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

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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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Calendar of Events

February 24, 2024: Annual Celebration of the Battle of Moore's Creek - Currie, NC.
 February 29, 2024: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting - The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY
 March 8 & 9, 2024: Florida Society DAR Spring Conference - Davenport, Florida
 March 16, 2024: Last Naval Battle Ceremony - Merritt Island, Florida
 March 23, 2024: 2024 Thomas Creek Ceremony - Jacksonville, Florida
 April 6, 2024: 2024 SAR Program Honoring France
 May 2024: FLSSAR Spring Board of Management/Annual Meeting - Kissimmee, Florida
 July 10, 2024: 134th Congress in Lancaster, PA
 August 17, 2024: Battle of Blue Lick Memorial Ceremony
 October 10, 2024: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting - Louisville, KY

SAR Handbook

Gentlemen,

Just passing on a note. The latest version of Volume V, Individual Medals, Awards and Certificates is dated 1 January 2024 and is posted on the NSSAR Website.

We have had a few updates and changes occur so this would make all other versions of the SAR Handbook Volume V obsolete. Please be sure to check and make sure you are referencing the most recent edition. Thank you and have a great day!

Michael T. Scroggins
 Senior Director of Operations
 The National Society of the
 Sons of the American Revolution

NSSAR Annual Thomas J. Bond Jr. Photo Contest

Compatriots, It is time to start working on your submissions to the Bond Photo Contest. Per the instructions below, extracted from the NSSAR Handbook, the photographs are due to the Executive Director at National HQ by 15 February. One practical change from the requirements as stated in the handbook is the acceptance of high quality .jpg images via email, in lieu of < 8 1/2" x 11" Photographs sent via snail mail. Please make your submissions to Executive Director Todd Bale and cc Education Director Rae Ann Sauer on your submissions. They will be judged at Spring Leadership and the winner announced at Congress.

Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award -

This award was created and funded by Wilma 'Sunni' M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic en-

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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try is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least \$1,000 annually in earnings, said Effective: February 6, 2022 - 20 - earnings up to \$1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than \$1,000, the award shall be given in increments of \$100 (i.e., \$900). Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original \$20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change. Entries are to be no greater than 8½" x 11" in size, unmatted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting. **All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.** Judges shall be the SAR Magazine Editor, Historian General and the Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee(s). If the latter is unavailable or if that committee is ever absorbed by some other entity, the other two shall select the individual(s) to serve as the third judge with preference being given to the chair of a committee devoted to patriotism. Judges will reach their decision in whatever manner they deem appropriate, so long as only one picture is selected as the winner. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the check and certificate will occur at Recognition Night during the Annual Congress each year. The SAR Magazine Editor is requested to run a reproduction of the winning photo each year in the issue of the SAR Magazine in which Congress events are reported. All entries become the property of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will not be returned. The award was first presented in 1998.

Florida Society DAR Conference

The DAR has advised that we are, again, welcome to staff an SAR Information Table at their Spring Conference. The room will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, at the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate. Our primary purpose is recruitment, though I want to also emphasize our 250th Anniversary Awards and the DAR Finder form. I will put together a schedule of three-hour shifts, two per day (9:00 - 12:00 and 12:00 - 3:00).

For you HODARs that will be there, this will give you something to do. Just let me know when you can work. If you live close enough to join us for a few hours, let me know when to expect you. For those of you coming just for the Presenting of the Colors on Friday evening, come a little earlier and drop by.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Dick Young
FLSSAR DAR Liaison Committee

USS Stark Memorial Reports

With the beginning of a new year, the Veterans Committee would like to remind all chapters and state societies to submit a report for the USS Stark Memorial Award. If you have not already started working on your USS Stark Memorial report, now would be a good time to start.

The deadline to submit is 1 February, 2024. The purpose of this report is to recognize SAR chapters and societies for their support of and service to the Veteran community. Among the many activities that can be reported are the following:

- Participation in ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day,
- Attendance at the funeral of a Veteran,
- Volunteering at a VA hospital,
- Non-monetary donations made to organizations whose primary clients are Veterans,
- Participation in the SAR Wounded Warrior program,
- Visits to Veterans that are home bound or in the hospital, and
- Placing flags or wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

Awards will recognize the most active chapters and most active state societies. An award certificate will go to the most active chapters based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. Award certificates for state societies will be based on membership size: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. Therefore, all chapters and state societies have a competitive opportunity regardless of the size of their membership.

The USS Stark Memorial reports are about more than just an award. When societies and chapters submit the report, they are providing information on their service to Veterans activities. The Veterans Committee uses this information to determine where the strengths and gaps are in the SAR's Veterans programs so we can better serve the Veteran community in the future.

The report form is available on the National SAR website. After logging in, click on <MEMBERS> then <FORMS AND MANUALS>. Please ensure the report you submit is Form: USSStark-2022-A. This form must be the one submitted. The USS Stark Activities Tracker is also available on the NSSAR website. This Excel spreadsheet is a useful tool to help track and tally qualifying activities throughout the year. Usage of the USS Stark Tracker will greatly simplify the reporting process.

It is recommended that chapters submit their USS Stark Memorial Award reports to their respective State Society Veterans Committee Chairman by January 15. The State-Society Chairman will then consolidate all chapter reports to compile a society report, using the same scoring sheet, and submit a report to the SAR Veterans Committee Chairman or NSSAR Headquarters.

In addition to the USS Stark Memorial Award,

the **State Veterans Service Award Certificate** will be also be presented at the National Congress in Orlando to any state society that meets the following criteria:

- 1) Submit a USS Stark Memorial score sheet for the state society, and
- 2) Submit USS Stark Memorial Award score sheets meeting the applicable criteria in the following:
 - a. For societies with no chapters, submit the society score sheet only, with a minimum of 50 points on the state society score sheet submitted, or
 - b. For societies with one or more chapters, at least 50 percent of its chapters must submit a USS Stark Memorial Award score sheet, with a minimum of 50 points on each score sheet submitted.

For the State Veterans Service Award only those score sheets for the state society and its chapters sent by the reporting deadline (Feb. 1) will be considered. No extra paperwork or reporting is required. Any society meeting the criteria will automatically have its name sent to the President General, who will award a certificate.

If you have any questions related to the **USS Stark Memorial Award Report** or the **State Veterans Service Award**, please let me know at your earliest convenience. There is a training video with the associated PowerPoint presentation available on the Veterans Committee webpage to assist you in filling out the USS Stark Memorial Report. The video and presentation file can be accessed at <https://www.sar.org/committees/veterans-committee/>. The links to the files are at the bottom of the webpage.

Please remember the deadline for submission of the report is 1 February 2024. USS Stark Memorial Reports can be emailed to myself at stgilt@earthlink.net or via regular mail to:

Kelly Moore
Administrative Coordinator
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
809 West Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2619

The Veterans Committee looks forward to receiving your USS Stark Memorial Reports. Best Wishes for the New Year,

Scott Giltner
Chairman – Veterans Committee
NSSAR

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 Update for Fourth Quarter 2023

The Endowment Trust Fund program year – November 1 to October 31 – certainly ended in a rush. We received 46 of our 58 requests in October! The 53 requests came from 22 chapters. Surely wish it was every chapter. The requests listed \$25,688.58 for their activities of which the ETF reimbursed \$18,901.70. Our highest reimbursement to date. \$3,000+ was still “left on the table”. At the beginning of each year the trust fund trustees make 3-5% of the \$600,000+ trust fund available for reimbursing chapters for their outreach activities. Basically that's 100% for medals and 75% for everything else. For example, you run the essay contest and present the essay medal to the winner at your chapter meeting, a \$400 scholarship and treat the student and parents to a meal (we'll say \$20 each) at the presentation. You would get \$45 for the medal, \$300 for the scholarship and \$45 for the meals. You spent \$505 and the ETF would reimburse you \$390. So your “cost” for this great outreach program for your chapter was actually only \$115 – what a bargain. And hopefully you have inspired a better citizen and possible future SAR member. That's a deal! No matter what size your chapter is, you can participate. It certainly is not difficult and we are always available to help. But please, don't wait until the last minute! We will start receiving requests after January 1.

