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### FLSSAR 2023 Patriot Medal Recipients

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

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## Society President's Message



Friends and Compatriots,

Look back to the first steps that we all had to take in our SAR journey. Each of us was at one time a prospective member. I avoided the word "just" because no one is just a prospect. Each potential member is another living connection to our patriotic heritage. The duty we fulfilled to our own ancestors when we joined is a sacred one. We are faithful to past the by proving our lineage with evidence – whether that proof be easy to find or difficult. The length of our journey or the obstacles overcome do not define our membership journey. Stepping onto that path, following the course as it revealed itself, and striving on to the final destination is our true shared experience. Arriving at that destination defines us and engenders the respect that we have for each other as compatriots new or old.

With this in mind, look to our prospective members. When you hand out a business card at an event, get a phone call from a DAR, or get an email from state or national, each one of these prospective members has just found themselves at the start of a road that they have little to no idea of how to navigate. It is our responsibility as a society, as chapters, and as members of the SAR to respect the journey that this prospect has just started on. They seek to honor their past and their patriot ancestors like we all have. So, as they take that first step, we each incur a duty. It is our duty to encourage and support the prospective member on their journey. Each time an email goes unanswered, a referral form gets buried on a desk, or a phone call goes unreturned, we fail in our duty to the prospect, our oaths as members, and to the sacrifices of our ancestors. These men seek to become one of us. They look to us during their application process to see who we are as members and as an organization. How we support them on their journey and the impressions we make on them have a direct impact on whether they actually become a member of the SAR or whether they just hang some paper on their wall. My preference is that they actually join.

Build value with your future members. Invite them to luncheons before they are approved. Get them on your newsletter mailing list. Find them a mentor or buddy besides the Registrar/Genealogist that can introduce them to our organization. The enthusiasm of an involved chapter member is contagious. Prospects, whether they know it or not, want to associate with people and join organizations that are not just interesting but are interested in them. We have an automatic association with the prospective member by the very nature of our organization. We are a lineage society. We all descend from the patriots and heroes of the War for Independence. Share the stories of your patriots and listen to the stories of theirs. Show how the sharing of these stories in the context of a color guard event, a school speaking engagement, public service recognition, service to veterans, or any of the dozens of other ways we impact our communities goes on to honor our past and build a legacy for the future.

Too often we look at the prospective new member as a number. We all want bigger numbers. But numbers aren't members. Numbers last a single dues cycle. Numbers don't volunteer with the CAR. Numbers don't come to luncheon. Numbers don't become leaders of committees, chapters, or societies. Numbers don't grow. Members grow. Members have something that excites them about our organization. Is it a recognition program? Is it a youth contest? Is it the fellowship at luncheon? Is the camaraderie found in the ranks of the color guard? The answer is yes to all those things and more.



## 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>.



Prospective members are our potential future. If we respect them and support them, they can fulfill the unknowable potential in themselves and in their membership life. Our chapters and society will flourish. If they are taken for granted or left fallow on the path, then the limited resources that we expended to get another number will reap little of their promise indeed.

We should all wear the rosette with pride. We each took a chance, stepped off onto an unknowable path, and now find ourselves in the company of compatriots we can be proud to associate with. Look to every new prospect and see the potential in them as a member. Support them on their path, invite them into our society, share with them your passion, and be interested in their journey. Honor your past and theirs by helping them become their best – a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Yours in patriotic service,

**Steve R. Fields**

President, 2023-2024

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

## Calendar of Events

October 16, 2023: Commemoration of the Battle of Point Pleasant

December 15, 2023: 250th Anniversary Ceremony of the Boston Tea Party

February 29, 2024: Spring Leadership Meeting

March 16, 2024: Last Naval Battle Ceremony

March 23, 2024: 2024 Thomas Creek Ceremony

April 6, 2024: 2024 SAR Program Honoring France

July 10, 2024: 134th Congress in Lancaster, PA

## George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Committee

With the new school year for 2023-2024 getting underway, it would be a great time to engage with your local school systems to get involved with the many Youth Award Programs that we offer through the SAR. While I understand from our experiences last year some of the local school systems were reluctant to get involved with our different programs. I would suggest that there are a couple of other avenues that we could explore to get the word out about our Youth Awards Programs and give the students an opportunity to participate. If your chapters are involved with your local DAR Chapters, Scouting Programs or other civic organizations, they offer us a great opportunity to introduce our Youth Awards Programs to both parents and students. I would also recommend looking into the local Home School Programs that are being offered within many of our communities. Most of the entries in all of our Youth Awards Programs this past year came from students that were being home schooled. In fact most of our State winners this year were home schooled students with our Poster Contest winner placing fourth at NSSAR this year.

The 2024 Knight Essay Contest is currently underway with a deadline date of 31 December 2023 for the Chapter winners to be submitted to the FLSSAR State Chairman. Students must submit an original 800 to 1,200 word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or idea associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. The essays will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar, spelling and documentation.

The Chapter's winning essay must be submitted in five parts in the formats indicated as follows: 1. the Application (PDF); 2. the Bibliography (Word); 3. The Biography (Word); 4. The Essay (Word); 5. The Title Page (Word). This will allow

the judges to finalize their evaluations of the essay; make any minor corrections as necessary; and submit our State winner to the national NSSAR committee by their February 2024 deadline. FLSSAR prizes for the 2024 contest are \$1,000/\$500/\$250. The NSSAR prizes presented at 133<sup>rd</sup> NSSAR Congress this year were 1<sup>st</sup> - \$6,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$3,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$2,000; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$500; and 5<sup>th</sup> - \$500. See SAR.ORG for complete details.

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## Medals and Awards Committee

By Hampton E. Allen, Jr, Chairman

The NSSAR Official Handbook Vol 5: Individual Medals, Awards and Certificates was revised and updated effective April 24, 2023. The Medals Order of Precedence for wearing of the medals was completely revised. The Medals and Awards Committee would like to remind our compatriots to review the handbook to ensure that you are in compliance with the new guidelines. Additional several new medals were added to the handbook which will allow us to recognize our members for their contributions in the education of our young generations about our American History and the American Revolution.

**Henry Knox Achievement Medal:** This medal can be awarded by either the State (Silver) or the Chapter (Bronze). This medal may be presented to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that State Society or Chapter.

**Outstanding Young Member Medal:** This medal can be awarded by either the State (Silver) or the Chapter (Bronze). This medal is awarded to a member of the SAR who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued exemplary service to the Society at the State or Chapter level, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.

**Youth Education Medal:** This medal can only be awarded at the State level and recognizes sustained education of our youth by members of the SAR. The Compatriot presenting should develop and submit Presenter Sheets to the National Education Committee. Please refer to the NSSAR Handbook Vol V dated April 24, 2023 for further guidance on the requirements for this award.

**Youth Color Guard Medal:** This medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Recommendation for all State level medals and awards should be sent to the Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee as early as possible so we can ensure approval and availability of the requested medals prior to the Spring BOM/Annual meeting in May 2024.

## Chapter Challenge Contest

The Florida Society Chapter Challenge Contest is designed to recognize chapters for various activities that meet the goals of the SAR. Chapters are judged against each other based on size (small -red, medium-white, large-blue). The top three winners in each category are recognized at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. The contest period is the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

Scoring for the contest is done using the NSSAR Americanism Award / President General's Activity Streamer Combined Score Sheet, available on the NSSAR website (<https://www.sar.org/committees/americanism-committee/>). Chapters are encouraged to fill out the Scoresheet and submit it to the National competition. In addition, it should be sent to the State Secretary for inclusion in the FLSSAR submission and for the Chapter Challenge Contest. It is important to note that I need your submissions no later than February 1st, so that I can meet my deadline to National.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact Scott Breckenridge, Florida Society Secretary.

## Endowment Trust Fund Distribution Committee

I am very disappointed that I have received only 10 requests from 7 chapters. The total going out to those chapters is \$3,569. Hardly a dent in the \$20,000+ we have available for this year. The ETF program year doesn't end until October 30 but there is no use waiting until the last minute if you have done reimbursable activities. 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. Thanks to committee members, Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess for continuing to serve.

