

241st Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution



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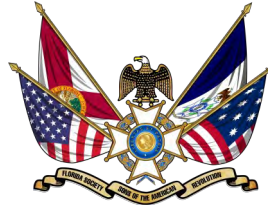
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The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should 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



Compatriots,

With the first quarter of 2024 already over, it has already been an eventful year. The commemorations of the Last Naval Battle and Thomas Creek have been observed, the DAR and CAR state conferences have been exciting and successful, and planning goes on as numerous chapters around Florida look to host America 250 events and Liberty Tree dedications. These upcoming local events provide SAR chapters the perfect opportunity to make inroads with their communities and schools. Last year saw the 250th commemoration of the Boston Tea Party on site, virtually, and through local celebrations - many in cooperation with the DAR and CAR. The time, talent, and treasure invested by those organizations is an example to us as well as a resource with this year's celebrations of the first Continental Congress. Be sure that your chapter DAR and CAR liaisons have the resources that they need to coordinate your efforts for your greatest success.

As this year is young, it is also time to ensure that your chapter's have several members certified through the SAR Youth Protection Training program (found in the Quick Links area of SAR.org). Any meeting or event that SAR members participate in or attend that has young people present should also have at least one certified compatriot among the attendees. The best way to ensure this is to have as many of your compatriots take the free training online. Certification is good for two-years and it provides assurance to members of the community that the SAR takes seriously the wellbeing of the youth of our communities.

Looking ahead we have celebrations for the commemoration of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the Siege of Pensacola, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and much more. The Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is in Lancaster, PA this July and those wishing to be delegates need to have their chapter president's submit their names to Secretary Scott Breckenridge as soon as possible. All are encouraged to attend. Florida's highly successful hosting of Congress last year has raised the bar and the Pennsylvania Society has great plans for their event. All SAR members are invited to attend the annual Congress and its associated events.

My term as president ends with the installation of the 2024-2025 officers at the Annual Banquet. This is held at the end of the Board of Management and Annual Meetings of the Florida Society and are May 17 and 18 this year. Training, meetings, presentation of state youth and public safety awards, and the annual memorial service along with presentations of the Patriot Medal are some of the highlights. Of great importance are the Board of Management Meeting and the election of officers. Chapter Presidents should ensure that their chapter delegates are registered to attend and that their names have been forwarded to State Secretary Scott Breckenridge. Requests must come from chapter presidents to be considered just like all chapter reports be submitted by them - even if prepared by another chapter officer. Color Guard and state committee reports must also be submitted by their respective heads. Scott does tremendous work assembling the annual bluebook for the meetings and keeping the lines of communication simple goes a long way to eliminating unnecessary effort.

The Ladies Auxiliary has great plans for the upcoming BoM weekend. They have a great program planned for the Youth Awards

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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Luncheon and they will be holding the annual basket raffle. All chapters should have their baskets (apt \$100 value) dropped off near the registration area by lunchtime Saturday May 18th or through other means coordinated ahead of time with the Ladies Auxiliary. These baskets raise money that bolsters the prize awards for the SAR Youth Contest winners. Please support the Ladies Auxiliary and our youth by donating a basket. Also, having had a dozen new members join the state Ladies Auxiliary so far this year, please let all the ladies of your chapters know that they are welcome to join. They can email Ladies Auxiliary President Jill Fields at jillybeans68@hotmail.com for information and an application.

On a personal note, I want to thank each and every member and supporter of the Florida Society for their efforts this past year. Being elected president of the best state in the SAR has been my honor and privilege. First Lady Jill and I have driven thousands of miles to visit many of your chapters - not as many as we would have liked to though. We have always been welcomed and we greatly appreciate the hospitality as well as the enthusiasm. The chapters are where the goals of the SAR are met. Your members and supporters bring our love of history and our promotion of patriotism to life. Thank you for all that you have done and all that you will accomplish. Best wishes and prayers from the both of us. God bless you all.