News from the FSCAR Chairman

My name is Arran Corbett. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Leon HS. I am currently serving as the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution chairman of C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations. I am so glad to have joined the Tallahassee Chapter SAR as a junior member. I am the fourth generation in my family to belong to the SAR!

As state chairman, I want to share with you information on The Next Step Initiative. It involves working with C.A.R. parent organizations to transition our members to DAR, SAR and S.R. At SAR National Congress they said that they really want a relationship with the C.A.R. and are eager to help with transitioning boys into the SAR. The President General and other leaders told the SAR members to support the C.A.R. President General. They praised our Next Step Initiative and recommended that SAR members across the country get a copy of it. The SAR waives the application fee for C.A.R. members in good standing. Most chapters pay the dues for junior members. Otherwise, it's only \$5 annually until age 18. Junior members can log in to the national SAR website with their member number and get items including insignia. When attending SAR events representing the SAR, dual members can wear it.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Arran Corbett
FSCAR Chairman of C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations
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Arran receives his SAR certificate from Tallahassee Chapter President Bill Gladwin at the George Washington luncheon at the American Legion Hall on February 26, 2023. Arran represents Florida as a flag bearer at the National Society Children of the American Revolution SE Regional Conference in Clemmons, NC on July 11, 2023.



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.

Black Jr, John Hammond	Tampa
Packard, Lawrence D	Lakeland
Miller, Larry	Lake-Sumter
Miller II, Rodney Richard	The Villages
Decker, Richard Kent	The Villages
Esler, Everett Lynn	Central Florida
Esler, Rowan Theodore	Central Florida
Esler, Caleb John	Central Florida
Esler, David Blaise	Central Florida
Esler, John Theodore	Central Florida
LaPlante, Philip Lawrence	Clearwater
Elliott, Patrick Lee	The Villages
Linville, Bruce Edward	Lake-Sumter
Brown, Dawson Jordan	South Shore
Gunn Sr, Donald Herbert	South Shore
Shepherd, Bradley R	Jacksonville
Haeflein, Frederick Franklin	Brevard
Haeflein, Richard William	Brevard
Keys, T A	The Villages
Gunn, Todd David	Jacksonville
Adamson, Robert Alan	Brevard
Buhrow, Steven	The Villages
Waite, Parker Sheridan	The Villages
Alger, Aaron Forrest	Lake-Sumter
Laliberte, Michael	Central Florida
Lavender, Gary Wayne	Lake-Sumter
Grist II, Charles Mayson	Central Florida
Grist II, John March	Central Florida
Grist III, Charles Mayson	Central Florida
Schlimmer, Aiden Richard	Central Florida
Schlimmer, Conner Charles	Central Florida
Grist IV, Charles Mayson	Central Florida
DeWick, Peter Henry	Ft Lauderdale
Merrill, Jon Kent	Lake-Sumter
Maddox, James Travis	Jacksonville
Morgan, James W	Jacksonville
Hargreaves, Daniel Dewhurst	Saramana
Finn, Warren Liam	Saramana
Finn, Benedict Truman	Saramana
Myers, Hugh Kennedy	Caloosa
Butt, Steven Noah	Daytona
Marble, Peter Aaron	Clearwater

McHugh, Reginald James	Ft Lauderdale
Boxley, Robert Kent	Saramana
Pero, Herbert Lincoln	Ft Lauderdale
Hall, James Richard	Clearwater
Dugan, Travis Michael	St Petersburg
Dugan, Connor Joseph	St Petersburg
Dugan, Parker Samuel	St Petersburg
Suggett, Clayton William	Lakeland
McSwain, Alexander Douglas	Emerald Coast
Huffman, Newton Thomas	Jacksonville
Logan, Christopher George	Jacksonville
Schoenemann, Richard E	Jacksonville
Miller, James Smith	Jacksonville
Baumgartner, Robert Jason	Clearwater
Reed, Austin Gregory	Jacksonville
Thompson, William James	Central Florida
Franklin, John Andrew	Wm Dunaway
Franklin, Jackson Nathaniel	Wm Dunaway
Amason, Michael Robert	St Augustine
Spry, Steven John	Central Florida
Spry, Ryan Patrick Murphy	Central Florida
Embry, Brad Edward	Emerald Coast
Maass, William Eugene	Tampa
Maass, Jonathan Peter	Tampa
Maass, Andrew Paul	Tampa
Maass, Matthew Stephen	Tampa
Landis, Sean Patrick	Naples
Roberts, Jason Wayne	Lakeland
Torpy, Douglas Vincent	Brevard
Burrows, David Lee	Brevard
Krause, Andrew Joseph	St Augustine
Burke, Stephen Patrick	Withlacoochee
Bodiford, Ty Christopher	Jacksonville
Conley V, Clark Christopher	Jacksonville
McGee, Anderson Ryan	Saramana
Hudspeth, Ronald Mark	Emerald Coast
Brehm, Dana Warburton	Jacksonville
Taylor, Charles Anthony	Jacksonville
Edwards Jr, Michael Alan	Wm Dunaway
Edwards, Colton Alan	Wm Dunaway
Edwards Jr, Ethan Michael	Wm Dunaway

Lamothe, Blake Everet	Withlacoochee
Patterson, Clifton Elwood	Daytona-Ormond
Knott, Eric Patrick	Ft Lauderdale
Collins, Blair Allen	Ft Lauderdale
Collins Jr, Newton Baker	Ft Lauderdale
McGowen, Michael Thomas	Daytona-Ormond
Kenney Jr, Gerald James	Daytona-Ormond
Jennings, Timothy	Central Florida
Merck, Robert Rabun	Tampa
Merck, Robert Tyler	Tampa
Merck, Ellis Alexander	Tampa
Clark, Patrick James	Saramana
Short, Kevin Blake	Central Florida
Short, Braxton Gabriel	Central Florida
Short, Colson Riley	Central Florida
Curtis, Daniel Player	Tampa
Rome, Chadwick Stevens	Pensacola
Parker, Tyler Watson	St Petersburg
Darney, John Edward	Charlotte
Dyar, Preston Sherman	Central Florida
Cawthon, Dana Ray	Emerald Coast
Register, Michael Todd	Jacksonville
West, David Eric	Jacksonville
Ubbens, David Paul	Jacksonville
Zeppa, Brian Jarrett	Lake-Sumter
Gunn, Alexander Lumsden	South Shore
Gerth Jr, Stephen Shea	Naples
Baker, Carey Lee	Lake-Sumter
Weins, Barry M	Tampa
Weins, David C	Tampa

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	Name	Chapter
8/26/2023	Young, Gregory Lewis	The Villages
8/27/2023	Trout II, Richard Hugh	Withlacoochee
8/31/2023	Egbert, Richard Norman	Clearwater
8/14/2023	Lazenby, Dexter Holman	St Augustine
9/15/2023	Byers, Stephen Brockway	Caloosa
10/8/2023	Ingley III, Herbert Arthur	Gainesville
10/13/2023	Told Jr, William Henry	Palm Beach
7/20/2023	Voorhees, Donald Ross	Lake-Sumter
9/29/2023	Freese, Fredric Allan	Jacksonville
10/25/2023	Bolin Sr, William Connell	South Shore
10/16/2023	Stewart Sr, Robert Daniel	Caloosa
10/4/2022	Wellman, Eugene Nelson	Withlacoochee
11/26/2023	Schnauss, Roy Harris	Jacksonville
11/27/2023	Hughes, Paul Clayton	Naples
3/9/2023	Clark, Donald Harry	Lake-Sumter
12/19/2023	Dwight D. Elam	Caloosa

Billie Lee Sheckler Brock (1945-2023)

It is with deep regret that the FLSSAR announce the passing of Billie Brock, wife of PG Lindsey Brock & past chairman of the Florida SAR Ladies Auxiliary. A summary of the announcement of her death on the NSSAR correspondence is as follow:

A celebration of her life was held on October 31, 2023, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Rd., Jacksonville, Florida 32218, her son, Lindsey Cook Brock III, officiating. Arrangements were by Chapel Hills Funeral Home. Billie Lee, or Nana as she was known to her grandchildren, was born in Lexington, Kentucky to Frederick Hipp Sheckler, Jr. and Julia Naomi McHargue Sheckler on June 23, 1945. She graduated from Irvine



High School and obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern Kentucky University. She married Lindsey Cook Brock Jr. on September 7, 1964, in Irvine, Kentucky. Her career was as an elementary educator, teaching and caring for children in five different states for over 30 years. After her retirement, she dove into her family history, leading to service as an officer and member at the local, state, and national levels of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and as a senior officer with the Children of the Ameri-

can Revolution, for which she received numerous awards and accolades. Billie enjoyed traveling with Lindsey across the country and across the world, from Europe to the Middle East. Her skill as a seamstress led to gifts of teddy bears, quilts, and all sorts of items. She had the gift of creativity. Family was always the most important thing to Billie. She cherished the times together on holidays, birthdays, or just Sunday lunch after church. You could always count on Billie to make a call, drop a handwritten note, or send an email just to check up on you. She was a loving and caring daughter, wife, mother, and friend to all who knew her. Billie was an example of Christ in compassion and care, always putting the needs of others before herself.



Billie is preceded in death by Frederick Hipp Sheckler, Jr. and Julia Naomi McHargue Sheckler. Billie is survived by her husband, Lindsey C. Brock, Jr.; her son, Lindsey C. Brock III, and his wife, Carol Brock; her brother, Jerry Sheckler, and his wife, Marly Sheckler; grandchildren, Connor Brock, and his wife, Madisyn Brock; Caitlin Wolf, her husband, Zachary Wolf, and Baby Wolf due to arrive in 2024. The family of Billie Brock wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue crew and emergency room staff at Mayo Clinic.

Due to the floral limitations at Jacksonville National Cemetery, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sons of the American Revolution Education Center and Museum at <https://www.sar.org/nssar-education-center-and-museum/>, and click "Get Involved" where donations can be dedicated in memory of Billie Brock.

Dwight D. Elam (1951-2023)

As stated by President General John L. Dodd, I have the very sorrowful duty to report to you that our CHAPLAIN GENERAL DWIGHT ELAM has passed away into the Lord's presence. Chaplain General Elam had been admitted to the hospital and appeared to be improving, however on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, he died in the hospital. I spoke with Dwight's wife today and thus far no cause of death is known for certain.

The Florida Society SAR hereby reports with deep regrets the passing of Dwight D. Elam who served as our Florida Society

Chaplain for many years and with his chapter, the Caloosa Chapter in Fort Myers, FL. Below is what was stated in his obituary. Dwight Donald Elam, 72, of Lexington, KY, and Fort Myers, FL, passed away on December 19, 2023. He was born September 12, 1951, to James and JoAnn (Stokley) Elam in Lexington, KY.

While Dwight and Becky have called Fort Myers their home for over twenty years, their journey with the Lord has taken them on many adventures.

Dwight was proud of being a Timothy of Broadway Christian Church, where he had many great Biblical mentors. Dwight and Becky met through a Christian Church rally and went to Bryan Station High School, graduating in 1969. They married on June 12, 1970, and Dwight graduated from Milligan College (TN) in 1973 with degrees in Education and Ministry. While at Milligan, they welcomed their first child, Christina Kelly.



Moving back to Lexington, Dwight and Becky served in ministry at Berea Christian Church, where they welcomed their second child, Andrew Scott, in 1977. Soon after Scott's birth, they moved to Griffith, IN, where they served in ministry at Griffith First Christian Church.

From that ministry, they went to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, where Dwight was a professor at Kentucky Christian College. He served as a coach on several ball teams as well. He served as a minister at Lower Grassy Church of Christ.

They arrived in Versailles, KY, in 1982 and called Woodford County home for over a decade. Dwight and Becky served in ministry at Peyton's Lick Christian Church for several years and then stepped out of "paid" ministry while Scott and Christi were of youth group age. He owned an Elam Electric in KY and FL and would be proud to say he drove himself to the hospital from work.

The Elams were active members of Broadway Christian Church, where they made many special friends and shared many special memories. These include countless shared meals, Behold the

Lamb Easter Musical Productions, Christmas productions that include live sheep and donkeys, and Dwight's beloved Broadway Christian Church Softball team, where he played and coached for many years.

Once Scott and Christi were out of the house, he returned to full-time ministry, moving to serve at Port Charlotte (FL) First Christian Church. After a stint in FL, they moved to Georgetown, KY, to serve at Northside Christian Church. Once the grandchildren were born, he felt called to come back to Florida to see the kids grow up, and he was fortunate enough to see the boys grow up next door. He served as the minister at First Christian Church Punta Gorda until his passing.

While those are the facts, there are countless stories of lives changed eternally through the ministry of Dwight and Becky. There are hundreds of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Thousands of phone calls and hospital visits. Their ministry has and will continue to impact the lives of generations. He was a youth minister, minister, coach, rev, and mentor to many who are now in the ministry. Many generations are raising their children in the love of the Lord because of their ministry. The Lord called him at a young age to be his disciple and a tent-maker. He was so grateful for that opportunity and for being a humble servant of the Lord.

Dwight and Becky didn't retire to Florida. They were busy working but also found time to be active community members. Dwight was proud of his service to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Masons, the Shriners, the Jamestown Society, the Sons of the Union, the 1812 Descendants Society, and the Descendants of American Farmers. He served in various capacities locally, statewide, and nationally for The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He proudly served as the Chaplain General of the Sons of the American Revolution.

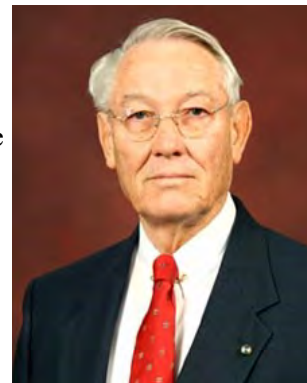
Dwight is preceded in passing by many friends and family, including parents JoAnn and James Elam, his son-in-law, and co-worker Ed Cerwinsky.

Dwight leaves his loving memory behind with his immediate family, Becky, wife of 53 years, Christi Elam Cerwinsky (daughter), Scott and Katie Elam (son and daughter-in-law), and his beloved grandchildren, Trey and Trier Cerwinsky, Jackson Cerwinsky, Madelyn, and Olivia Elam.

Dwight's family has entrusted Fort Myers Memorial Gardens with the care of his final arrangements. A celebration of life will be held on December 30, 2023, at First Christian Church of Punta Gorda, 4124 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, at 2 pm. Please join family and friends for a pie supper reception following the service. Feel free to bring a favorite pie to share in the buffet. The service will be live-streamed at Firstchristianchurchpg.com.

Frederick Pfeiffer (1925 – 2013)

Upon reviewing the records of a past Central Florida SAR Chapter member that has moved out of the Orlando area awhile back, we came across records that showed he had passed away & hereby announce the passing of Fritz Pfeiffer.



The Hon. Frederick Thompson Pfeiffer, (Fritz Pfeiffer) entered the life eternal on April 30th 2013. He was a man of faith who loved his Lord, his family, the law, and being a judge. He was born on July 26th 1925 in Cleveland Ohio, and later moved to Arlington, Virginia where he graduated from Washington-Lee High School in June, 1943. He was selected for the V-12 Navy program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he joined the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. In 1945 he was commissioned an Ensign and sent to serve in Saipan. After being released to the inactive Naval Reserve in 1946, he returned to the University of North Carolina where, as a Phi Delt, he met his future wife, Betty (Elizabeth Huntington Phillips) who lived next door in the Tri Delt House at UNC. After receiving a degree in history in 1947, he entered the George Washington University School of Law and married Betty in 1948. Upon graduation from law school in 1950, he passed the Washington, DC Bar Exam.