Ron Grove, Chairman

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society are accepting Nominations from Compatriots for the Florida Society SAR Officer positions for the 2024-2025 term.

Officer positions consist of: President, Senior Vice President, Regional Vice President (EC, NC, NW, SE, ED, WC, and SW), Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Editor, Webmaster, Member-at-Large, National Trustee, and Alternate National Trustee.

All compatriots who seek nomination for any officer position plus current officers seeking reelection are asked to review the Bylaws of the Florida Society Governing Documents in relation to specific officer qualifications and duties of the respective offices (Articles III and IV). The Florida Governing Docu-

ments are located on the Florida Society “Members Only” website [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org) and clicking on the “Information” tab.

All officer candidates as well as those seeking re-election for an incumbent office must complete the appropriate nomination form that can be found at [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org) by accessing the “Members Only,” tab and clicking on the “Forms” option under the “Reporting,” button. Both the “Officer Nomination Form” and the “Officer Renomination Form” are PDF fill-able forms and are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

All Nominations/Renominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman by 01 February 2024. Committee members are Hampton “Hamp” E Allen, Dale C Bottom, Earl “Matt” F Mathews, Thomas J Thompson and

Chairman Brian L Jensen

## Southern Paul Revere - Patriot Francis Salvador

Compiled & Edited by Donald Lanman Palm Beach Chapter

Francis Salvador, the first person of the Jewish faith to hold an elected office in the Americas, took his seat on the South Carolina Provincial Congress on January 11, 1775. Born in 1747, Salvador was descended from a long line of prominent Sephardic (Spanish) Jews who made their home in London.

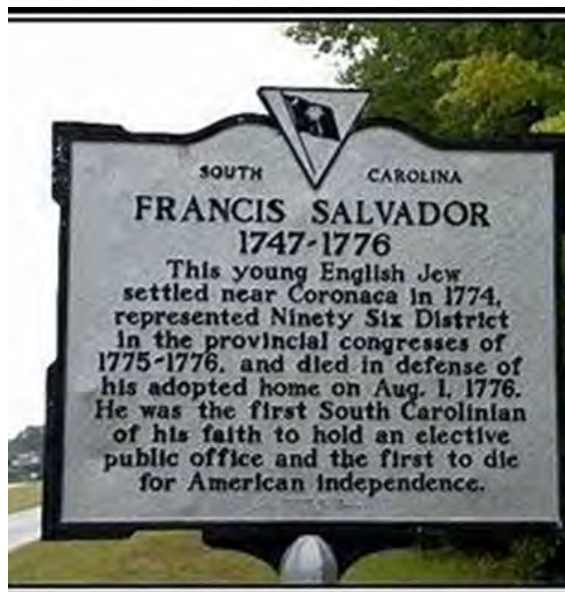
His great grandfather, Joseph, was the first Jewish director of the East India Company. His grandfather was influential in brave-moving a group of 42 Jewish colonists to Savannah, Georgia in 1733 despite the colony’s prohibition on Jewish settlers. The Salvadors then purchased land in South Carolina.

The Lisbon earthquake of 1755 destroyed the family’s Portuguese property and caused the East India Company to collapse draining the family’s resources, leaving the American property all the Salvadors had left.

In 1773, Francis Salvador left his wife and children in London to establish himself in South Carolina with the hope of rebuilding his family’s fortune in America.

Within a year of his arrival, Salvador won a seat in the South Carolina General Assembly. In 1774, South Carolinians elected Salvador to the Revolutionary Provincial Congress, which began meeting in January 1775, where Salvador spoke forcefully for the cause of Independence from Great Britain.

On July 1, 1775 Salvador earned the nickname “Southern Paul Revere” when he rode over 30 miles to



alert back country patriot settlements of a planned attack by Loyalist and Cherokees.

Exactly one month later, while leading a South Carolina Militia company, under the general command of Major General James Wilkinson, Salvador and his men were ambushed by Cherokees and Loyalists near present-day Seneca, South Carolina.

During the fierce battle, Salvador was shot and scalped by the Cherokees.

Colonial Colonel William Thompson’s After Action Report,

“Here, Mr. Salvador received three wounds; and, fell by my side. . . I desired Lieutenant Farar, to take care of Mr. Salvador; but, before he could find him in the dark, the enemy unfortunately got his scalp: which, was the only one taken. . . He died, about half after two o’clock in the morning: forty-five minutes after he received the wounds, sensible to the last. When I came up to him, after dislodging the enemy, and speaking to him, he asked, whether I had beat the enemy? I told him yes. He said he was glad of it, and shook me by the hand – and bade me farewell – and said, he would die in a few minutes.”



Although Salvador survived long enough to learn that the militia had won the battle, but he never learned that the South Carolina delegation to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia had taken his advice and voted for Independence from Britain.

Salvador died August 1776 at the age of 29, never able to bring his wife and children from London to the new country for which he fought so bravely.

The “Southern Paul Revere” was the first of his faith to hold public office, and the first recorded Jewish soldier killed in the Revolutionary War.



## New Members

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

Kimball, Raymond H	South Shore
Boll, Michael Stephen	Saramana
Boll, Christopher Royce	Saramana
Rau, John Philip	Saramana
Miller, Vincent Boll	Saramana
Miller, Henry Rittenhouse	Saramana
Miller, Gabriel Thorogood	Saramana
Miller, Finnian Rourke	Saramana
Felt, Danny Richard	The Villages
Procop, Gary Wayne	Tampa
Kalmbach, Kevin Lee	Saramana
Kennedy, William Altman	Jacksonville
Manos, Gillen Andrew	Central Florida
Manos, Arden Shaw	Central Florida
Stieper, Kevin George	South Shore
Stieper, Kurt Edward	South Shore
Meyer, John Christopher	Central Florida
Meyer, Christopher Robert	Central Florida
Blessing, Alan Reed	St Petersburg
Walde II, William Lowe	Palm Beach
Cowan, Craig Hamilton	Central Florida
Arnold, Michael Douglas	St Petersburg
Harvard, Jacob Ryan	Lakeland
Byers, Stephen Richard	Jacksonville
Brammer, Marc Allan	South Shore
Brammer, Evan James	South Shore
Brammer, John Michael	South Shore
Brammer, Conrad Joseph	South Shore
Brammer, Conrad Jeffrey	South Shore
McIntyre, William Warren	Daytona-Ormond
Allison, Paul Webster	Lake-Sumter
Lambiaso, Adam Vincent	Central Florida
Kuch, Rollin Earle	Clearwater
Kuch, John Eugene	Clearwater
Abadie, Jeffrey Warren	Clearwater
Abadie, Patrick Wayne	Clearwater
Summerville, Aaron Michael	Clearwater
Jett, Brandon Taylor	Caloosa
Scott, Rick	Miami
Madril, John Richard	Clearwater
Madril, John Daniel Ramos	Clearwater

Madril, David Joseph-Colquitt	Clearwater
Moore, Benjamin Jack	Saramana
Moore, Matthew William	Saramana
Martin, Kurt Floyd	Charlotte
Smith, Steven Francis	Caloosa
Kromer, Jeffrey Alan	Jacksonville
Piver, Bradley Ross	Saramana
Piver, Bradley Trey	Saramana
Nicholson, Carson Jeffrey	Jacksonville
Proctor, John Patrick	Palm Beach
Worden, Miles Mariner	Central Florida
Worden, Eric Whitney	Central Florida
Worden, Alec Miles	Central Florida
Auxer III, Guy Herbert	Palm Beach
Evanson, Bennett Harrigan	Saramana
Howe, Richard Willard	Central Florida

## The Last Roll

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

Death Date	National#	Name	Chapter
6/11/2023	207473	Oldham, Terry Robert	Lake-Sumter
7/20/2023	173751	Young, Lionel	Wm Dunaway





# Chapter News

## Brevard Chapter

The September 15th meeting was the DAR/SAR Constitution Day Meeting. We had a social time with lunch being served at 11:30 AM. Our guest speaker was Clifton Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a very highly recommended speaker on the Constitution. He is a decorated Korean War veteran, very active in his community in Bartow, FL. A Docent for a museum there in Bartow, has received the highest DAR award presented to civilians, retired from telecommunications position in Washington, DC, on the Florida Governor's Commission and many other accomplishments.