Steven R. Fields

Florida Society President, 2023-2024

Calendar of National Events

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

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has hereby put together a list of FLSSAR Compatriots who have agreed to serve as State Officers for 2024-2025 term. The nominating committee believes this list of candidates will faithfully promote and lead the FLSSAR Society for the upcoming year.

President:	James Yost Gaskins
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-Historian:	Joel Etherton
-Web Master:	Robbie Robinson
-Member at Large:	Hamp Allen
-Editor FL Patriot:	Jeff Sizemore

FLSSAR Regional Officer Nominees:

-NE RVP:	Charles Robert Hayes
-NW RVP:	Don Wilham
-NC RVP:	Steve Hohman
-EC RVP:	Harry Rinker
-WC RVP:	Alfred Parks Honeywell
-SW RVP:	Jonathan Hunt

-SE RVP: Chuck Adams

2023-2024 Nominating Committee consisted of the following individuals: Brian L Jensen - Chairman, Hampton "Hamp" E Allen, Dale C Bottom, Earl Frederick Mathews, and Thomas J Thompson .

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Com- mittee Report

The 2023-2024 Knight Essay Contest has been completed and we have selected our FLSSAR Entry which has been submitted to the NSSAR Chairman for entry into the National Knight Essay Contest. We had eight essays entered in our State Contest this year which was an improvement from last year where we only received five. Our First Place Essay was submitted through the Central Florida Chapter. The winner and their parents have been invited to attend our Annual Youth Awards Luncheon at the 2024 Spring BOM/Annual meeting in Kissimmee on Saturday, May 18th where she will receive the State Knight Essay Winner Medal, certificate and her monetary award. She will also be asked to read their essay during the luncheon.

Knight essays were received from the following Chapters: Caloosa; Central Florida; Lakeland; Miami; South Shore; Tallahassee; Tampa; and Withlacoochee. The final results of the contest were as follows:

1 st Place	Ada Douglas, Lake Highland Preparatory School, Central Florida Chapter
2 nd Place	Jaxon Munroe, Home Schooled, South Shore Chapter
3 rd Place	Diandra Varbaro, Burlio Alonso, Tampa Chapter

During our Youth Awards Luncheon during the Spring BOM Ada will receive her medal, certificate and a check for \$1,000. Jaxon will receive a certificate and a check for \$500; and Diandra will receive a certificate and check for \$250.

We greatly appreciate all of the chapters that participated in the 2023-2024 Knight Essay Contest and would encourage your participation again next year with the 2024-2025 Contest. We would also like to encourage all of our Florida

Chapters to get involved with our Youth Contest. It is a great way to get information out about our Society.

It is never too early to start soliciting Knight Essay entries for next year's contest. It is also important that you advertise your Chapter's deadline date for submitting essays to the Chapter as well as the FLSSAR deadline of 31 December for all chapter entries to be submitted to State. We had a number of inquiries come in late due to the confusion over the 15 February deadline posted on the National website which is the National deadline for receipt of all the State Essay entries.

For the Chapter's winning essay submission to State must be in five parts in the formats indicated as follows: 1. the Knight Essay Application (PDF) (which now must be signed and dated by the student); 2. the Bibliography (Word); 3. The Biography (Word) (Student's name must be on this document); 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 2025 deadline. FLSSAR prizes for the 2024 contest are \$1,000/\$500/\$250. The NSSAR prizes presented at the NSSAR Congress this year were 1st - \$6,000; 2nd - \$3,000; 3rd - \$2,000; 4th - \$500; and 5th - \$500. See SAR.ORG for complete details.

The new school year for 2024-2025 will be upon us before we realize it. The September timeframe 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, CAR Societies, Scouting and JROTC 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.

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Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Report

The American History Teacher Award applauds excellence in education by awarding American history teachers whose qualifications, efforts, and accomplishments stand out among their peers in educating today's youth on the American Revolutionary War period. Qualified candidates are required to submit an application, letter of recommendation, curriculum vitae highlighting their educational and professional background and accomplishments, and a minimum 1000-word essay. The essay requires applicants to explain why they feel it is important to educate today's youth about the American Revolution and detail educators' most innovative pedagogical practices.