He and Betty moved immediately to Betty's hometown of Orlando, Florida where he first worked for his father-in-law's company building houses and later as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance Company. Always intending to get back to his love of the law, at age 45, he studied for and passed the Florida Bar in about 1970. In 1972, he was elected to the Orange County Circuit Court serving later as Chief Judge of the Circuit, and ultimately as a retired Senior Judge until January 2009. Fritz's faith was central in his life. He was actively involved at his church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Orlando, where he served 4 times on the Vestry, and as Junior Warden, and treasurer. He was also a lay reader, and Lay Eucharistic Minister, taking communion to the homebound. He was appointed treasurer for the Diocese of Central Florida from 1970-1982 and served on its Executive Committee, the Standing Committee and as chairman of the Finance Committee. Fritz was involved in the Central Florida Community where he was a member of Kiwanis and coached little league baseball for 11 years. He was a board member of the Central Florida History Center, The Friends of the Library, and the

Holocaust Resource Center. In 2002, he was voted Judge of the Year by the Central Florida Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and, in 2005, he was honored by having the Central Jury Room in the Orange County Courthouse named for him. In 2010, he moved to Pine Knoll Retirement Center in Southern Pines, NC with his wife Betty, who died in 2011.

He is survived by three children; Dr Frederick Pfeiffer (Tina), of Concord, NC, Edie Franklin McWilliams (Charlie), Pinehurst, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Pfeiffer Jacobs (John), Pinehurst; two nieces, Jane Francoeur, Naples, FL, and Betsy Engel Hanley, Shaker Heights, Ohio; three nephews: Tom Wallis, Judge Rand Wallis, and Frank Wallis, all of Orlando; eight grandchildren, Anna Franklin Smith (Wesley), of Pinehurst NC, James Franklin (Samantha) Austin, Tx, Samuel Franklin, Raleigh, NC, Brouck Jacobs (Janie), of Pinehurst, NC, Elizabeth Jacobs, Durham NC, Dr. Deirdre Pfeiffer (Karl), of Phoenix, Az, Frederick Pfeiffer, Cambridge, Mass, and Miranda Pfeiffer, of Baltimore, MD; and three great-grandchildren. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25, 26. A Memorial service will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines, Monday, May 6th at 10:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Emmanuel Episcopal Church Organ Fund, Southern Pines, NC.

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society is seeking 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.

Compatriots considering nomination for any officer position plus current officers seeking re-election are asked to review the Bylaws of the Florida Society Governing Documents for specific qualifications and duties of the respective offices (Articles III and IV). The Florida Governing Documents (FLSSAR State Documents) are located on the Florida Society "Members-Home" section of the website (www.flssar.org) under the "Information" navigation bar.

All officer candidates, including those seeking re-election must complete the appropriate nomination form which can be found in the "Members Home" section of the website-in the "Forms" option under the "Reporting" navigation bar. Both the "Officer Nomination Form" and the "Officer Re-nomination Form" are PDF fillable forms and are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

All Nominations/Re-nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman by 01 February 2024.

Brian L. Jensen, Chairman: Committee members; Hampton "Hamp" E Allen, Dale C Bottom, Earl "Matt" F Mathews, and Thomas J Thompson

Many Thanks to Compatriot Scott Bushnell

By Compatriot David Kelsey



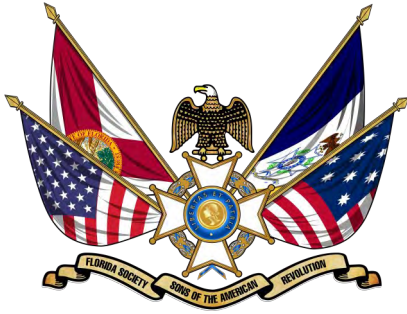
After nine years, the current Flagler website may be ending and I will be leaving my post as Chapter Webmaster. A special thanks to Victoria for her expertise in dealing with and maintaining the site.

The Flagler website was created by a genuine, true American Hero, Compatriot Scott Bushnell, Florida SAR Society Webmaster.

Compatriot Scott is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. As a U.S. Navy Forward Observer, he had the courage to engage in countless dangerous missions in Vietnam. Unknown to us at the time, our paths may have crossed, me dropping bombs from a B-52, 5 miles up at 500mph, and him below in the jungle. Concern for our people on the ground always permeated my thinking and surely his. Never did I ever expect that through the Sons of the American Revolution a half-century later, a surviving "ground-pounder" like him would create and build the Flagler website. Thank you Scott for your service!

Compatriot Scott, with his love for Myra always in his heart, has moved to be closer to family. We wish him the best for continuing to live a great life.

In the photo, Scott is wearing the Combat Veteran Vietnam cap. In 2015, we both received the Governor's Veterans Service Medal from then Florida Governor Rick Scott.



Society President's Message

Compatriots,



Fare thee well to 2023. All of you should be proud of the mark that the Florida Society made this past year. To cap everything off, the first official America 250 Celebration - the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party - was a terrific joint effort between the SAR and its DAR and CAR Partners. It is great that our organizations can coordinate and cooperate to bring our history to life and show the public how relevant it still is today.

Now that we have entered the new year, I have some wonderful news. The Florida Society has achieved an incredible milestone by having 2500 regular members at year's end. This will have an impact on a variety of things for the state including delegates and the number of Patriot Medals that we are authorized to award. Reaching this number has been a goal for this society for as long as I have been a member and it makes me proud of every single one of you for the efforts you as individuals and as chapters have put into growing our great society. We don't get more than a moment to savor it though. January 1st the books reset with annual reconciliation and so we begin to climb that hill again. But, now that we've been there, we know the path. Keep up the work in your communities, grow your color guards, and recruit new members for the SAR wherever your day brings you.

In the coming months we look forward to many of our most rewarding efforts. The various regions are hosting meetings to coordinate the efforts of their chapters. Patriot Medal nominations are due. The youth contests that haven't already culminated will be wrapping up soon. The USS Sark Veterans Report, The Marlin Publicity Report, Chapter Challenge, JROTC, Flag Certificates, and Public Service recognition are all huge opportunities to illuminate our efforts in our communities and remind them that we are working to preserve our patriotic American heritage. I ask that all chapters, no matter the level of activity, please submit their reports for our SAR programs. Even if you have little to report this year, your responses will help guide how state will allocate its limited resources to increase our impact in the coming year. Like anything, we need to measure what we are doing if we are to maintain and grow.

For now, make sure your calendars are marked for the SAR, DAR, and CAR events coming between now and the annual meeting in May. Our Magazine editor Jeff Sizemore has put together a schedule of upcoming events later in this issue. Details and additional events will have their information shared via email as they become available.

I'll continue to say this as long as I am around, the Florida Society is only as strong and successful as its members make it. This last year you showed the entirety of the Sons of the American Revolution what a strong group of dedicated compatriots can accomplish. I know that this year the energy and enthusiasm of our recent success is fuel for even greater things. Just as when compatriots come together to combine their talents and treasure great things happen. So too will great things happen when our chapters combine efforts to magnify the impact they have on our communities. Stay strong, be positive, and look to each other for support and assistance. I am so very proud to say wherever I go that I am a member of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Steven Fields

President, Florida Society SAR (2023-2024)

PS. Compatriots, you will all see later in this issue that our beloved Chaplain Dwight D. Elam passed away just before the end of the year. His funeral was well attended by the SAR and a color guard with participants from every corner of the state. Brother Dwight was not just Chaplain to his chapter and the state, he also served three times as Chaplain General of the National society. He was my longtime friend, mentor, and grounding rod as he was to many others. We mourn his passing and pray for his family daily in this difficult time. Dwight loved the SAR and the color guard. He would want us to carry on promoting the SAR Goals and programs. So, at this time I am putting forth the call for candidates for the office of FLSSAR State Chaplain, a compatriot to serve as liaison to the DAR, and a Patriot Medal recipient to fill the vacancy on the committee. We continue to grieve, but we will also honor his selfless dedication by not letting his work go unattended to. Any with questions on these openings or other leadership opportunities at state, please contact me.