The Brevard Chapter has already started the planning process for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution event that is scheduled for March 16, 2024. Please put it on your calendar to attend.

The chapter would also like to bring to everyone's attention that Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, *The Council Courier* (August 2023) mentioned in their newsletter on pages 11-12 that the SAR National Congress visited to the VMC and dedicated of a new bench.

## Caloosa Chapter

The 133<sup>rd</sup> National Sons of the American Revolution Congress was hosted by the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in July. What you may not be aware of is the fact that members of the Caloosa Chapter were instrumental in planning and hosting a very successful congress. With less than fourteen months to organize and plan the event, Caloosa compatriots were key to putting on one of the best congress' the NSSAR has ever had. The hard work of the FLSSAR was recognized by President General Pickett in his farewell address, and a standing ovation was given to the FLSSAR by the attendees.

The compatriot that convinced NSSAR that Florida could and would be prepared to host the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress in such a short amount of time was none other than Caloosa compatriot Dwight Elam. Compatriot Elam became the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee and put together a planning team in short order. He also was selected to be the Chairman of Credentials and Registration.

Two other Caloosa compatriots were also selected to be on the planning committee. Compatriot Hamp Allen was the Vice-Chairman of Registration and acted as the recording secretary for the planning committee, while yours truly was selected as Chairman of the Manpower Committee. These three Caloosa compatriots met weekly via zoom with all the other members of the Planning Committee for the fourteen months leading up to the Congress to report on their weekly progress in their assigned areas.

## Clearwater Chapter



On July 4, members of the Clearwater and Tampa Chapters Color Guard participated in the City of Safety Harbor Independence Day parade. Later that day, they served as the Color Guard for the opening ceremony at the Tampa Bay Rays vs. Philadelphia Phillies game at Tropicana Field in Saint Petersburg.

Our Board of Governors thanked Second Vice President Harry Fuller for his efforts in compiling our First Place submission in the statewide Earl Marlin publicity contest.

After our summer hiatus, we will have our next meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Dunedin Golf Club.

## Daytona - Ormond Beach Chapter

Compatriot Chris Barker having his Rosette pinned on by his wife. Sr. Vice President, James Gaskins had the honors of making the induction.







Jim Gaskins swearing in the Daytona-Ormond Officers. Lance Langlotz, Chaplain, Charles Brinkerhoff, Board, Jim Haff, Treasure, and Ken Nunnolley, Board.



Compatriot Newton White receiving his Meritorious Service Award from Jim Gaskins and NE Regional VP, Charles Hayes.

## Flagler Chapter



During the recent Spring Break, Compatriot John Zachary Dillard, a Junior member of the Flagler Chapter, traveled with his parents (on a big adventure) to America’s Historic Triangle in Virginia. At colonial Williamsburg, the historic Courthouse was toured. During demonstrations, Zach learned to “Shoulder Your Firelocks” and of the “Shoulder to Shoulder” battle formation. At the Jamestown Settlement, a musket demonstration was observed and replicas of the body armor was tried on and worn. In uniform, Zach

toured the Yorktown Museum and the battlefields were walked. Of special interest were the last redoubts, 9 and 10, that the Patriots overran which resulted in the British Commander, Lord Cornwallis, surrendering the British Army.



On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Air Force JROTC award ceremony at Flagler Palm Coast High School, Flagler Chapter President Randall Conway presented the Sons of The American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet 2LT Carter J Wilson. Cadet Wilson is planning on attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aeronautics, and thereafter, possibly entering the US Air Force. During the ceremony, Cadet 2LT Wilson was in charge of the unit’s Color Guard which presented the colors. We wish him good luck on his career.



On May 27, 2023, an American Flag was placed on each of the 221 Veteran’s graves at the historic founders Espanola Cemetery in Flagler County. In addition, two new Flagler Chapter Compatriots, Joseph David Stafford (L) and Jack Michael Petri (R), placed a flag at Flagler Chapter 1984 Charter member, Compatriot David Harold Emery’s gravesite.



## Fort Lauderdale Chapter



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter announces that Compatriot Joe Motes was awarded the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal on July 27, 2023. The medal was presented by Chapter President, Chuck Adams, and Vice President, Steven De Paul. Joe, who is completing a move to the Jacksonville area has been affiliated with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter since first joining SAR on September 6, 1994. Joe has continuously contributed to the maintenance and development of the Chapter including service as: 1) President, 1998-1999, 2001-2002 & 2005; 2) Vice President, 1995-1997, 2003 & 2004; 3) Treasurer, 2006 – 2023; 4) Historian, 2016 – 2023; and 5) Editor, 1996 – present. Additional services include: 27 years as JROTC Chairman; 17 years as Eagle Scout Chairman; and 17 years as Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition to these elected and appointed positions, he has also been our Chapter representative to various local community, military & lineage groups including local chapters of the Broward DAR and the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. His work and volunteer service on behalf of veterans and to the William “Bill” Kling VA Outpatient Clinic serving Broward County is another accomplishment, and we congratulate him on recently receiving the 10,000 hour service pin awarded by that organization.



Joe is known throughout the Florida Society for his work with veterans and in administering SAR youth recognition and award programs both with the JROTC / Sea Cadet Medal Program, the Eagle Scout Recognition Program, and as a Senior C.A.R. Advisor. He also served as FLSSAR Recording Secretary (2006- 2007) and SE Regional VP ( 2015 – 2016 ). He is a recipient of the Florida Society’s: Roger Sherman Medal (2022 & 2017); Meritorious Service Medal (2021); and Patriot Medal (2015). We are pleased that Joe will maintain his active membership with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter where he will continue remotely as Newsletter Editor, Facebook Page Administrator, and as the administrative coordinator and liaison for the Chapter’s JROTC / Sea Cadet Program.

A special recognition lunch was held for Joe on August 5, 2023. Ten Compatriot Chapter members attended: Chuck Adams, Jim Clark, Paul DeBold, Ted Duay, Jim Lohmeyer, Dave Lohmeyer, John Lohmeyer, Tommy Lohmeyer, Kevin Shurte and Mark Snider. Also attending from the Miami Chapter were SE Region VP, Bill Wicks, and SAR Foundation Board Member, Lee Popham, as well as Fort Lauderdale Chapter friend, Alan Star

## Palm Beach Chapter.





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 inducted 5 new Compatriots including; **William Garrison, Daniel Bird, David Harden, Kyle Peterson** and **Nathaniel Benjamin Stephens, age 2**, Grandson of Compatriot Benjamin Tidwell III.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at the Lantana elementary school for Memorial Day.



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*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.



Jim Blackburn



Alex Dreyfoos

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

At the July meeting, we had a fantastic presentation from Joe Vinson about his Lost Pensacola project, Then at our August meeting, we had a preview of how the SAR is getting involved in the America 250 activities! We are starting to ramp up our activities around the United States' 250th birthday, and the program for August will give you a small preview of what's coming over the next couple of years! Over the next three years, the SAR has the opportunity to raise our profile and become a leading organization in the celebration of our Nation's 250th Celebration. Speaking of our community involvement... The September meeting was our annual First Responder's dinner. We honored first responders from 5 local area agencies, and Pensacola Fire Chief, Ginny Cranor, will be our featured speaker!

## St. Petersburg Chapter

Our Chapter thanked Vice President Harry Fuller for his efforts in compiling our submission that placed and won an award in the statewide Earl Marlin publicity contest.

After our summer hiatus, we will have our next meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2023 at 8:45 am at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club.

We are also planning a joint meeting with the Saint Petersburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution that will be held January 20, 2024 at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club.