For the 2024 contest, the committee received teacher entries at both the middle and high school levels. Adopting a 3-point scoring rubric, individual contest entries were evaluated based on the quality of their letter(s) of recommendation, curriculum vitae, and original essays. Scores were tabulated for both levels of competition and winners determined. This year's middle school winner is Mr. Joseph Vetter, sponsored by Charles Brinkerhoff, Director at Large of the Daytona-Ormand Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Vetter is a 23-year veteran of education and is currently teaching 8th-grade American history in Daytona Beach. He holds a master's degree in American history from Pace University, serves as Washington D.C. Field Study Coordinator (2008-present), and performs Hamilton program reenactments for DAR, historical societies, and libraries. In support of America's 250th celebration, Mr. Vetter will be taking his Hamiltonian performance on the road, visiting 18 east-coast cities in the summer of 2025.

The state award winner at the high school level is Mr. Matthew Bunch. A member of the Miami Chapter FLSSAR, Bunch worked closely with Miami Chapter president, George Wysong, and 1st vice president, Rene Jewett, to file his application. Compatriot Bunch currently teaches 12th-grade government classes for Miami-Dade County Public Schools and has been teaching American history for 11 years. He was recognized as a James Madison Memorial Fellow in 2022, received the Hampton Dunn Digital Media Award for his efforts toward expanding knowledge of Florida history in 2023, and earned his master of arts degree in American history from Gettysburg College in 2024. Matthew Bunch was also one of 15 teachers selected to participate in the Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament 2019, is a 2023 recipient of the NSSAR Youth Education Award, and was quoted in a January 2024 edition of Time Magazine for his reflections on the events that unfolded in Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021.

Before closing, I would also like to recognize the runner up in the middle school category. Maxwell Deutsch, sponsored by Ronald Grove, Secretary of the Lake-Sumter Chapter, teaches middle school civics in Wildwood, Florida.

He completed the Florida Civics Seal of Excellence certification in 2023 and is a recent recipient of the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. I congratulate Mr. Deutsch on his accomplishments, thank him for his participation in our contest, and encourage him to apply again next year.

Please join me in congratulating our contest winners, and plan to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon at the upcoming Spring BOM, where FLSSAR will recognize winners Joseph Vetter and Matthew Bunch for their excellence in education. Looking forward to next year, I encourage all chapters to reach out to their local educators whereby we might grow participation in this worthwhile program.

Kevin R. Shurte
FLSSAR Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award, Chairman

Medals and Awards Committee Report

By Hampton E. Allen, Jr, Chairman

The NSSAR Official Handbook Vol 5: Individual Medals, Awards and Certificates was revised and updated effective 1 Jan 2024. 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 they are in compliance with the new guidelines. Serious consideration should be given to ensure a proposed recipient is fully qualified and deserving of the award for which they are being nominated to maintain the integrity of the NSSAR medals and awards.

Recommendations for all State level medals and awards should be sent to the Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee as early as possible. This will allow the committee to evaluate the request, obtain approval and secure the certificate and /or medal from National if not already in the FLSSAR inventory. Most medal and award certificates required the signature of both the President and Secretary prior to presentation at the Awards Banquet during the annual Spring BOM/Annual meeting.

As a reminder to all Chapter Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, all medals and awards presented to non-SAR members are eligible for reimbursement from the Florida Endowment Trust Fund (ETF) within the limits established by the ETF committee. The medals are reimbursed at 100% while the other awards are reimbursed at 75% within the authorized limits. Many chapters miss out on this reimbursement policy because they fail to file for the reimbursement. The ETF Grand Application Form is located on the FLSSAR website and contains information about what reimbursements are available to the chapters.

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.