From the By-Laws Committee

The following proposed by-laws changes are currently under consideration. Recommended changes are underlined.

1. Appointment to State Positions of At-Large Members

Article III Officers, Section 3 Additional Offices

Current Wording: "The FLSSAR at any Annual Meeting, or at the BOM at any regular or (sic) special meeting, may create additional offices as in their judgment may be required, and may designate the person or persons to occupy the same until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR."

Recommended Wording: " The FLSSAR at any Annual Meeting, or at the BOM at any regular or special meeting, may create additional offices as in their judgment may be required, and may designate the person or persons to occupy the same until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR. No person who is a member-at-large only (i.e. not a member of a FLSSAR chapter) shall be appointed to any FLSSAR office or committee."

Summary of changes: Correct a typographical error--"of" to "or", and include a statement to clarify that a member who could otherwise be a member of a state chapter but does not elect to do so, shall not be appointed to a state-level office or committee.

2. Annual Elections

Article III Officers, Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers, C. Election

Current Wording: "Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Election for an office for which only one person has been nominated shall be by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation.

Recommended Wording: "Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting by those physically in attendance. Election for an office for which only one person has been nominated shall be by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation."

Summary of change: Clarify that voting for elected offices shall be allowed only by those members physically in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

3. Qualifications of Nominees

Article III Officers, Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers, B. Qualifications of Nominees:

Current Wording, Article III, Section 2, paragraph B: "The Nominating Committee, or FLSSAR member who makes a nomination for an elective office of the FLSSAR, shall have ascertained before making a nomination that the person to be nominated is a member in god standing and has stated in writing that he is willing to serve in that office. Furthermore, each nominee, for the office of President and Senior Vice President, shall indicate their willingness and advise the Nominating Committee of any hindrance that might prevent them from attending all BOM meetings during the term of their elected office and to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during each year the office is held. In order to be eligible for the office of President or Senior Vice President, the compatriot must have completed at least one term or year in an elective office of the FLSSAR or as Florida's National Trustee prior to assuming the office of President or Senior Vice President."

Suggested Wording:

"B. Qualifications of Nominees

(1) The Nominating Committee, or FLSSAR member who makes a nomination for an elective office of the FLSSAR, shall have ascertained before making a nomination that the person to be nominated is a member in good standing and has stated in writing that he is willing to serve in that office. Furthermore, each nominee, for the office of President and Senior Vice President, shall indicate their willingness and advise the Nominating Committee of any hindrance that might prevent them from attending all BOM meetings during the term of their elected office and to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during each year the office is held. In order to be eligible for the office of President or Senior Vice President, the compatriot must have completed at least one term or year in an elective office of the FLSSAR or as Florida's National Trustee prior to assuming the office of President or Senior Vice President.

(2) Nominations not part of the committee slate must be made in person from the floor at the appropriate point in the meeting. The proposed candidate need not be present. If a proposed candidate is not in attendance, the nominator must present a signed statement from the nominee acknowledging that he agrees to serve if elected.

(3) The nominating committee shall put forward no more than one name per elected office.

Summary of changes: Adds numbered paragraphs to the section. Clarifies that nominations for officers in lieu of slated positions shall only be made from the floor, that the nominated person does not have to be present, and that the nominating member has the responsibility to provide a signed document from the nominated person that he agrees to serve if elected. Adds a requirement that the nominating committee shall nominate only a single name for each elected office; no multiple nominations are allowed.

4. Schedule of BOM and Annual Meetings
Article III Officers, Section 6 Holding Multiple Offices

Current Wording: "Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this ARTICLE."

Suggested Wording: " Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this ARTICLE. The currently elected President will not hold or chair any FLSSAR committee other than the Executive Committee."

Summary of change: Clarifies that the newly elected President cannot be part of any FLSSAR committee other than the Executive Committee, as prescribed by the By-Laws.

5. Number of Members Needed for New Chapter
Article VII Chapters, 3. FORMATION

Current Wording to Article VII, paragraph 3. FORMATION: A minimum of ten members resident in the territory encompassed thereby shall be necessary for the formation and issuance of a charter to a local Chapter. An application for the formation of a new Chapter shall be submitted to the BOM; if the application is approved the BOM shall direct the preparation of a charter and shall arrange for it to be presented with a proper ceremony.

Recommended Wording: "A minimum of 15 members resident in the territory encompassed thereby shall be necessary for the formation and issuance of a charter to a local Chapter, with at least 10 being primary members of the new chapter and located in the area where the new chapter intends to hold meetings. An application for the formation of a new Chapter shall be submitted to the New Chapter Development Committee for additional coordination before being forwarded to the BOM; if the application is approved the BOM shall direct the preparation of a charter and shall arrange for it to be presented with a proper ceremony.

Discussion: At May 2022 BOM, the topic of number of members required for a new chapter was raised. A vote was taken to change the By-Laws to state that the number of members must be a minimum of 15.

This change was worked in cooperation with New Chapter Development Committee. The members of this committee proposed additional criteria before a new chapter can be included into the FLSSAR. Recommend these additional criteria be added to their New Chapter Development Committee Charter.

6. Correct a Typographical Error

Articles VIII Miscellaneous

Current wording: ARTICLES VIII

Recommended change: Delete "s" from Articles, to ARTICLE VIII.

7. Notification to BOM for Amendments

ARTICLE VIII Miscellaneous, Section 3 Amendments, (2)

Current Wording: "(2) The text of any proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or

Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting."

Recommended Change: (2) The text of any proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. This notification may be accomplished by direct mail, email, publication in the FLSSAR Newsletter, or any combination of these methods of communication to meet the thirty day requirement to ensure all members are notified in ample time. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting."

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter



At the December meeting, the chapter held their annual Christmas gathering with a program and ornament exchange. They also inducted new member, Robert Adamson, into the chapter.



At the January meeting, the chapter presented some additional awards in addition to those that were presented at earlier meetings. The highlight of this meeting was the announcement of the chapter's Eagle Scout recipient. He is Michael Kelly from Troop # 309 in Satellite Beach, Florida. Their Eagle Scout recipient also presented his essay is shown above with the color guard and his family.

At this meeting, there was 75 people in attendance who also got to hear a presentation on the local Rotary Club in the area. The chapter nominating committee is also seeking volunteers to serve in various positions.

Various members are also working on the details for the upcoming Last Naval Battle ceremony that will take place in March. The flyer is located in the back of this publication.

Caloosa Chapter



Nathaniel J. Othon (in uniform, above) is a member of Boy Scout Troop 351 in Punta Gorda, and is also one of our Compatriots, having joined the Caloosa Chapter of the FLSSAR in June of 2018 as a Junior Member. He has previously achieved the rank of Life Scout, has already earned all the Merit Badges required to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, and has been working on his "Eagle Project" (the final requisite for the prestigious rank) for about two years. Not being one to avoid difficult tasks, Nathaniel had approached Military Heritage Museum Executive Director Gary Butler to inquire if there were any projects that could benefit the Museum. According to Butler, from a variety of alternatives, Othon picked the most difficult -- placement of a section of the actual iconic Berlin Wall consisting of three 500-pound slabs and associated landscaping and signage for permanent display at the museum campus.

On November 9, 2023, thirty-four years to the day after the Wall ceased to be used to prevent border crossings and began to be demolished, Compatriot Othon presented his finished project to the Museum. Nathaniel explained that unlike the vertical sections of the Wall often seen with much graffiti, his concrete sections now standing outside the Museum showcase panels taken from the East German side, placed horizontally. These stark reminders of the efforts made to prevent residents of East Berlin from escaping to the West are graffiti free due to the fact that they were heavily guarded by East German and Russian soldiers.

It took two years for Nathaniel to see to the move of the heavy concrete slabs from St. Petersburg, where a collector had stored them, to obtain all required permits and build the pad where the exhibit would be located, as well as construct the frame that would hold the panels in place and install the associated exterior landscaping. All in all, approximately \$30,000 in donations of goods and services were used to complete the Project. These donations included the use of a crane and other construction equipment from Florida Premier Contractors, Nova Industrial Arts, Suffolk Construction and Keesling Construction. Support also came from

Sunseeker Resort.