## Withlacoochee Chapter



President Hitchcock of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Florida SAR presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Fawn McGee the Regent of the Fort Cooper chapter of the DAR. This was for hosting George Washington's Birthday Ball this spring.

This was a fundraising event to be used for scholarships for the three Citrus County high schools as well as a trade scholarship at a vocational school. It will also fund a DAR 250th Patriot Marker in Inverness. The ball was very successful with actors in the guise of George and Martha Washington making an appearance.

## America 250!! Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

At the Fall BOM in 2022, the Mission for the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee was modified to give the committee responsibility for coordinating the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution within the FLSSAR, between the FLSSAR and the NSSAR, and with other patriotic and educational organizations in Florida. The committee was charged with supporting and engaging Chapters in conducting events and providing recognition to members whose efforts contribute to the public knowledge of the founding of America during the period from the Stamp Act to the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War.

The FLSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee is working hard this year to help Florida chapters ramp up their America 250 events to help build momentum for the celebrations of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence and increase the public awareness of the Sons of the American Revolution. Some chapters have already started events that support the America 250 initiative. Just two examples are the Fort Lauderdale Chapter has a monthly newsletter column and a segment at their month membership meeting dedicated to presenting information on a specific event that happened during the country's founding years; and the Pensacola Chapter has taken the Flag Certificate program and adopted it to the America 250 initiative by setting a public goal of awarding 250 Flag Certificates by the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They've dubbed the program "250 by the 250<sup>th</sup>!"

To help chapters across the state capitalize on the America 250 initiative, the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee will be providing chapters with resources and training on how to not only create new events, but also how to use existing SAR programs to promote America 250 and qualify for the America 250 Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals! There will be a training session at this year's Fall BOM on Saturday morning, and after that training session, more details and training will be made available to all chapters even if they were unable to attend the BOM. In the meantime, check out [www.america250sar.org](http://www.america250sar.org) for program ideas and resources!

Additionally, the Historic Sites and Celebrations Chairman has been in contact with the Florida Secretary of State's office to find out how the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution can best assist the state of Florida in setting up an America 250 Commission. For Florida to establish a commission, it requires an act of the State Legislature, and unfortunately last session, no such bill was introduced. The Secretary of State's legislative liaison stated that when legislators return to Tallahassee in September to begin Committee work, they are set to begin drafting a bill for the 2024 legislative session to establish the Commission. As of the writing of this article, 38 states have already established a state-level Commission, and Florida is poised to join them next year! The Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee will be keeping a close eye on this effort, and we will keep the Florida Society and all of our Compatriots apprised of the progress and let everyone know how or if you can help!

## 2023 Congress Bags Available

We had 50 some bags left over at the end of Congress. We are making these available to our membership and other friends. This will be great for those of you who were not able to attend Congress. We are selling them for \$15 each, which is our average cost per bag. They will be available at the Fall BOM. The picture printed on the inside of the flap is a silhouette of Captain John Berry's ship, Alliance, which he commanded in the Last Naval Battle. The flag is the standard he flew on the Alliance. We will not be shipping these to anyone. If you cannot make it to the BOM, ask someone who lives close to pick one up for you. Once these are gone, they are gone. We will not order more. The proceeds from the sale of these bags will go to some specific Florida Society project and not just deposited into the Operating Fund.



## 2024 FLSSAR Knight Essay Contest Notice and Guidelines

I trust that everyone had a most enjoyable summer and that you are off to a good start as we begin our 2023-2024 meeting season.

I would like to remind everyone that the deadline to get your Chapter's Winning Essay to me is 31 December 2023.

Please look at the Knight Essay Webpage at: <https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>, for updated information about the 2024 Knight Essay Contest and the appropriate application forms.

I am also requesting that you submit your chapter essay submission in five parts as five separate attachments: (1) Essay Application (on webpage); (2) Title Page (Word Doc); (3) Essay (Word doc); (4) Bibliography (Word doc); and (5) Biography (Word doc)

This information is stated in detail under the "Essay Rules" on the first section of the webpage.

Restated: your chapter submission email message should have five attachments as stated above.

This will allow the Knight Essay Committee to



make any minor corrections that may be necessary without having to send everything back to the chapter and the entrant for corrections.

With the difficulty that some chapters have had with the local school systems in participating in this contest, I would urge to consider several other venues to reaching out to students in yours areas: Home school students, DAR Chapters and local JROTC Units and Scouting Troops provide an avenue to reach students that might be interested in this and other Youth Award Programs that we sponsor.

All of your efforts on behalf of the Knight Essay Contest are greatly appreciated by your FLSSAR Knight Essay Committee.

Hampton (Hamp) Allen  
Chairman, FLSSAR Knight Essay Contest Committee  
Vice President, Southwest Region FLSSAR

## WHAT IS THE SAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BROCHURE CONTEST?

The *SAR Middle School Contest* is to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one the nine foundational documents of the United States which the student selects. The brochure will be judged on: Content, Creativity and Correctness. The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn art work and text authored by the student as opposed to cut and paste from books, magazines and the Internet. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the art work, is permissible.

**LOCAL, STATE, and NATIONAL PRIZES:** Local Chapter and State prizes vary by State and by Local Chapter. National prize awards are established each year. It is the intent of the NSSAR and the Americanism Committee to increase our cash prizes to approach some level of parity with other national contest cash prizes for this age group. The 'official' name of the contest, and in whose name the award will be made, is the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest.

**HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?** The contest consists of three levels. The first level is sponsored by the local SAR Chapter. Chapter winners advance to the State level. The first-place State winner then advanced into the SAR national competition to compete for the national prizes. All entries begin at the local Chapter level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner to the local SAR Chapter competition. Individual students do not submit their entry directly to the Chapter. All entries must go through a school, scouting organization, or C.A.R. Society. Even home school submissions should go through their association. The participating Chapter should be within the local area of the young person entering the contest.

**WHO CAN ENTER?** The SAR Brochure Contest is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade Middle School students in public, private and home schools. When school systems are partici-

pating in the contest, students will enter through their school system. If they are not participating, students may enter directly to the chapter, through scouting or the CAR (Children of the American Revolution). Regardless of how the student enters, he/she may only enter one brochure per year. All brochures will be created by the individual student, no group entries are allowed. The contest is designed to help support the educational efforts in public, private and home school curriculums when the Revolutionary period is taught, but students may enter in any of their middle school years.

**HOW DO I GET STARTED?** Ask your teacher, or C.A.R., or scouting adult leader to supervise the SAR Brochure Contest. (1) Ask them to Contact a local SAR Chapter within your local area for deadlines and guidelines. (2) Make sure you conform to the guidelines and rules of the contest provided by SAR (below). (3) Deadlines vary among Chapters – Make sure that your teacher, or adult leader, learns the appropriate deadline for your local SAR Chapter.

**DEADLINE INFORMATION:** To qualify, all entries must be submitted within the deadlines. Deadlines vary among Chapters – Make sure that your teacher, or adult leader, learns the appropriate deadline for your local SAR Chapter. Do not be confused with deadlines you might see on the Internet when Chapters have to submit their Winning entry to the State Competition, or the deadline the State has for submitting the State Winning entry to the National Competition. Know your local SAR Chapter's deadline.

**HOW WILL I BE JUDGED?** You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the specific foundational document you selected to be your brochure's theme. Brochures will be judged at the National level focusing on the following three categories: Content; Creativity & Correctness.

**Authorship and Use of Technology:** The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn artwork and authored text by the student as opposed to cut and paste from books, magazines and off the Internet – though use of material from books, magazines and the Internet does not disqualify an entry, it is just valued less during judging. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the artwork, is permissible.

**WHAT IS THE THEME?** The SAR Brochure Contest theme is currently any of these nine (9) Foundational Documents of the United States: (1) Articles of Association of 1774. (2) The Virginia Declaration of Rights 1776, (3) Declaration of Independence 1776, (4) Articles of Confederation 1777-1781, (5) General Washingtons Resignation as Commander of the Continental Army 1783, (6) U.S. Constitution 1787, (7) Federalist Papers 1788, (8) Bill of Rights 1791, and (9) President Washington's farewell Address 1796.

