hardage - Giddens Greenlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, 4300 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207. A funeral service will occur Monday, June 19, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 4300 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207. A committal service will occur Monday, June 19, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Greenlawn Cemetery, 4300 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.GreenlawnJacksonville.com for the Bushnell family. The obituary information was also published by Hardage-Giddens Greenlawn Funeral Home - Jacksonville on Jun. 15, 2023.



Chapter News

Caloosa Chapter



The Compatriots gathered together at their May Chapter Meeting, and took pride in honoring two outstanding police officers who had been nominated for the 2023 Law Enforcement Awards by their respective departments.

The Florida Highway Patrol nominated Trooper David Blake for the 2023 Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, for his dedication and excellent police work in diligently and repeatedly addressing and stopping drivers engaged in reckless driving and racing, which are both arrestable offenses, and extremely dangerous driving behaviors for the drivers involved and all other road users in the area. The nomination papers recounted the fact that Trooper Blake has frequently chased down vehicles at speeds exceeding 90 mph, and on one occasion travelling more than 120 mph. Crashes, roll-overs and foot chases frequently followed. Trooper Blake was commended for his daily work ethic and efforts in keeping Florida roadways safe! He was accompanied to our meeting by Lt. Derek Daniels of the FHP and his friend, Kaylee Taylor.

Officer Michael Jackson of the Cape Coral PD was presented with the 2023 SAR Lifesaving Award. Last Jan. 22, Officer Jackson responded to an overdose at an apartment building in Cape Coral. As recounted by his Department's nomination papers, upon Officer Jackson's arrival, he ran up to the fourth floor of the building and made contact with the patient who was lying on the floor in the doorway. The patient was blueish, had no pulse, and was not breathing. Officer Jackson immediately began administering CPR as a lifesaving effort. Officer Jackson felt a faint pulse after a few minutes, but there was

still no breathing. Undaunted, Jackson continued CPR until EMS personnel arrived and took over lifesaving efforts. We are lucky indeed to have such people to see to our health, safety and welfare, and who won't quit until they know we are okay. Officer Jackson was accompanied by his wife, Jessica, and commanding officer, Captain Dina Cox.

A better group of officers and guests you couldn't wish for. We were proud to have the chance to recognize and thank them for their service.



Proudly holding their induction certificates, issued by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, are the newest inductees to our Caloosa Chapter. Standing from left to right are our Chapter President Tom Thompson, Inductee Robert H. Stewart, Inductee Lawrence J. Hughes, and Registrar Chris Jenner. Both inductees took the oath, received their certificates, and are proud to have joined us as fellow Compatriots. Both are thankful to Chris who worked diligently to help them through the process, and our President, Tom Thompson, remarked that our total Chapter membership now stands at 103, with still more applicants working their way through the process. With a smile, Tom concluded his remarks on this most recent induction ceremony by commenting that "We've now officially overgrown our meeting room at Famous Daves!"



Central Florida Chapter



Pictured above is from the Frederica Naval Action Ceremony that took place on April 22, 2023 at the Saint Simons Casino located in Saint Simons, Island. Compatriot Phil Markoe and Compatriot Harry Rinker served in the color guard at this event.

At the May meeting, Dr. David Head, UCF Professor gave a presentation titled "George Washington & the Conspiracy!" This meeting was also the meeting in which new chapter officers were installed and award presentations were made.

Harry Rinker, the chapter Registrar, reported that four applications are under review at the state level and several are under review at National and that he gave a status on supplemental applications that are as follows: Supplemental applications for James and Robert Sagan for Patriot William Marshall and Patriot John Marshall were registered on 03/31/23. A supplement application for Burt Fairchild should be reviewed by the end of May or early June.

Clearwater Chapter





During the months of April and May of this year our Chapter honored twenty-four (24) High School students in eighteen (18) different schools within Pinellas and Pasco County's. Students were given either the Bronze Good Citizenship or the Bronze JROCT Medal and Certificate.

We also gave out thirty-two (32) Good Citizenship Pins to the Girl Scouts of West Florida.

All Awardees were selected for their leadership, team building and providing service/talent to their community. These students are our future leaders, and we should all wish them the best, they will all shape our future.