Name	Chapter
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

Lazenby, Dexter Holman	St Augustine
Byers, Stephen Brockway	Caloosa
Ingley III, Herbert Arthur	Gainesville
Told Jr, William Henry	Palm Beach
Voorhees, Donald Ross	Lake-Sumter
Freese, Fredric Allan	Jacksonville
Bolin Sr, William Connell	South Shore
Stewart Sr, Robert Daniel	Caloosa
Wellman, Eugene Nelson	Withlacoochee
Schnauss, Roy Harris	Jacksonville
Hughes, Paul Clayton	Naples
Clark, Donald Harry	Lake-Sumter

America 250 Updates:

The Florida Society has been extremely busy with America 250 events since the Fall BOM in October! Since the Fall meeting, we have had 22 Silver Medals Awarded, and three new NSSAR Gold Medals approved. In addition, there are several more Gold Medal applications awaiting approval from the National Society!

America's 250th Anniversary is an amazing opportunity for the Sons of the American Revolution to live out our Mission Statement in our communities. Local chapters should take advantage of the opportunity to be front and center in leading the celebrations of our nation's founding. During the Fall BOM, we had a one hour session that gave an overview of the America 250 program and the various ways that SAR chapters can engage in this. We will be doing another session on Saturday morning for the Spring BOM/Annual Meeting. Additionally, there will be more discussion and guidance around how to earn the America 250 medals and streamers! Between now and the Spring BOM, if your chapter has any questions about the America 250 program, reach out to Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chairman, Chris Washler.

Compatriots and DAR members earning Silver Medals in the past few months include:

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| Tim McLane | Ft. Lauderdale Chapter |
| Robin Preston | Central Florida Chapter |
| William B. Swain | Tampa Chapter |
| Walter R. Young, Sr. | Tampa Chapter |
| Garald K. Robinson | Tampa Chapter |
| David Bryant | Tampa Chapter |
| Matthew G. Balencie | Tampa Chapter |
| William Wagner-Hart | Tampa Chapter |
| Anthony Meerpohl | Naples Chapter |
| John McCullough | Naples Chapter |
| Leonard Crame | Naples Chapter |
| Michael Garey | Naples Chapter |
| Philip Thieler | Naples Chapter |
| W. Douglas Gibbens | Naples Chapter |
| Timothy West | Naples Chapter |
| Robert Stiles | Naples Chapter |
| Mike Lyster | Naples Chapter |
| Brian Bennett | Naples Chapter |

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.

Name	Chapter
Young, Gregory Lewis	The Villages
Trout II, Richard Hugh	Withlacoochee
Egbert, Richard Norman	Clearwater

Audrey Smith
Acey Edgemon
Audrey Smith
Cindy Addison

Naples Chapter
Naples Chapter
Big Cypress DAR Regent
FLSDAR Regent

Compatriots who earned the Gold America 250 Medal since the Fall BOM:

Charles Adams
Philip Markoe
Harry Rinker

Fort Lauderdale Chapter
Central Florida Chapter
Central Florida Chapter

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.

DAR and SAR Honors Veterans at the Vietnam War 50th Commemoration



On Friday, March 29th four chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Lawrence Keary chapter as host chapter, Caloosahatchee, Estero Island, and USS Hannah chapters assisted) presented a program at Eco Park in Cape Coral honoring Veterans who served during the Vietnam War. The estimate was that more than 100 attended, including the veterans, their family and friends, and representatives from several veteran service organizations. The DAR was assisted by the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, including DAR Members carrying their chapter flag. After presentation of the colors and the National Anthem sung by Kathy Jenkins; Guns & Hoses played patriotic songs and the Service Medley. Mayor Pro Temp Keith Long read the City of Cape Coral's Proclamation and proclaimed March 29th to be "Vietnam Veterans Day." Each Chapter Regent presented parts describing the Missing Man Table, items on the Commemorative pin and the Commemorative Partnership. Chapter members presented 36 Commemorative Lapel pins and DAR Certificates of Appreciation to veterans who had served during the Vietnam War period November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. This year we honored widows of a Vietnam veteran with a Family Lapel pin. After the ceremony a light lunch was served with homemade cookies supplied by DAR members. Mission BBQ also brought a dessert tray and handed out cards that were good for a sandwich at their location.