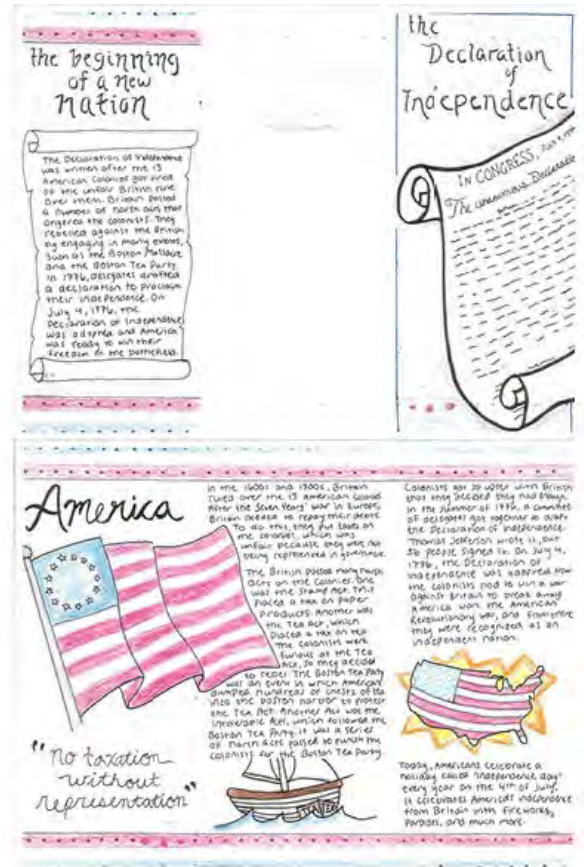
Starting in the school year 2023-2024 and for the following ten years, the Brochure contest will also include the creation of brochures based on the celebration of 250th anniversary events of the Revolutionary period. These themes and celebration of these events include: (1) 1773- 2023 The Boston Tea Party, (2) 1774- 2024 The First Continental Congress, (3) 1775- 2025 The Battles of Lexington and Concord, (4) 1776- 2026 The Battle of Princeton and Valley Forge, (5) 1777- 2027 The Battle of Saratoga, (6) 1778- 2028 The French Alliance, (7) 1779- 2029 The Siege of Vincennes or Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle Creek, (8) 1780- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain, (9)

1781- 2031 Siege of Yorktown, (10) 1782- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks, (11) 1783- 2033 Treaty of Paris, Therefore, this year 2023-2024 school year, students can chose from the nine foundational documents as well as the Boston tea Party or the Fist Continental Congress.

**WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES and RULES?** There are two sets of guidelines and rules: #1 How to Construct the Brochure; and #2 How to display and arrange the Content within the Brochure.

**#1 CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Brochure Construction: Created by a student – Not by a group. 2. Brochure Theme: Choose from any of the six (6) Foundational Documents of the United States as the theme for your brochure: Articles of Confederation; Declaration of Independence; U.S. Constitution; Bill of Rights; or Federalist Papers. 3. Brochure Size: The brochures should be made from a single 8 ½” x 11” piece of paper. The paper should be folded according to the instructions provided for the contest. The content of the various panels of the brochure should align with the instructions provided. 4. Paper thickness & Color: Any common paper so long as the final product can be folded closed as a tri-fold 8 ½” x 11” brochure. White paper is most common, but pastel, or color paper is acceptable. 5. Artwork: Ideas are the most important element in these brochures and the art is merely a means of conveying those ideas. All artwork on brochures that is personally drawn is highly valued, which would include artwork created by the young person using software. Tracing is also acceptable, and simple drawings that represent complex concepts are encouraged for those who may doubt their artistic skills. 6. Pasting: Pasting of personally drawn art work onto a master is permitted. Do not paste pictures from magazines, books, or off the Internet, or make extensive use of clip art. 7. Text: The written text is commonly hand printed. Typed text sections (even pasted on) are also permitted. [CAUTION: This needs to be original text written by the student – not clipped from magazines, books or taken off the Internet.] 8. Identification: See below ‘SAR Brochure Panels Explained’. Make special note that the student’s name and school on the Back Panel of the brochure is covered by a 3”x 3” Post-It® note throughout all judging at the Chapter, State and National level. 9. Brochure entries may be disqualified for these reasons: (a) did not adhere to the Americanism Theme; (b) is not 8 ½” x 11” in size; (c) is not a tri-folded brochure (cannot be folded). 10. Judging: Brochures will be judged focusing on the following elements: a. Content b. Creativity c. Correctness 11. PRIZES INCLUDE: Awards and Cash! Prizes & Awards for local contests vary by SAR Chapter and by State. The National Cash Prizes are set each year before the NSSAR Annual Congress. The “SAR Brochure Contest Rules-at-a-Glance” contains the most current list of prizes.

**#2 CONTENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Fold a single 8 ½” x 11” piece of paper into three equal size panels – a Tri-Fold: There will be six panels counting inside and outside. The following is an explanation of what each panel of the brochure should contain: a. Cover: A title and a picture., b. Inside Cover: Picture to accompany the introduction. May also contain a brief caption or explanation of the picture. c. First inside panel when Cover is opened (while folded): An introduction that presents the basic facts of the event and succinctly states the main idea presented in the interior of the brochure. The introduction should have a title, be written in paragraph form, and clearly communicate the overarching concept of the brochure. d. Two inner panels: A detailed explanation of the ideas of the student around the theme. This written explanation should provide a systematic argument persuading the reader to the point of view of the author; that is, it should be a persuasive essay. The writing should be clear, well organized, and convincing. These panels may also contain pictures and/or artwork that make the brochure more aesthetically appealing. Some questions that may be helpful for the students to consider when completing these panels would include: i. What are the lessons for our



country within this document? ii. How does this document reflect American society and American values? iii. What thoughts do you have regarding the sacrifices made by the participants who drafted this document? iv. What was the outcome of this document and how did this outcome impact American history? v. What motivated the participants to be a part of creating this document? vi. Could you have been a participant in creating this document? e. Back Panel: The following information needs to be included in the exact order specified on the back panel of the brochure inside a 2 ½” x 2 ½” framed box. Failure to include this information, and to contain all the information in the 2 ½” x 2 ½” framed box, can result in a lower ranking during the competition.

- i. Student’s Name: First, Middle Initial, and Last
- ii. School District
- iii. School Name: school name; or C.A.R. Society; or Scouting Troop
- iv. Grade in School: (in California – 8th Grade) + School Year: 20xx-yy
- v. Student’s Teacher’s/Adult Leaders Name:
- vi. SAR Code: (provide to teacher): e.g. TX for Texas + SAR Chapter name

[NOTE 1: When a Brochure is submitted from another source, other than a school, e.g. C.A.R. Society, or home schooled child, reflect that in the info block.] [NOTE 2: SAR will conceal the above personal information throughout the judging process using a 3”x 3” Post-It® note.]

WHO WAS SGT. MOSES ADAMS? A Soldier of the American Revolution November 30, 1748 – June 13, 1778 In 2011 the Sons of the American Revolution [SAR] named one of its National Youth Programs “The

Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest,” honoring a representative Soldier of the American Revolution who made the ultimate sacrifice. Moses Adams of New Marlborough, Massachusetts joined with his brothers and neighbors and marched with their Minute Man Company in response to the Alarm of Lexington and Concord, April 21, 1775. He then joined the Continental Army and rose to the rank of Sergeant in the 13th Massachusetts Line. He died at Valley Forge June 13, 1778.

The SAR dedicates its annual middle school program, as a living memorial, to honor the thousands of men and women who, like Sgt. Adams, gave their lives for the cause of freedom, and also to their families who suffered their loss for generations.