In late April Members of the Clearwater Chapter (Robbie Robinson and Walter Arnold) in full Revolutionary War uniforms gave a presentation to JROTC cadets from Dunedin High School on leadership and History of the American Flag at a meeting sponsored by MOWW (aka Military Order of World Wars). The Clearwater Chapter also had their first annual "Patriot Day Picnic" with members from the Caladesi Chapter of the DAR. Next year we plan on inviting the Tampa and St Petersburg Chapter along with other DAR Chapters from the area.

This year as in past years the Clearwater Color Guard along with Members from the St. Petersburg Chapter help place 28,000 flags at the Bay Pines VA Cemetery. In total there were about 450 volunteers it took about two (2) hours to get all 28,000

flags placed.

The Clearwater Color Guard along with the Tampa Color Guard posted the Colors at the DeSoto Chapter of the DAR for Flag Day. Both Chapters also have participated in welcoming home Veterans from their Honor Flight at St Petersburg / Clearwater Airport in May and June of this year.

During the first five (5) months of 2023 the Clearwater Chapter has added six (6) New Members, we have ten (10) more at National and another three (3) that will be in the mail to our State Registrar later this week. It would seem as if our "Recruiting" of New Members is paying off, we have tried to keep our current Members "active and engaged" in our Chapter to "Retain" those Members and hopefully we will have been proactive to "Reinstate" Members if needed to maintain a firm Member base to build on for 2024.

Lastly this year has been a difficult year with the loss of several key Members. So far, we have lost four (4) Chapter Members, just in the early part of 2023. Those gone but not forgotten are, Lewis Barthlof a Member of 6 years, George Pratt Member of our Color Guard, past Chapter President & Member for 17 years, Dan Hooper a Member of our Color Guard, past Chapter President, Patriot Medal Recipient 2014 & Member for 20 years and Larry Patterson a Member of our Color Guard and Chapter Secretary for the last 7 years. We miss them all!

As for the monthly meetings, the March 15th meeting was when Compatriot Russell Pebworth gave a presentation about Revolutionary War armaments. Then on April 15. Members of the Clearwater Chapter provided Color Guard services at a remembrance of Clearwater DAR member Abby Crawford Milton at Sylvan Abbey Cemetery. She passed away in 1991 at the age of 110. While our April 19th meeting was when Compatriot Robbie Robinson gave a presentation about Revolutionary War uniforms. Arthur Hays received the Military Service Medal. Then at the May 17th meeting, Robert Yarnell gave a presentation concerning teaching about the Revolutionary War. Freeman Stallions received the Military Service Medal.

Flagler Chapter



On December 27, 2022, a Sons of the American Revolution Certificate in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism for the Display of the American Flag was presented to Stephen Gombar by Flagler Chapter Vice President John Feind. Steve and Rita Gombar are long-term residents of Flagler Beach. Steve has proudly displayed the flag for many years. The depth of his Patriotism has been an inspiration to his neighbors and the numerous people who pass his home daily. In photo, left to right, Compatriot David Kelsey, Steven Gombar and Vice President John Feind.



On March 29th, 2023, Flagler County Sheriff Office (FCSO) Detective Austin Dalrymple (Center) was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate at the newly opened Sheriff's Office Operations Center in Bunnell by members of the Flagler Chapter SAR during an FCSO training session. Detective Dalrymple was chosen for his superior performance during 2022 which included locating a severely drunk driver and stopping him from driving further. The driver would not cooperate; however, Detective Dalrymple was able to detain the driver and keep him from hurting anyone. In attendance and assisting in the presentation were the Flagler County Sheriff, Compatriot Rick Staly (Right) and FCSO Chief of Staff, Compatriot Mark Strobbridge. Past President Randall Morris presented the history of the Law Enforcement Medal which was then presented by Chapter Past President Charles Hayes (Left). Flagler Chapter Members also present were 1st Vice President John Feind, Compatriot David Kelsey, and Compatriot Jack Petri.



The southernmost battle of the Revolutionary War occurred in north Florida at Thomas Creek on May 12, 1777. This year's 9th Annual Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike marked the start of the Flagler Chapter's celebration of the 250 year anniversary of the birth of our nation on July 4th, 1776. On Saturday, January 28th, 2023, Flagler Chapter Compatriots and a member of the Florida Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary hiked the purported Thomas Creek Battlefield area and probable Patriot encampment area. At the trailhead, Flagler Compatriots (Left to Right) David Kelsey, 2nd VP Charles Hayes, President Randy Conway, and 1st VP John Feind proudly displayed the SAR Banner. At the Battle Site, alongside Houston Creek, the Flagler Compatriots and Victoria Kelsey, a member of the Florida Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary.