Will your chapter get a share of the \$29,328 available this year from the Endowment Trust Fund?

Every chapter can get some reimbursement but it is sad, to me, that so few do. Last year only 19 of our 32 chapters took part. We have this wonderful opportunity to help with outreach programs. Our trust fund this year was \$584,761 at the first of the year. The trustees allocate 5% (\$29,238) to be available to reimburse chapters for outreach programs. We are the only state with such a program! The fund reimburses 100% of the cost of medals and 75% of other projects and contests. So all medals awarded to non-SAR members are covered. All medals to youth contestants are covered. So when you award a law enforcement medal you get back the total cost of the medal. And then you can get 75% of the cost of meals for their family and the presentation folder. If you give a \$500 scholarship to an essay winner, you will get the total cost of the medal, 75% of the scholarship (\$375) and 75% of meals for the winner and parents. What chapter can't afford to take part in the essay contest for about \$200 and show your community you presented so much more? Then there is reimbursement for things like liberty trees, history fairs, Boy Scouts, JROTC and much more. You can see the rules on the state web site

under forms – ETF. One page has all the qualifications and I am always available to answer any question. These funds are an investment in our future membership – please use them!
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Florida Society Children of the American Revolution Update



On February 16-17, the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution held its 2024 Annual Conference at the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne. FLSSAR President Steve Fields brought greetings from the SAR and presented the SAR Silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to out-going State President Sydney Wagnstrom and Senior State President Dr. Holly Hamilton. He also presented the FSCAR with a \$1,000 check from the Florida SAR.

Attending the full meeting both as Senior Members of the FSCAR and representing the SAR were Scott Cook, Kevin Shurte and Dick Young. Joining them for the Color Guard presentation of the Colors at the Annual Banquet were Hans Hunt, Richard Sanders, Brian Jensen, Phil Markoe and State Color Guard Adjutant Harry Rinker, serving as Commander. Also joining the Color Guard and serving as the flag bearers were Junior SAR Members James Hamilton, Landon Alexander and Eli Maddox as well as C.A.R. member and prospective Junior SAR member Braeden Shurte. All are pictured herein

Caleb Golden was elected to serve a one year term as State President and JoAnn Welker was elected to serve a two year term as Senior State President. Both of their terms will start after their officer installation at the National C.A.R. Conference in April. They or some other representatives of the Florida C.A.R. will be at our May BOM and Annual Meeting to present their State Project and ask for assistance in reaching their fund raising goal. Whether you buy pins or coins or just give money, please be generous in your support of our C.A.R.

The service project for this Conference was to visit and tour the historic Green Gables house, built on the banks of the Indian River in 1886. The house is undergoing a \$1million restoration. The FSCAR members not only toured the house, but spent time weeding the flower beds and planting seeds expected to flower this spring. In the picture herein is FLSSAR President Steve Fields with the eight C.A.R. members who are also Junior members of the SAR. Dr. Holly Hamilton and Steve Fields presented each of them with the C.A.R. “Next Step” pin in recognition of them taking the “next step” by joining the SAR while still an active member of the C.A.R.

Hannah Arnett White Medal Award

On December 21, Dick Young, FLSSAR Treasurer and Tampa Chapter Registrar was invited to the monthly meeting of the Winding Waters Chapter of DAR. Florida DAR Regent presented him with the DAR Silver Hannah Arnett White Medal for assistance and efforts for the DAR at the state level.



2023 Purple Heart Day



August 7th is National Purple Heart Day. Space Coast Chapter 453 Military Order of the Purple Heart Commander Carl W Miller hosts a ceremony to honor one Gold Star Family and 12 Purple Heart recipients held in Merritt Island at the Veterans Memorial Center. This ceremony has become so large that it is by invitation only. Two hundred guests are invited, every seat is filled with people standing around the perimeter of the room.