For more information, please contact the Chairman of the Americanism Committee, C. Louis Raborg Jr. at [raborg1989@verizon.net](mailto:raborg1989@verizon.net)

## The Case for Pensacola as the Longest Siege of the American Revolution

A siege is a military blockade against a city or fortress that cannot be taken by direct open assault but by methodical maneuvering and calculated attacks. When one thinks of the great sieges of the American Revolution, several come to mind: Boston, Charleston, Savannah, and Yorktown. Pensacola usually is not one of them, but it should be. It also should be recognized as the longest siege of the war. This statement alone ought to incite disbelievers and colonial history buffs. To satisfy such doubters, one must briefly look at the great sieges of the war, and analyze Pensacola in context of their characteristics. What results is a remarkable case for Pensacola as the longest siege and its fascinating story.

Most scholars credit Boston as the longest because militiamen formed positions around Boston shortly after the Battles of Lexington and Concord and remained until British troops evacuated Boston after General George Washington had installed cannons on Dorchester Heights in 1776. Lasting a total of 11 months, this siege was peculiar in military history because there were periods when trade—other than war materials—could pass between the lines, and the British were forbidden except for the Battle of Bunker Hill/Breeds Hill to engage the rebels in force because both governments hoped for reconciliation. Rebel forces made no attempts to seize the city, and the British made no attempts to break out. Even Bunker Hill/Breeds Hill was not an attempt to break out. If then, Boston can be classified as an abnormal example of a siege, in which both parties experienced political restraints, one much search for the longest “real” siege of the American Revolution.

Certainly, the sieges of Charleston and Savannah should be candidates. At Charleston, British Lieutenant General Henry Clinton amassed about 14,000 troops against Major General Benjamin Lincoln’s Rebel force of roughly 5000 in early 1780. After a grueling 40 days, Lincoln surrendered. Although casualties on both sides were small compared

to the numbers of men involved, it was the biggest American surrender, not surpassed until the surrender of the Philippines in 1942. Earlier in late 1779, the British successfully defended Savannah from a joint Franco-American assault. Outnumbered almost 2:1, the British inflicted some 8:1 casualties against the allied force, and forced it to retreat ignominiously. Still, Savannah lasted only 32 days.

What about Yorktown? Undoubtedly, this siege was the largest. Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis boxed his army of roughly 9000 troops into the peninsular town of Yorktown to await transportation out of the area. Attacking him was a Franco-American land force of some 19,000, which was commanded by Washington and General Jean-Baptiste Ponton de Rochambeau. Unlike Savannah, the attacking force had heavy guns, healthier conditions, and time. The later factor was made possible by a strong naval force led by Admiral Francois de Grasse that had defeated the relieving British fleet. This French naval victory assured that Cornwallis had either to defeat the Franco-American land forces or to surrender. Outnumbered with no hope for resupply or evacuation and faced with casualties that were running about 2:1, Cornwallis surrendered after a siege of 21 days.

With Charleston, Savannah, and Yorktown clearly qualifying as “real” sieges, a student of the American Revolution could summarize: Yorktown was the shortest, lasting 21 days. Savannah lasted 32 days, and Charleston ended in 40 days. Yet, Pensacola lasted 61 days, and it was every bit as decisive as the others. Just as Yorktown resulted in the annihilation of the largest British army in the field and Charleston effectively eliminated serious opposition in South Carolina, Pensacola was the final battle in a campaign that resulted in the surrender of the most loyal colony during the war, West Florida. Its fall ended British chances to control the Gulf Coast and have access to the Mississippi River. Commanded by Major General James Campbell, the British forces initially maintained a manpower advantage of 2:1 and had formidable fortifications. Although the numbers changed considerably against the British as the siege continued, they continued to inflict casualties against their enemy at a ratio of 6:1. Hoping for a Savannah-type victory, its commander faced a dramatic turn of events in the final days of the siege. What were the details of this historic siege? Who were the participants? How did it unfold? Why is it so obscure?

There are many questions that should be asked about the Siege of Pensacola (March 9–May 9, 1781). Finding the answers is not so easy; however, compatriot Wesley S. Odom’s book *The Longest Siege of the American Revolution: Pensacola*, is the most authoritative account of this important battle, with many maps, statistics, and uniform plates. Originally published in 2009, the book received a NSSAR and Valley Forge Freedom Foundation national awards. It was updated in 2022 with more maps and details about the siege and even has been published in Spanish in Spain. The black and white edition is available on Amazon, and the color plate edition is available at [www.battleofpensacola.com](http://www.battleofpensacola.com).

## Battle of Pensacola Event

The Battle of Pensacola Commemoration is one of three National Color Guard events that take place in the state of Florida. The Pensacola Chapter of the Florida Society has joined with the Pensacola Heritage Foundation to commemorate the Battle of Pensacola and honor General Galvez’s significant contribution to the cause of American Independence.



Each year, on May 8<sup>th</sup>, the date of the British surrender, the Pensacola Heritage Foundation holds a Galvez Day ceremony and the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard opens the ceremony with a Parade of Colors that begins at Fort George, and proceeds down Palafox Street to the nearly 20 foot high monument to General Galvez that stands at the corner of Palafox and Wright Streets. The SAR is also honored to provide a musket salute to close out the ceremony.

In 2024, the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 8th in downtown Pensacola. The 2024 SAR event will be expanded from the morning's Galvez Day celebration to include a wreath laying ceremony at the Minuteman Monument in Veteran's Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway. This monument is a replica of the Minute Man statue that stands in Concord, Massachusetts near the Old North Bridge.

While planning has just gotten underway for next year's event, the tentative schedule of events is:

- 09:30 - Color Guard Muster at Fort George
  - 10:30 - Color Guard Parade of Colors from Fort George to the Galvez Monument
  - 10:30 - 11:30 - Galvez Day Ceremony
  - 2:00 - SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Minuteman Monument in Veteran's Memorial Park
- (Note that all times are in the Central Time Zone.)



*The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Invites your group to the*

## 2024 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

On May 8, 2024, 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 (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) 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. Additionally, this year, the Pensacola Chapter SAR will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon at the Minuteman Monument located in Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola.

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

Additional information can be found at: <http://pensacolasar.org/chapter-programs/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration/>

Please use the form below 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)

### RESERVATION FORM

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How does the group wish to be announced?

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Number attending each event:

\_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard Procession (May 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Central – Muster at 09:30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to [battle@pensacolasar.org](mailto:battle@pensacolasar.org) or mail to:

Pensacola SAR

c/o Chris Washler

3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503





*Caloosa Chapter's Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Gala  
will feature a Silent Auction.  
Here are a couple of items that will be available to bid on.  
See <https://caloosasar.org/>*

Total Wine & More will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Enjoy a tour of the land and learn about the famed appellations and grape varieties that make each region so unforgettable. Taste a variety of our premium, hand-selected wines, and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of your choosing. One of our wine experts will present and discuss each delicious wine during your two-hour class, which can be arranged as a seated class-style or more casual walk-around event. Total Wine & More will provide all necessary stemware and educational handouts for tasting notes. Value - \$600



### **Key West Express:**

**Two Adult Round-Trip Tickets**

**Nov 4, 2023 through July 4, 2024**



Escape the hassles of the long drive and traffic jams, step aboard our jet-powered vessel and sail to Key West. Leaving from Fort Myers beach. Not valid February through March.

**Spend the day or spend the night.** Key West Express, high speed, full transportation service, sailing non-stop from Fort Myers Beach.

Value - \$285

*Brown Bess "Tower" Reproduction 42" Barrel  
75 CAL Flintlock Musket*  
**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Caloosa 50<sup>th</sup> Gala Silent auction bid item.**

See <https://caloosasar.org/>





# Governor Bernardo de Galvez and the Spanish Re-Conquest of West Florida

By Robert Yarnell - Tampa Chapter

This essay offers the story of the leadership and efforts of Bernardo de Galvez to aid the Americans during the war for Independence and his military successes in wresting control of West Florida for Spain.