Gainesville Chapter



The Gainesville Chapter was pleased to end some of its year's activities as Eastside High School in Gainesville (Alachua Co.). Our Chapter endeavored to work with various high schools in our area to get their students to enter the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. One of those schools, Eastside, had a student, Michelle Xu, who entered via our Chapter and was awarded Third Place at the state level. We were (and are) so proud of her that we wanted to congratulate her in person. So Chapter President Dave Thomas and Chapter First Vice President Mike O'Loughlin visited her history class. Trivia questions about the Revolution

were asked and the knowledge shown of the Revolution by the classroom of 11th Grade students was amazing and heartening to see. Miss Xu was most grateful to receive certificates and checks from the State and Chapter and well as the appropriate medal. As an added bonus, Cathy Thomas of the Ladies Auxiliary was also able to present Rachel with a certificate and check to recognize her achievement. While Rachael Xu was most grateful to all three groups for their support of her efforts and her higher education aspirations, all were hopeful that Miss Xu's bounty and the support of the Eastside history department will lead to more entries in next year's competition.

Highlands Chapter

On Saturday April 15 and Sunday April 16, 2023, Highlands Chapter SAR held a Patriot's Day Celebration at the Pearce Lockett Liberty Tree in Fort Basinger between Sebring and Okeechobee. Color and Honor Guard from Okeechobee and Highlands chapters held a flag and black powder firing ceremony at noon both days. The audience joined after the second musket salute in singing God Bless America. SAR has been an integral part of the annual Highlands Heritage Festival since dedication of the 450 year old Live Oak Liberty Tree, April 18 2021 at the first Heritage Festival. That festival was also the 100th Birthday of Highlands County



The second Heritage Festival was March 2022, so Highlands Chapter, assisted by Okeechobee Chapter Color Guard, inducted the Liberty Tree into the National Live Oak Society, an association of Ancient Live Oaks.

In 1875, John Mizell Pearce took his pay as an Indian Scout in the Third Seminole War as a land grant of 175 acres on the Kissimmee River. It included the site of the original Fort Basinger, built in the Second Seminole War. Three generations of the Pearce family continued the cattle ranch, beginning the present house in 1897 and the school house in 1910.



By the time the third generation, Edna Pearce Lockett died, the Estate had grown to 7700 acres. Edna's trust specified the buildings must be maintained as a historic site and opened to the public as is feasible. A government agency took over, ignored the buildings for 20 years until a judge ordered the 17 acre home site sold. A successful businessman, Butch Thompson and his wife bought it, have personally restored the hundred year old house and school house, built a steel pavilion and made all handicapped accessible.. This year, Butch replaced the barn

the government ignored with an open entertainment center, same door shape as the old barn.

The Thompsons formed the Non-Profit Highlands Heritage Association to open it to the public and sponsor the Heritage Festivals.

Although SAR is a small part of the Festival, it is the most visible part and gets the Lion's share of the publicity. The Liberty Tree is a focal point of the event. This year's program gave most of the front page to SAR and DAR. The iconic photo of the 2021 dedication was the main photo of the brochure.

Hopefully SAR will consider other events at this historic and legendary location. They have been a part of it since dedicating the Liberty Tree in 2021, and should take advantage of that position. A conference was scheduled in conjunction with the Sebring Airport hotel in 2022, but was cancelled due to Covid. It is the goal of the Thompsons and the Heritage Association to have more Historical and educational events at the homestead.

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.



Lake-Sumter Chapter

Our last meeting for this "program year" was a great ending to the year. We had 15 members and 12 guests. David Thomas, our Regional Vice-President attended and swore in our new officers: Tim Donihi, President; Mark Mann, 1st Vice-President; William Overbay, Treasurer and Ronald Grove, Secretary. 2nd Vice-President, Gary Hensley could not attend as he is recovering from surgery. He will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Our program presenter, Ena Dupree, spoke on the Muslim Religion and its impact in America. Ms. Dupree was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her presentation. Then our Rumbaugh Oration chapter winner, Amandalesly Miranda from Wildwood Middle High School, was introduced. She was second in the state competition. She presented her oration and received a standing ovation. Compatriot Donihi then presented her with certificates and checks from the chapter, the state SAR and the state Ladies Auxiliary.