Compatriot Othon explained that the reason he selected this Project was his grandfather, John Carey, who was serving in the US Army in Germany at the time the Wall went up after WWII. Said Nathaniel: "It's important for all generations to remember the Berlin Wall. The Wall coming down sent the Soviets, our large rivals, a message that the people of East Germany didn't need to be oppressed or starved anymore. So, the Wall falling was the end of that suffering. For a lot of people, it is symbolic of that period of history that ended the Cold War." For more information on the Museum, and Nathaniel's Project, see: <https://militaryheritagemuseum.org>.

Congratulations to Nathaniel, we are proud of you. Now that your Project has been completed, we look forward to your soon-to-be-awarded Eagle rank, hope to see you soon at an upcoming Chapter meeting, and wish you much future success!



A Gathering of Presidents: (left to right) Steve Fields, FLS-SAR President, Tom Thompson, Caloosa Chapter President, and Bill Elder, Daytona Chapter President

Caloosa Chapter SAR 50th Anniversary Gala

In 1973, following a series of organizational meetings in 1972, the Caloosa Chapter of FLSSAR was chartered as the eighteenth Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter was named Caloosa after the aboriginal Indians on Mound Key in Estero Bay, the

coastal area of Lee County. Organizing President was Sidney Scott King, Jr., who had become an SAR member in 1952. A Charter Night Banquet was held on February 22, 1973, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fifty years later, on Saturday evening, November 4, 2023, Caloosa Chapter President Thompson gavelled the 50th Anniversary Gala banquet to order, and Chaplain Dwight D. Elam gave the invocation. In short order, the Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15 Color Guard, Mike Buff commanding, posted the Colors, Secretary Rick Parfitt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Bill Osborn presented the American's Creed, and Dr. Ron Peck led us all in the SAR Pledge.

A reverential silence was maintained as Mike Buff and President Thompson took turns remembering our Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, and each item on the "Missing Man Table" was explained. Following formal introductions and greetings, Betsea Kinne and Tony Parker of Hearts and Homes for Veterans, Inc. were recognized and spoke of their continuing mission to assist homeless veterans. Their success stories were moving, and they received sustained applause for the success they have had in helping our veterans get off the street, and into a career which can support them and their families. Both Betsea and Tony expressed their sincere gratitude for our Chapter's recognition and appreciation of the services that are provided by Hearts and Homes, and the monetary assistance being provided them with the gift of proceeds from the silent auction and raffle. 'Nary a dry eye in the room after that!

Things did not stop moving by any means, and next came a variety of awards, including the newly created DAR Bronze Hannah White Arnett Medal, which was presented to eleven SAR Recipients.

Everyone stood during the formal proposal of toasts to the Commander in Chief, and then Chiefs of the various Service Branches, which were all made with wine, save for the toast "To our Fallen Comrades" who were toasted with water only. The meal itself was as good as the program, and after dinner we were all treated to a vignette presented by Cara and Bill Elder, in their first-person interpretation of what it was like during the Winter Encampments of 1775-1778 for Martha and George Washington.

The silent auction was much fun for all, and especially exciting for those who had made the "winning" bids. They were the ones with the broad smiles on their faces as they retrieved the items they had successfully bid on.

The only sad time of the night was when the Motion to Adjourn was made and passed, benediction was offered by Chaplain Elam, and the SAR Recessional was led by Dr Ron Peck. It was then we knew we had to leave the building and say good night to our friends and compatriots.

The DAR/SAR/S.R. Committee was formed to promote the relationship between the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), the General Society Sons of the American Revolution (S.R.) and the DAR. Specifically, the goal is to (i) promote a congenial and harmonious working relationship for the betterment of our shared objectives, and (ii) render support and assistance in the area of community-centered events and mutual membership growth, and (iii) foster shared goals of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. In this regard, the Hannah White Arnett Medal was created,

and last September the Great Southwest Florida Regents' Council chapters voted to support the award of eleven (11) medals to SAR members from three Florida Society SAR Chapters in our Council area, one from Daytona, and to the S.R. Florida Society. **The Bronze Hannah White Arnett Medal presentation to these 11 SAR compatriots – Hampton E. Allen, Jeffrey R. Brunell, Edward M. Buff, Randy D. Moody, Donald B. Cahill, Leanord W. Crame, John L. McCullough, Dwight D. Elam, James D. Stone, Robert W. McGuire, Jr., and Harry W. Elder - was made at the Caloosa SAR 50th Gala.** The Bronze Medal is the chapter level award. These individuals were selected for the award for all the activities they have participated in with many chapters in the Regents' Council.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter continues to meet at the Winter Parks Elks Lodge (4755 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park) on the second Wednesday of the month. Social hour begins at 5:30 PM followed by dinner, a program, and brief meeting.

In September, the Chapter celebrated Constitution month with a program entitled "Share A Family Heirloom." K. M. Waldvogel, author of *Spies, Soldiers, Couriers, and Saboteurs: Women of the American Revolution*, presented a Zoom lecture at the October meeting. Captain Richard Sloan, a retired Navy veteran, was the featured speaker at the Chapter's November Veterans theme meeting. In addition to honoring Chapter members who were veterans, the Chapter presented a Good Citizenship medal to Pat Rudd, 101-year-old US Navy WAVES veteran. The December meeting featured a Zoom presentation by Eric Olsen, Park Ranger and historical reenactor at the Morristown National Park. He compared the 1778-1779 winter encampment at Morristown to that of the 1777-1778 winter encampment at Valley Forge.

Members of the Central Florida Chapter Color Guard, Camp #10 – Daniel Morgan, FLSSAR Color Guard Sons of Liberty Brigade participated in the FLSDAR Fall Forum, FLSSAR BOM, CAR Constitution Day, Orlando Veterans Day Parade, The Come and Take It ceremony in Georgia, St Augustine Colonia Night Watch, and Wreaths Across America. In addition, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Chapter's September and November meeting.

The Central Florida Chapter was the host local chapter for the SAR Congress. Several members of the Chapter participated and provided service to the organizing committee.

In 2023, the Central Florida Chapter had 56 applicants registered for membership in the SAR and 11 supplemental SAR applications approved.

Representatives from the Chapter attended meetings of the Brevard and Saramana Chapters.

Finally, the Chapter has begun a concerted effort to provide opportunities for all its active members to qualify for the 250th Anniversary bronze and silver medals.

For the third year in a row, the Central Florida Chapter (FLSSAR) rented and manned a SAR membership recruitment booth at the annual Scottish Highland Games held in Winter Springs, Florida on January 13 and 14.

The two-day event resulted in 42 SAR leads, many of which have additional family members that can apply under the Family Plan. Several DAR leads also were obtained. In addition,



more than a dozen members of the Central Florida Chapter (many memberships resulting from leads the previous two years) and members from SAR chapters across the state and national stopped by to visit.

As of this morning, five of the 42 leads already have emailed me information that has allowed me to create application file for them. One individual brought by a draft of a May 1986 SAR application that was complete but never submitted. Not all leads pan out. A return of 20 to 25 percent is a victory. Equally as important is that the membership booth introduces the SAR and its objectives to hundred, if not thousands, of attendees.

As part of the program, the Games, a ceremonial parade featuring the Scottish bands, the Klans, and the Lineage Groups takes place each of the two days, weather permitting.

The following two pictures are from the Saturday, January 13, parade. Two members from the Central Florida Chapter (Camp #10 Daniel Morgan) Color Guard, Sons of Liberty Brigade carried the banner. The other two member carried the American and SAR flag.

As the parade circled a packed stadium area, the master of ceremonies recognized our chapter and informed the viewers of the SAR mission and goals.

Clearwater Chapter



On September 16, Second Vice President Harry Fuller gave a presentation about the history and significance of the United States Constitution at a Constitution Day celebration held at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village located in Dade City.

On October 18, the Clearwater Chapter presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Clearwater Police Department Officer Jonathan Vangeli. Sergeant Jarrad Stiff accompanied Officer Vangeli during the presentation, done by First Vice President Timothy Shaner.