The Spanish King appointed Galvez Governor of Louisiana in 1777. Upon taking the job, Galvez continued and expanded his predecessor's, Luis de Gonzaga, operation of smuggling arms and supplies to the Americans. He also formed and operated an extensive spy and intelligence network gathering information about British military resources, men, and equipment in West Florida. The Spanish Government planned to declare war on England but wanted to be as prepared as possible prior to declaring war. Therefore, Galvez organized his forces and planned his assault on British West Florida with the ultimate goal being the capture of Pensacola. With all in readiness, he awaited word from Spain that he could start.

In 1779 Spain signed a treaty with France and declared war on England. It is important to note that Spain never signed a formal agreement with the fledgling Continental Congress, and, unlike French troops, Spanish troops never fought in any of the 13 colonies in rebellion. However, Galvez's smuggling operations and financial support continued. And, when he did begin military operations, he tied down British troops, and most importantly ships, that the British could have used against the Americans.

Once Galvez and his British counterpart learned of the declaration of war, both made final plans for their attacks on the other. Just as Galvez looked to start military operations in 1779, a hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, hitting New Orleans particularly hard. While his forces and supplies had been hit hard by the hurricane, Galvez, through his spy network, learned the British had been hit hard as well. Rather than take the time to rebuild his supply base and regroup, Galvez struck north. This audacious move surprised the British, forced them to retreat, and resulted in Galvez capturing Baton Rouge and Natchez in Sept. 1779. \*

With his northern flank secured, Galvez returned to New Orleans. He spent the winter of 1779-1780 awaiting reinforcements from Cuba and getting his supplies in readiness for his next move. A campaign east to capture Mobile.

The capture of Mobile would give Galvez an advanced base for his assault on Pensacola. The large herds of cattle raised north of Mobile would provide his army with plenty of meat and the capture of Mobile would cut the British off from their Choctaw and Chickasaw allies.

With all in readiness, Galvez headed east in early February 1780. Despite some scattering of ships due to bad weather, he sailed up Mobile Bay and by the end of February had set up a base camp on the west side of the bay 2000 yards south of Ft. Charlotte, the British fort defending Mobile. While Spanish warships harassed the British, Galvez's men set about digging



The combined Alabama and Florida Society State Color Guard at the May 2022 Galvez Day Celebration in Pensacola.

siege trenches.

In early March he sent an envoy to parlay with the British commander, Captain Elias Dunford, suggesting that the British should honorably surrender due to differences in manpower and firepower. Indeed, the Spanish outnumbered the British in manpower by almost 3-1 and the British cannons were no match for the powerful Spanish siege guns. Plus, due to the speed of Galvez's advance the British commander had done little to prepare. In particular the British had very little artillery ammunition. Citing honor and duty to King and country, the British commander declined to surrender. On March 12 the Spanish opened up. By the end of the day the British fort had been breached in two locations, several British cannons had been destroyed and the British had used up all their artillery ammunition. The British surrendered Ft Charlotte and Mobile the following day.

Between Sept. 1779 and March 1780, Galvez had retaken all of West Florida except Pensacola.

British reinforcements arriving in Pensacola in April 1780 caused Galvez to delay his planned advance towards Pensacola in early 1780. After receiving some additional supplies, he sailed from Mobile in October. A hurricane struck the fleet, scattering the ships. The fleet regrouped in Havana. Finally, on Feb 13, 1781, Galvez sailed from Havana. The fleet, under the command of Capt. Jose Calvo de Irazabel, arrived off Pensacola on March 9. After offloading supplies and enough men to garrison a battery on Santa Rosa Island, he gave the order to sail into the bay. The first ship ran aground, and Calvo refused to risk any more ships. On March 18, Galvez took charge of the ships that had come with him from Mobile and, sailing in the lead ship, led them into the bay.

To the north of the main British fort, Ft. George\*, the British had constructed two small redoubts/batteries. Galvez landed north of those, and his engineers began preparing for a siege. In mid-April Galvez received reinforcements from Havana as well as more equipment. The Spanish now outnumbered the British in both men and artillery. And, despite several British sorties to interrupt the digging of trenches and disrupt the work, the Spanish finished their preparations by the end of April. On April 30, the Spanish opened fire up on the nearest British fortification.

A hurricane struck on May 5/6. This resulted in the Spanish fleet being withdrawn but Galvez continue the siege. On May 8th a Spanish artillery shell struck the powder magazine of Ft. Crescent, also referred to as the Queen's Redoubt. The result-

ing explosion killed over 50 British soldiers and the rest withdrew to nearby Prince of Wales Redoubt or back to Ft. George.

The Spanish quickly overran Ft. Crescent, brought up artillery and began their bombardment of the main British fortifications. Realizing he could not long resist the Spanish firepower, British Gen. John Campbell surrendered on May 10th.

An interesting side note. Campbell wrote a memoir about the siege of Pensacola which the State of Florida reprinted in 1976 at the time of the bicentennial. In it, Campbell not only defends and explains his actions but goes to the point of stating that he, in fact, “won” because he “forced” Galvez to give him the most generous surrender terms given to any British force that surrendered during the war. For example, Galvez transported all British survivors to New York via Havana. This upset the Americans but please remember, Spain had declared war on England but had not signed an alliance with the Continental Congress. A more accurate version recalls that Galvez had no place to keep British prisoners and wanted to get on with the job of reorganizing and governing West Florida.

The King of Spain promptly promoted Galvez to Lt. General and then to Viceroy of New Spain. He pursued enlightened policies toward the native American population. Writing, ...” if the Indians are not our friends...it is only just compensation for the affronts we have caused them, the lies we have told them and the tyrannies they have suffered from us.” He introduced a new model for interactions between the Spanish and the indigenous population. His policies resulted in the pacification of most of New Spain’s northern border and even ended the sporadic warfare between the Spanish and the Apache in what is now west Texas. He also encouraged science and began several building projects, including the building of Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City.

Unfortunately, his reign as Viceroy did not last long. A typhus epidemic swept through the area in 1786 and Galvez succumbed to it in Nov of that year. An alternate version of his death is that many of the Spanish officials in New Spain objected to his changes in Indian policy and as a result, they poisoned him.

Galvez is memorialized in many places. Most notably, Galveston, Texas is named after him and there is a statue of him in front of the U S State Department building in Washington, DC.

i. As part of the treaty in 1763 ending the 7 Years’ War, Spain ceded to Britain East Florida (essentially modern Florida east of the Apalachicola River) and West Florida (a swath of land from the Apalachicola River west to the Mississippi ---excluding New Orleans---from the Gulf coast north to a line running west to east from modern day Vicksburg to the Apalachicola River). In exchange Spain reacquired Cuba which England had captured during the war.

ii. The Louisiana territory was that vast area of land that Americans know better as the Louisiana purchase.

iii. The 1779 Hurricane on the Gulf Coast should not be confused with the better-known hurricane of 1780 that devastated British, French and Spanish naval forces in the Caribbean.

*Robert Yarnell is a retired teacher of American History with 43 years experience teaching in high school and college in the Tampa area.*

## NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal Presented to DeCody Brad Marble



On Sunday Morning, July 16, 2023, at the Color Guard Breakfast, in Salon 11/12 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida, during the National Society SAR 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress, the NSSAR Silver Color Guard Medal was presented to Florida Society SAR Compatriot, DeCody Brad Marble. The presentation of the medal was done jointly by the 2022 -2023 NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette and Historian General T. Brooks Lyles II.

DeCody Marble is the 2023 – 2025 FLSSAR Panama City Chapter President, and has been the (former), FLS-SAR Northwest Regional Vice President twice. Marble has received the following Florida Society SAR medals: State Meritorious Service and the State Roger Sherman with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. In addition, he is the recipient of 3 Chapter medals: Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service and the Roger Sherman.

A Disabled Veteran, Marble served 10 years in the United States Air Force and then 10 more years in the United States Army. On 24 February 1991, G-Day, Ground Forces Day of Desert Storm in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Marble, NCOIC of the M2 Browning 50 Caliber Machine Gun was the first gun in the Logistic Support Group Convoy that followed the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry of Fort Stewart, Georgia.