Our chapter Elementary school Poster contest winner, Faith Brown from Lake Prep, was introduced. She attended with her family and displayed her poster. She had already received the awards for being our chapter winner and 3rd in the state competition/ President Donihi announced that at the recent BOM the chapter received an honorable mention certificate and banner for the Chapter Challenge. President Donihi then made the following awards: Past Presi-

dent Allan Lane - Meritorious Service Medal – for his support to Presidents Grove and Donihi, Jim Carl – 5 Year Membership pin and Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the chapter. Past President - plaque in appreciation of his 3 years as chapter president. He also had been treasurer, first VP and chairman of our youth contests.

Previously we participated in a Liberty Tree dedication at a nearby VFW. This was arranged by Compatriot Stewart Dunaway and included Compatriot Allan Lane and Compatriots Tim Donihi, Jim Carl and John Moore in uniform and part of the color guard. As an offshoot of this we are planning a Liberty Tree this fall at Umatilla High. Compatriots Allan Lane and Tim Donihi presented Good Citizenship medals to outstanding students at the three school levels at Montverde Academy. We have done this for several years and it began because the Headmaster had received a Good Citizenship medal when he was growing up. Montverde Academy is an outstanding institution with students from over 40 countries.

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”, Palm Beach SAR Chapter continues to focus on *Veterans Services, Youth Programs, Law Enforcement/ First Responder* recognition awarding **6** medals to Police & Firefighters.



Compatriot Ben Tidwell presented **8 JROTC** medals, **1 Knight Essay Contest** medal and **1 Eagle Scout** medal. The Chapter continued its commitment to youth higher education with its annual **Compatriot Alex Dreyfoos History Scholarship** donating \$2,000 to the *Palm Beach Atlantic University History Major* program. The Chapter’s 2023 scholarship represents over 20 years and \$20,000 in scholarships provided for university students.

The Chapter inducted **4** new Compatriots including; **Daniel Bird, David Harden, Kyle Peterson** and **Nathaniel Benjamin Stephens, age 2**, Grandson of Compatriot *Benjamin Tidwell III*. Compatriot Lanman delivered the Chapter’s annual **CAR** support donation to *CAR President Hamilton*.



Compatriots Lanman & Parkinson, in RW uniforms, and working with local DAR Daughters delivered a brief *History of Bunker Hill* program and presented **30 American Flags** to the **2nd** grade students at the Lantana elementary school for Memorial Day.

Esteemed Compatriots James Blackburn & Alexander Dreyfoos have passed. Both are remembered at special *Chapter Memorial Services* as devoted Husbands, Fathers, Grandfathers, Veterans, Professionals, Civic Volunteers, Philanthropists and SAR Patriots.



Chapter President Bird & FMR President Lanman presented **Junior Compatriot Beau Kimler** with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Chapter's Veterans Services Committee collecting food items for local Homeless Veterans. Compatriot Kimler also works with the **Veterans Quilts of Honor** program providing Patriotic Quilts to Veterans.



Chapter Compatriots were represented at 3 major Memorial month events including *Flags 4 Fallen Vets* placing American Flags at Veteran Tombstones, *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day* wreath laying and *DAR Regents American Flag Retirement Ceremony*.

Pensacola Chapter

On May 8th, the Pensacola Heritage Foundation hosted their annual Galvez Day Celebration, and once again this year, the Sons of the American Revolution presented the Parade of Colors to open the ceremonies. This year, the SAR was represented by chapters from around the Southeast including chapters from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and of course Florida. This year's Parade of Colors started at Fort George and saw the SAR Color Guard come down the center of Palafox to the Galvez Monument at Wright Street as the audience watched from the monument. In addition to the presentation of colors, this year the Florida State Society President, Earl Matthews, brought greetings on behalf of the SAR, and Pensacola Chapter President, Chris Washler, joined NSDAR Honorary Vice-President General, Ginger Poffenberger, in laying the ceremonial wreath during the event. To top off the festivities, the SAR Color Guard presented a musket salute to end the ceremony.

At our June meeting, Col. Ben Findley, USAFR (Ret.) spoke about the Gadsden Flag. Then at the July meeting, Joe Vinson came and talked about his "Lost Pensacola" project. This project involved significant research into some of the Pensacola landmarks of the past. Iconic landmarks such as the San Carlos Hotel, the Towers at Cordova Park, and the Pensacola Opera House, and even the John Sunday House feature in his project.