The November 15 Chapter meeting program, in honor of Veterans Day, had veteran Compatriots give presentations about their service.

On December 3, the Clearwater Chapter participated in the Belleair Christmas Parade along with the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Caladesi and Clearwater Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Starting in January 2024, Clearwater Chapter meetings will be held at a new location. Our meetings will be at the Countryside Country Club located at 3001 Countryside Boulevard, Clearwater FL 33761. The date and time, the third Wednesday of the month at 12 noon, will remain the same.

Flagler Chapter



On June 23, 2023, Vice President John Feind of the Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution swore in his son, Christopher (L), and his grandson, Luke (R), into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at their home in Succasunna, New Jersey. Compatriot Christopher received his Rosette from his mother, Catherine, and Compatriot Luke received his Rosette from his mother, Lisa. After administering the oath, Compatriot John Feind gave a brief history of their Patriot, Captain Jonathan Condit of the 2nd New Jersey Militia, and his participation in the Revolutionary War. The Flagler Chapter welcomes our new members, Christopher and Luke Feind.



On September 23rd, 2023, the Palm Coast Historical Society and the Sons of the American Revolution Flagler Chapter celebrated the 236th year anniversary of the September 17, 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Palm Coast Historical Society, through the efforts of President Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky and Historian Elaine Studnicki, collaborated with the Flagler Chapter SAR to present a program featuring Flagler County Judge, the Honorable Andrea K. Totten. An enthusiastic audience asked many questions following Judge Totten's presentation on the Fourth Amendment, the Laws of Search & Seizure. The event was held at the Palm Coast Community Center. In Photo Left to Right: Compatriot David Kelsey, Palm Coast Historical Society President Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, Judge Andrea K. Totten, Flagler Chapter Vice President John Feind.



On October 18, 2023, the Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting at the new Flagler County Sheriff's Operations building. Compatriot Sheriff Rick Staly, a Chapter member, presented a medal to one of his deputies. Compatriot Randall Morris, Secretary, gave a presentation about Patriots who had made important contributions to the American Revolution but have been ignore by history. After the presentation, Compatriot Chief

Mark Strobridge, also a Chapter member, led the Chapter members on a tour of the facility. The tour included the Command and Operations centers, the Detective Division and the Interrogation rooms, the Property Room and the Sheriff's Office. Compatriots met and spoke to various personal in several offices and conference rooms. It was a pleasure to tour this new, modern and up-to-date facility. In photo, President Randall Conway, Chief Mark Strobridge, and Secretary Randall Morris.

Jacksonville Chapter

On Dec 21, 2023, DAR State Regent Cindy Addison presented the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction to (left to right) David Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge, Gray Chandler, and Jim Gaskins (not in photo).



Okeechobee Chapter



The Okeechobee Chapter SAR posted the colors for the Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Park in Okeechobee on Nov 11. The color guard is pictured in front of the Liberty Tree planted in the park by the St Lucie River Chapter SAR in 2007.

Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter membership voted in the 2024 Officers including; President, Peter Johnston, Vice President, TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain, Ben Tidwell, Historian, Don Lanman, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Chapter Genealogist, Bob Boggs. The 2024 Chapter Officers will be formally installed during the January 16 meeting by NSSAR Inspector General, FMR Chapter & State President, Raymond Wess. FMR Chapter/State President & SAR National Inspector General Raymond Wess inducted Robert Barnett and Harry Thomes into the Palm Beach Chapter SAR.

The Chapter conducted a memorial service to honor the passing of beloved Compatriot William H. Told Jr., age 93. Retired businessman, philanthropist, Korea War Era USAF Veteran and a loyal devoted 33-year member of the Palm Beach Chapter.

Compatriots attended the celebrate the life of our beloved Compatriot and USAF Korea War Era Veteran Alexander W. Dreyfoos, at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, "Dreyfoos Hall" in West Palm Beach.



Chapter Compatriots joined DAR daughters at the October Missing in America Project to honor and lay to rest the unclaimed remains of 21 Veterans from WW 1, 2, Korea & Vietnam. The event included Honor Guard, Patriot Riders, 21 Gun Salute, Bagpipes, and Taps 23% of the Chapter Compatriots are now registered in FLSSAR Veterans. A list of Veterans Battalion members is on the FLSSAR web site at



www.flssar.org



Panama City Chapter

The FLSSAR Panama City Chapter met on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lynn Haven, Sonny's BBQ Restaurant. Out of the total eleven attendants, there were two SAR applicants, three visitors and five chapter members.

In the photo, (standing from left to right): Applicant - Christopher P. Jones; the Visitors from the FLSSAR William Dunaway Chapter of Marianna, 'The Mathews Family' - Michael L, Matt, Joni Laramore; Senior Member - Jim P. Pretlow; Applicant - Joe M. Oglesby; Chapter President - DeCody B. Marble; Member - William J. Zehner Jr; Secretary - Jim F. Haynes; and

the soon to be 2024 Chapter VP – J. Benny Raffield. The Chapter Ladies Auxiliary President, Jonita Sharp Haynes was the photographer. Also picture that Occurred during the meeting, were two award presentations: First, the Five-Year Membership Award with a ‘5 Year’ Pin was awarded to William James Zehner Jr. who joined the SAR in 2018. Second, a Walnut 7.5 X 10” Plaque, with the 250th Logo by David Hall Woodworking of Springfield, MO.

Pensacola Chapter

The Pensacola Chapter set a goal to sponsor 100 wreaths through our sponsorship page, and due in large part to the generosity of members, they exceeded the goal and sponsored 101 wreaths this year! On the membership front, we have definitely had a strong year! While we did have a few members who have not renewed their dues for 2024, the chapter has added several new members this year, and it looks like we will end the year with net growth, or right at even for the year. The December program was a presentation by Tyler McKee—”Historical Archaeology on Fort George and the Siege of Pensacola”! Our program for the January meeting was about the America 250 program and the SAR.

Southshore Chapter



On October 26, 2023, members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) cleaned veteran's gravesites at the Ruskin Community Cemetery in preparation for the November 11th Veteran's Day celebration. South Shore SAR Chapter compatriots Ron Windsor and Ed List (pictured) assisted of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members in the beautification project.

The local George Mercer Brooke DAR Chapter has organized a monthly program to identify and groom veteran's graves at the Ruskin location.

The SAR/DAR chapters support a number of patriotic functions in Sun City Center.

St. Augustine Chapter

On October 11, 2023, New Gainesville FL DAR regent, Julie Tapia - Ruano and Sean Tonnelier, st Augustine chapter SAR attended the Gainesville DAR meeting. Sean Tonnelier also participated in the veteran's day ceremony that was held on November 11, 2023 at Kanapaha veteran's Park , Gainesville FL. Soldiers are posted at each monument on the walk. Each brick represents 1,000 fallen

American soldiers. On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Sean Tonnelier attended his 50th DAR meeting. He was given a gift bag and congratulations letter from the chapter. He is with Regent Julie Tapia-Ruano accepting the gift.





St. Petersburg Chapter



The September 16 speaker was Andrea Morgan, Director of Operations from the Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement in Saint Petersburg.

The October 21 speaker was Compatriot William M. Adkins Jr. from the South Shore Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, who gave a presentation about David Bushnell and Revolutionary War experimental submarine, The Turtle.

On November 10, members of the Saint Petersburg Chapter and Compatriots from other local chapters participated in a Color Guard ceremony at the internment of Second Lieutenant Gilbert Haldeen Myers at Memorial Park Cemetery in Saint Petersburg. Myers was a World War Two pilot who was Killed in Action in Italy in 1943. His remains were recently identified by the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency.

The November 18 speaker was Ernest Gendron, Manager of Research and Adult Education at The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art in Saint Petersburg. He spoke about the exhibits at the James Museum and traditional crafts of Native Americans.