**247th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek  
Saturday 10:00 AM, March 23, 2024 in Jacksonville, Florida**

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 247th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5:30PM on March 22th at the Long Horn Steak House, 1366 Airport Rd, Jacksonville, FL, 32218 Both the Hampton Inn and the Marriott, SpringHill Suites are in this same complex, as well as a number of other hotels in the area. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our South Atlantic District, Vice President General from SC, James Wyrosdick, bringing greetings from the NSSAR. We are also honored to have our FLSSAR President Steve Fields bringing greeting and Florida DAR Vice Regent Kim Zeman will be bringing greeting from State Regent Cindy Addison from our Florida Daughters . To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2024 and forward to:

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

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (s) (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ : In Uniform /Militia/ Colonial Dress

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone#** \_\_\_\_\_



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**NATIONAL SOCIETY**

- Executive Committee Member 2022 - 2024
- President 2023, SAR Foundation Board 2021 - 2024
- Chairman, SAR Budget Committee 2016 – 2022  
(Vice Chairman 2022–2023, Member 2023-2024)
- Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee 2019 – 2023  
(Vice Chairman 2018 - 2019)
- Vice Chairman, Finance Committee 2018 – present
- Council of State Presidents – Asst Secy. 2021 - 2022
- Leadership Conferences & Congresses 2015 - present
- Committee Memberships:  
Eagle Scout (since 2015); Finance (since 2015);  
Budget (since 2016); Investments (2017-2018);  
America 250 (since 2016); Strategic Planning (since  
2017); Newsletters & Publications (since 2018);  
Council of State Presidents (2018-2022); Congress  
Planning (2019-2021); Human Resources (since 2021)
- Contributor – Liberty Tree Campaign. Friends of Library  
George Washington Endowment Fellow (GWEF);  
ROTC-JROTC Endowment; King Eagle Scout Fund;  
Knight Essay Fund; Rumbaugh Orations Fund;  
Americanism and Tomme-Leed Youth Funds

**FLORIDA SOCIETY**

- National Trustee 2021 - 2023
- President 2019 – 2020
- Officer/Committee Chairman positions 2015 – Present
- Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard 2014 - Present

**CHAPTER**

Miami Chapter (est. 1893), Miami, FL

- President 2015 - 2017
- Officer/Committee Chairman Positions 2013 - Present

**SAR AWARDS AND MEDALS**

- ② Minuteman - Class of 2023
- ② Military Service Medal
- ② Distinguished Service Medal (National, State, Chapter)
- ② Meritorious Service Medal (Gold-2, Silver, Bronze)
- ② Roger Sherman Medal (Gold-2, Silver-3, Bronze-4)
- ② Liberty Medal (Bronze-2)
- ② Color Guard Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ② Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal – (3)
- ② Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ② Council of State Presidents (CoSP) Medal (Gold, Silver)
- ② Patriot Medal, Class of 2021
- ② Good Citizenship Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ② Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award Medal
- ② C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze)
- ② NSSAR Tribute to Scotland Medal



**PROFESSIONAL**

- Financial Operations Executive – real estate and recreational rental industry; Mergers & Acquisitions; Roll-Ups.
- Former CPA Partner, KPMG
- Past Board of Directors – two NASD & AMEX publicly traded companies, and two financial institutions
- Several Endowment and Investment Committee fiduciary positions

**EDUCATION**

- Duke University, Durham NC 1971; AB; - Management Sciences & Accounting
- University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL 1976; Juris Doctor

**ORGANIZATIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Past National Treasurer, U.S. Power Squadrons – America's Boating Club
- BSA – Natl Sea Scout Committee; Alt. SAR Rep, Community Relationships Comm; Natl Sea Base Com.; Natl, Regional, & Council Venturing Leadership Awards; Silver Beaver Award; 3 Community Award Medals (SAR, Masons, U.S. Power Squadrons)
- Master Mason -32° KCCH Scottish Rite; Knight Templar; National Sojourner; MAHI Shriner; York Rite College; MI-AM-I Grotto
- Past Elder, Riviera Presbyterian Church
- Past Sr President, Tequesta Society C.A.R.

**PERSONAL**

- Lee & Laura live in South Miami, FL
- Enjoys Cruising – Boat; Car; M/C; RV
- Six children and Six Grandchildren:
  - 10 SAR Compatriots (6 Junior)
  - 2 Memorials
  - 3 DAR Daughters
  - 8 C.A.R. Society Members

*Please send endorsements by 01 February 2024 to PG Bruce Pickette at [Pickette@att.net](mailto:Pickette@att.net).*

## Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Fees & Dues

Effective: 9/1/2023

	NSSAR			FLSSAR		
	Fees	Dues	Total	Fees	Dues	Total
<b>Membership Annual Dues</b>						
Regular member of a local chapter	n/a	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$20	\$20
Regular At-Large member	n/a	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$40	\$40
Life Member	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$20	\$20
Dual (primary membership is not Florida)	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$20	\$20
Emeritus 1 (exempt from all dues)	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
Emeritus 2	n/a	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$0	\$0
Emeritus 3	n/a	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$0	\$0
(Life or Dual) and Emeritus 2	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
(Life or Dual) and Emeritus 3	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
Junior	n/a	\$5	\$5	n/a	\$0	\$0
Youth	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
Active Duty Military	n/a	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$0	\$0
(Life or Dual) and Active Duty Military	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
Memorial Member	n/a	\$0	\$0	n/a	\$0	\$0
<b>Applications</b>						
New application	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$25	\$20	\$45
Family Group – First member	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$25	\$20	\$45
Family Group – Additional members	\$40	\$50	\$90	\$15	\$20	\$35
Under 25 (son, grandson, nephew, grandnephew)	\$40	\$50	\$90	\$25	\$20	\$45
Under 25 (as part of family group)	\$40	\$50	\$90	\$15	\$20	\$35
Junior (under 18) – on approved line and patriot	\$40	\$5	\$45	\$25	\$0	\$25
Junior (under 18) – on new line and patriot	\$100	\$5	\$105	\$25	\$0	\$25
Junior (under 18) – as part of family group	\$40	\$5	\$45	\$20	\$0	\$20
Memorial membership	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$40	\$0	\$40
Supplemental Ancestor	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$15	\$0	\$15
Supplemental (for each additional family member submitted at same time)	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$7.50	\$0	\$7.50
<b>Transfers</b>						
From CAR (age 18-22)	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
From CAR (under 18)	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Youth to Junior (under 18)	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0
From Youth to Regular (18 or over)	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
To a different FLSSAR chapter	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
To a different state society	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
From another state society	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Reinstatements</b>						
Former FLSSAR member	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$20	\$20
Former non-FLSSAR member	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$20	\$20

\* The 113rd Congress, on 7/18/2023, voted to increase National dues from \$35 to \$50, effective 9/1/2023.





FLORIDA SOCIETY  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Fall BOM Meeting Oct 20 – 21, 2023  
 Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee FL 34746

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ National Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)					Saturday Evening Banquet						
Total number of meals		at	\$ 46	=	\$ 0	Total number of meals		at	\$ 65	=	\$ 0
Enter number of Vegetarian meals						Enter number of Vegetarian meals					
Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts						Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts					
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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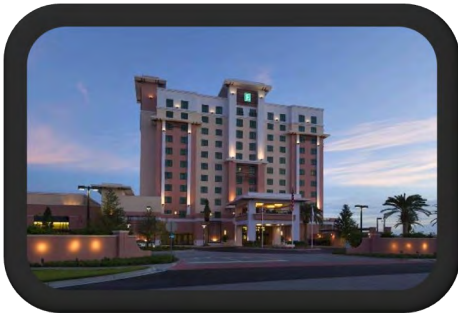


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*FROM INTERSTATE 4 EAST - (from Daytona Beach and downtown Orlando):* From I-4, take exit #68 (SR535). Turn left from the ramp traffic light & head to Kissimmee. Upon going about 3.5 miles, turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel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

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*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.