Saramana Chapter



The Camp Nathaniel Green Color Guard (Saramana Chapter) participated again in the annual Sarasota Memorial Day Parade. The color Guard marched with US, SAR, and America 250 flags near the head of the parade. Following were the Ladies Auxiliary in colonial attire giving Betsy Ross flags to kids in the crowd. Local DAR ladies joined in the parade behind. Bringing up the rear was the trolley with members and friends who have difficulty walking the route. They waved to the crowd and held flags. Attendees in were, but not limited to, the following: Brad marble, Randy Randolph, Jenny Robbins (DAR), Pat Rook (Regent, Sara de Soto DAR), Jeff Robbins, John Fitzpatrick, Jill Fields, Steve Fields, Libby Paige, (DAR), Tim Milligan, Myrianna, Preston Adams, Sharon Milligan (DAR) Craig Paige, Colleen Paige, Cathy Hollar (DAR), Mrs. Hoppe, Wally Hoppe

In other news, the Saramana Chapter would like to congratulate Guardsmen Craig Paige and John Fitzpatrick for being awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal at the recent FLS-SAR Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, FL. Also, Saramana Ladies Auxiliary members Colleen Paige and Liberty (Libby) Paige were presented the Molly Pitcher Medal for conspicuous service to and long standing support of the color guard. Congratulations all!

St. Augustine Chapter

On July 4 2023, Sean Tonnelier, St Augustine chapter, on the left and Gene Page, Gainesville chapter, on the right participated in the Mickey 4th of July parade.





St. Petersburg Chapter

At the March 18th meeting, our guest speaker was Kristy Tozer from Tall Ships Saint Petersburg. Tall Ships Saint Petersburg is a festival of sailing ships that was held on March 30 to April 2 at the Port of Saint Petersburg. Ships included the Nao Trinidad, a working replica of Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria and the Pride of Baltimore, a ship similar to those used during the Revolutionary War period. Tall Ships Saint Petersburg is part of Tall Ships America, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving maritime history and enhancing education about sailing. We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Tozer.

At the April 15th meeting, our guest speaker was David Anderson of Discover Florida Tours. He spoke about his organization and the Jungle Prada Site in Saint Petersburg, which was the landing site of Spanish explorer Panfilo De Narvaez on April 15, 1528. We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Anderson.

At the May 20th meeting, our guest speaker was James Grayshaw, Past President of the Clearwater Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. He gave a presentation about the history of the Sons of the American Revolution and other fraternal patriotic organizations. We presented Compatriot Grayshaw with a Certificate of Appreciation. We also inducted Miles Phenix McGhee, Timothy Sean McGhee and Truman McGhee as new members.

Then on May 28th, members of the Saint Petersburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, with other civic and patriotic organizations, placed American flags at the grave markers at Bay Pines National Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.



Tampa Chapter

Our April meeting was held on the 15th; our speaker was Alexander Rose, the author of "Washington's Spies," which also became a TV show called "Turn." During the meeting, we gave JROTC medals and certificates to two outstanding cadets. One of the JROTC students, Cadet Trisha Sakamuri, was subsequently selected by both the FLSSAR and NSSAR as the Outstanding Cadet of the Year. She will receive her award at the upcoming National Congress in July.



Additionally, during the months of April and May of this year our Chapter honored several High School students in within Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, and an ROTC cadet at the University of South Florida. Students were given Bronze J/ROTC Medals and certificates.

On April 25th, at a meeting sponsored by the Military Order of World Wars, Chapter President Robbie Robinson gave a presentation to JROTC cadets from Dunedin High School on leadership, comparing and contrasting the leadership of Generals George Washington and Benedict Arnold. Dual member Walter Arnold from Clearwater gave a presentation on the History of the American Flag. Both compatriots were wearing their Revolutionary War uniforms.

Our May meeting was held on the 13th, one week earlier than our normal schedule, so as not to conflict with the FLSSAR BOM and annual meeting. Our speaker was Robert Yarnell, who gave a presentation called "A Revolution Not Made but Prevented."

On May 29th, the Tampa Color Guard supported the Memorial Day service which was held at American Legion Post #5 in Tampa, which has the only private cemetery for veterans. The Tampa Color Guard supported the DeSoto Chapter of the DAR for Flag Day on June 9th.



The Tampa Color Guard participated in supporting the Honor Flights at St Petersburg-Clearwater Airport on April 19th and June 13th. On both events, the Color Guard led several groups of returning veterans down the passenger corridor to a reception area with hundreds of citizens who welcomed these veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam back from their trip to Washington DC.