William Dunaway Chapter

In October chapter members joined the local VFW Post 10209 for a flag retirement ceremony. We also had a workday at the Chester Sims Veterans Nursing Home to beautify in preparation for their Veterans Day Celebration. The chapter is continuing to grow. Membership increased recently from 29 to 34 new members.

During the November regular chapter meeting, Compatriot Dale Macumber, Jr. received from President Rankin, on behalf of the chapter, the Bronze SAR Distinguished Service Medal. During the past 2 years Dale has played an integral role in planning activities to support the SAR mission to promote patriotism, preserve our history and educate youth and others regarding our country's founding.

Withlacoochee Chapter



The Withlacoochee SAR Chapter has had a busy fall with lots of events and presentations. The chapter marched in the Veterans Day parade in Inverness, Florida on Veterans Day. Please note the salute by the local chapter of the VFW in the photo. We also marched in the Brooksville Florida Xmas parade on December 9, 2023. This is a huge parade for a small city. We were the 115th unit out of about 125 total units.

The Rainbow River Chapter of the DAR also presented a Commendation to our chapter for raising awareness of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The Withlacoochee SAR Chapter has always had a close and cooperative relationship with local DAR chapters.

C. Bruce Pickette Past NSSAR President visiting friends locally attended our November meeting. He gave a short speech on how well the Florida and the National SAR is doing. He then presented a Sam Adam's Congress Appreciation Award to President David Hitchcock and Secretary Thomas Bowen for their help at the SAR Congress in Orlando in July.

Wreaths Across America



Below are some of the pictures of the Wreaths Across America that the Brevard Chapter and the Panama City Chapter that each participated during the month of December 2023



On Saturday, 23 December 2023, a belated (WAABC) Wreaths across America Bay County, Florida belated ceremony occurred because of storms in Panama City the previous Saturday. The WAABC Ceremony was held at the Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, where hundreds of Military Veterans are buried. Despite the fact that the ceremony was held the day before Christmas Eve, there were over two hundred participants. Present were individuals from the Bay HS JROTC, Tyndall AFB Active Military, four Veterans Service Organizations, multiple local businesses, FLSSAR Panama City Chapter and the Saint Andrews DAR Chapter.

The day prior, FLSSAR Panama City Chapter President Brad Marble and Vice President Benny Raffield decorated Marble's truck with Flags and a Christmas Wreath. Marble spoke to the Bay High School Air Force JROTC Color Guard; telling them he would be presenting the SAR JROTC Medal at the late April Ceremony.



Beginning of 2024: Mixing Business with Pleasure!

That is Mixing Dental Business with SAR Pleasure at the Personal Attention Dental Center in Panama City, Florida. The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Panama City Chapter President DeCody Brad Marble presented the SAR Five Year Membership Award, (Certificate and Pin) to two chapter members, father and son, who are both dentists. Doctor David Pete Windham and son William Travis Windham were sworn into the Sons of the American Revolution in the Summer of 2018, just before Hurricane Michael blew into town. The Award Presentation was certainly a Pleasure for Compatriot Marble, after receiving the Business in the Dental Chair. "Good Grief!" - dbm



*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

RESERVATION FORM

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

How does the group wish to be announced?

Number attending each event:

_____ Color Guard Procession (May 8th 10:30 Central – Muster at 09:30)

_____ Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 8th at 2:00 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to battle@pensacolasar.org or mail to:

Pensacola SAR

c/o Chris Washler

3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503

Wm. LEE POPHAM, Sr.
Candidate for
TREASURER GENERAL
2024 – 2025

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

- ⑦ Minuteman - Class of 2023
- ⑦ Military Service Medal
- ⑦ Distinguished Service Medal (National, State, Chapter)
- ⑦ Meritorious Service Medal (Gold-2, Silver, Bronze)
- ⑦ Roger Sherman Medal (Gold-2, Silver-3, Bronze-4)
- ⑦ Liberty Medal (Bronze-2)
- ⑦ Color Guard Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ⑦ Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal – (3)
- ⑦ Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ⑦ Council of State Presidents (CoSP) Medal (Gold, Silver)
- ⑦ Patriot Medal, Class of 2021
- ⑦ Good Citizenship Medal (Silver, Bronze)
- ⑦ Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award Medal
- ⑦ C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze)
- ⑦ 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.

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

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#** _____



*Tampa area S.A.R. & D.A.R. chapters invite you to a Gala Birthday
Celebration in honor of George Washington.*

Friday, February 23, 2024

St. Petersburg Yacht Club - 11 Central Ave.

6 pm Social - 7pm Dinner

Coat & Tie, Formal, Period Attire

\$65pp includes covered parking

*We are now accepting reservations for what promises to be a
very special evening. Guests welcome.*

Please reserve your spot now with a check made payable to the

Tampa S.A.R. Mail to: Will Wagner-Hart

39441 Pattie Rd. Zephyrhills, Fl 33540

Zelle: tampasar.tres@gmail.com

Please note if a vegetarian or vegan meal is requested

**The Florida Society
 Sons of the American Revolution,
 the City of Callahan,
 and the West Nassau Historical Society
 celebrate the
 Anniversary of the
 American Revolutionary War
 Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge
 30 June 1778
 11:00 a.m. Saturday June 29, 2024
 at the West Nassau Historical Society
 45383 Dixie Ave, Callahan, FL 32011
 RSVP to Darryl.jaxsar.sec@att.net**



AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF Alligator Creek Bridge

The 3rd Florida invasion took place on June 30th, 1778, led by Col. Elijah Clark. It is known as the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge. Col. Clark led his mounted Georgia Militia against British Major Prevost's forces who were defending Alligator Creek Bridge.

As with the prior two expeditions, there was a serious leadership disagreement between the two leaders: Governor Houstoun and General William Howe. Even though there were 2,600 Continental and militia forces under the two leaders, they did not agree on how to proceed with the invasion into Florida.

General Howe (with one half of the forces) opted to stay and occupy Fort Tonyn located about 14 miles north of the Alligator Creek Battle site on the St. Mary's River, even though it had been burned by British Loyalists.

Governor Houstoun opted to attack the 500 British Regulars, 200 South Carolina Royalists and Seminoles at Alligator Creek Bridge. As Houstoun's forces under General Screven chased the Loyalist forces back to the bridge, the British Regulars thought Screven's forces were also Loyalist forces retreating from the burned Fort Tonyn.

Col. Elijah Clarke led his mounted militia against the British bridge entrenchments during the skirmish and Clarke was wounded. General Screven's main reserve force, seeing that Clarke was injured and being barely able to escape capture, ordered a retreat. This was the third failed expedition. It was primarily due to a lack of coordination that had also doomed the two previous assaults on the Florida-Georgia borderlands.

The third invasion into Florida swamp land was a disaster. Although American battle casualties were only 13, over 500 Patriots died of disease before they could be withdrawn from East Florida.



Last Naval Battle Reservation Form



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

**March 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a "**Wreath laying Ceremony**" for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! *Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 18, 2024. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.***

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

Group/Unit name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

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

Wreath presentation:

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

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

or mail to:

Brevard SAR

3040 Refuge Ct, Melbourne FL, 32940

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Fees & Dues

Effective: 9/1/2023

	NSSAR			FLSSAR		
	Fees	Dues	Total	Fees	Dues	Total
Membership Annual Dues						
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
Applications						
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
Transfers						
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
Reinstatements						
Former FLSSAR member	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$20	\$20
Former non-FLSSAR member	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$20	\$20

* The 133rd Congress, on 7/18/2023, voted to increase National dues from \$35 to \$50, effective 9/1/2023.

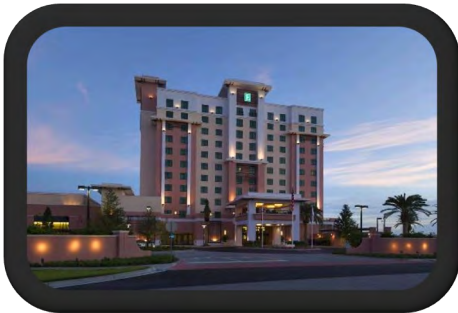


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The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

May 17 & 18, 2024

4955 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, FL 34746

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.