Compatriots Dave Bryant, Walter Arnold, Robbie Robinson, Matt Balencie, Dick Young, and Bill Swain at the St Petersburg-Clearwater Airport for the Honor Flight in April.

The Villages Chapter



A lot has been happening in The Villages Chapter in the second quarter of 2023. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. We are a young chapter, only 7 years old.

On Saturday, March 11, thirty-eight members attended a guided tour of The Villages' Eisenhower Recreation Center led by retired Colonel Harry Lumpkin. The Eisenhower Recreation Center opened in 2013, and over 3000 items were donated by residents for display there. After our tour, we went outside to see the Liberty Tree, which was donated to the Eisenhower Recreation Center grounds in 2018 by Villages SAR, John Bartram DAR, and Puc Puggy DAR chapters. This "Winged Elm tree" is similar to the original Liberty Tree in Boston, which served as a rallying point during the years leading up to the Revolutionary War, until British Troops cut it down in 1775. Some of our group had their picture taken surrounding the Liberty Tree.



On April 8, sixty-one people gathered to hear Captain Christie Mysinger from Lake County Sheriff's office speak about the 2nd Amendment, gun ownership, and Florida laws pertaining to it. Regional Vice President David Thomas attended our meeting. He told about the upcoming SAR National Congress meeting in Orlando on July 13-20 and that there was a need for volunteers. VP Thomas also conducted the induction ceremony for three new members.



On April 20, the Villages SAR participated in the dedication of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Wildwood. It was built by students from The Villages Charter High School's Youth Construction Academy. In speaking with one of the students, we learned that a company came in



and poured the foundation, but the students did all the rest. The dedication ceremony was quite moving. SAR was there to present a US flag, pole, and mounting bracket to the Duket family. Villages SAR President Jerry Byers presents US flag kit to the Duket family at dedication of their new home.



At our May 13 meeting, Mr. John Stewart portrayed our third US President Thomas Jefferson. He told how a Virginia lad, who lost his father at age 14, came to write the Declaration of Independence and went on to become President. He also commented on our US Constitution and some of the thinking behind it. In addition to the excellent program, we took in five new members.

In mid-May, for the third year in a row, The Villages SAR presented Citizenship awards to students in the 5th, 8th, and 12th grades at The Villages Charter Schools. Each winner received a certificate and a check. It is fun to be at the award ceremonies and get to meet the award winners, which are chosen by their teachers and counselors. It is also an opportunity to get the word out about SAR. Pictures of two of this year's winners are shown here.

On Sunday, May 28, a contingent of The Villages SAR members and spouses was joined by a few Wings of

William Dunaway Chapter



Gold (a Naval Aviation group in the Villages) members and their families to place Memorial Day flags in section 402 of the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.



On Saturday, June 10, our guest speaker was Betsy Ross, as portrayed by DAR member Tracy Suarez. Ms. Suarez is a member of the Ponce de Leon Chapter of DAR in Winter Haven. Ross, a young widow, attended Christ Church in Philadelphia along with the George and Martha Washington, and sat in the pew next to theirs. Washington wanted one flag to unite the colonies. Up until then, every colony and every militia group had their own flag! The design Washington proposed had six-pointed stars, but Betsy insisted on a five-pointed star which is easier to cut out using four folds of a cloth square and making just one cut. The timing of this program was excellent since Flag Day is June 14.



The Chipola DAR Chapter and William Dunaway SAR Chapter were invited by VFW Post 12046 to participate in the 2023 Memorial Day Program in Marianna, Florida. A beautiful memorial service for our fallen Veterans was presented on the steps of the Jackson County Courthouse in Marianna, Florida with good community support. DAR and SAR were privileged to be a part of the program and placed a memorial wreath on the courthouse square. A number of DAR and SAR members were in attendance.



Withlacoochee Chapter



Jace Mills age 9 who is a 4th grader at Hernando Elementary School in Hernando, Florida won the Elementary Poster Contest. He was accompanied by his mother Trina Mills. He was presented his Certificate and a monetary award of \$100 by President David Hitchcock at our regular meeting April 15, 2023. The theme was George Washington crossing the Delaware.



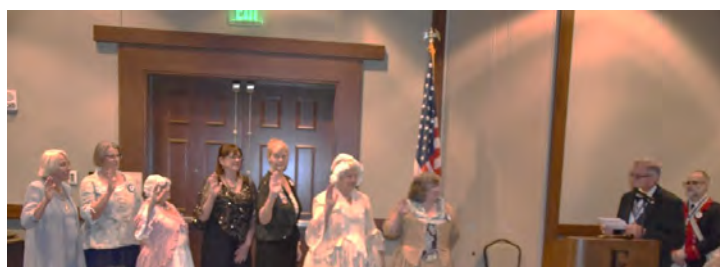
Vicki Brown is married to Stephen Brown currently our 2nd Vice President. In 2016 Stephen became the Registrar of our Chapter. Stephen Brown is totally blind since his 20s and has written a book about his blindness titled *"Visions in my Mind, Recollections of Life from a Blind man Living in a Sighted World"*. Stephen gave a speech to our chapter on his book at the November 12, 2022, meeting.

Stephen because of his blindness found it difficult to do the duties of Registrar so his wife Vicki Brown agreed to step in. Over the next six years Vicki faithfully fulfilled the registrar's duties. She vetted a total of 66 new applicants which were approved and inducted into our chapter. She also guided our new Registrar Tom Hellem in completing applications this past year. She also vetted and completed many supplemental applications for our chapter.

She was present at every meeting during those 6 years and always gave the Registrar's report in person reporting applications received, applications pending, applications at National and supplemental applications. She also drove the golf cart in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Inverness, Florida as her husband was the passenger handing out flag pins and constitution books to the parade attendees.

Vicki has previously been awarded the Martha Washington Medal. We feel that Vicki has fulfilled the requirements for this medal "...for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, and who has dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SAR." After the Medal was approved, she was awarded the Daughters of Liberty Medal at our regular meeting on January 14, 2023 by President David Hitchcock. This is the highest award that a woman can receive, and we thank her for her service to the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR.

Ladies Auxiliary Spring 2023 BOM



The Ladies Auxiliary Officers were installed Saturday evening by NSSAR President General Bruce Pickette. Pictured L to R: Historian Anne McGuire, Registrar Colleen Paige, Treasurer Jan Myles-Brunelle, Secretary Joni Laramore, Chaplain Debi Allen, Vice President Cara Elder, and President Jill Fields

Battle of Alligator Bridge

On June 17, 2023, the Jacksonville Chapter hosted its 2nd annual Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge in Callahan, FL. This commemorates the battle that occurred on June 30, 1778, and ended the 3rd of three failed attempts to capture East Florida for the Americans. Nine Patriots lost their lives. There were about 60 in attendance from multiple Florida chapters of the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R., Colonial Dames, and local dignitaries.





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

Dress Code for Saturday banquet: Business/Formal
 Colonial attire is always acceptable.

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Registration Fee (Members only) Enter "20" (or "35" as late fee)											\$ 20
Total Amount Due											\$ 20



You must reserve your hotel room with the Hotel at 407-597-4000 or via the online reservation link before October 6, 2023 deadline.

Due to contractual obligations with the hotel, meal reservations MUST be received ten days before the BOM – Oct 10, 2023. Submit your registration form by email, then USPS mail the check (payable to "FLSSAR") to:

FLSSAR c/o Scott Breckenridge
 1862 Buckridge Rd
 Jacksonville, FL 32225
 Email: sbreck61@gmail.com
 Phone: 904-226-9420

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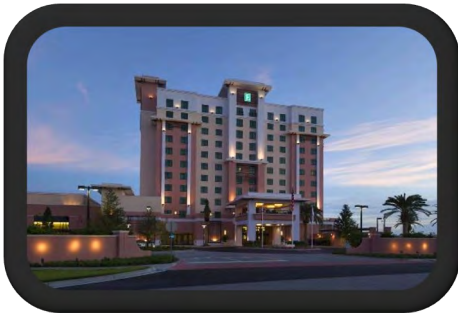


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FROM INTERSTATE 4 WEST - (from Tampa): From I-4, take exit #67 (SR 536/Epcot). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right and continue on SR536 approximately 2 miles to SR535. Turn right at this traffic light and go almost 2 miles and turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel is on the corner of SR535 & Kyngs Heath Rd.

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

FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, NORTH OR SOUTH: From the Florida Turnpike, take exit #249 (Osceola Parkway Exit), Head west upon getting on Osceola Parkway. Upon going across the 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.