Detail goes into recognizing and presenting each recipient's story. Another Purple Heart recipient will go into the specific conditions and events leading up to the honoree's sacrifice to protect our nation and their comrades. In addition, the Veterans Memorial Center places a brick in the Plaza with the Purple Heart Recipients name, rank, and service conflict at the Purple Heart Memorial.

This year we had the honor of having One of the Greatest Generation from World War an immigrant from Italy that came to the United States at the age of 5 living with an uncle until his parents were able to come to the United States. At 17, he enlisted and was deployed in the European Theater under the command of General Patton. In 2022 a Marine Sergeant Major was honored. Upon his enlistment he was given specific schooling to learn the English language prior to completing his basic

training.

We must remember that our World War II Veterans are rapidly leaving this world due to their age. Korea Veterans are right on their tail. Vietnam era Veterans are approaching their 70s and 80s. All. Service men and women. Serving today. Are 100%. Volunteers. They have all chosen to serve. Not drafted.

Planning for this event takes well over a year of processing recipients, verifying service, investigating their history, then providing help and assistance if needed. Compatriot Miller and his wife Sue spend an extensive amount of time getting to know each recipient, their families and learn of their hardships that are endured due to their sacrifices. In addition, the presenter spends time with their recipient to provide a better understanding of what they went through as well as their journey to recovery.

Compatriot Miller and his volunteers keep in touch with all recipients. Two years ago, one hero while being honored had his wife and children at his side. One child about three years old was climbing all over him as his story was being told. It was a wonderful moment seeing a Veteran come home and have his family with him, the child struck a special moment in everyone's hearts. That hero could not take the pain anymore, and took his own life, leaving his wife a widow and his children without a father. The tragedy of battle deeply affects all recipients, Compatriot Miller keeps in touch with each honoree to help them overcome issues of dealing with the results of their sacrifices.

At a prior ceremony, one Veteran who was being honored had a vast amount of his field support personnel that was present and now living in Brevard County. The nurse who was worked to get him stabilized after injury, the pilot who flew him to another facility. Every time this pilot gained attitude, this hero would go into convulsions. The chaplain that gave him his last rights was also present and now lives in the county.



In 2022, Compatriot Miller coordinated with Quilts of Valor. He ask for 24 quilts, the local. Chapter coordinated with the national society. As a result, all were provided including some that had been in work since 2017. Seeing a hero being draped by one of these quilts is a wonderful experience to see, the gratitude the recipient gives is remarkable.

After the 2023 ceremony was over, Compatriot Miller was approached by a Purple Heart recipient that he had not met. Hopefully this hero will have the honor of being honored at next year's services.

January 2024 Compatriot Miller recently received a hand carved cane from the Purple Heart Cane Project. He was one of 50 recipients to receive an individually made instrument that has all of his service data embedded on this beautiful cane.

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

At the February meeting, the chapter celebrated George Washington's birthday. The speaker for this month was LTC (Ret) Tim Thomas who is the Senior Army instructor at the Viera High School and is also the District 1 Brevard County Commissioner. Efforts were on-going for the upcoming yearly Last Naval Battle Ceremony that took place in March.

At the April meeting, Tom Fitzgerald was our speaker. He and his wife dress in period uniforms and drive a mule driven caisson used regularly at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.



Caloosa Chapter



There have been plenty of meetings of our Caloosa Chapter, and every one of them have led to new friendships, great discussions, and new ways to continue the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting held on Feb. 22, 2024, the birthdate of President George Washington, was no exception.

Our Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15 Color Guard was in uniform, and on hand to post the colors. FLSSAR President Steve Fields, and his wife, Jill, attended our Chapter meeting. Steve was there in uniform and participated in the posting of colors.

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody gave his usual thoughtful and inspiring invocation, and the assembled Compatriots and their guests proceeded to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed, and the S.A.R. Pledge

Each time I go to an SAR meeting, and we do that, by the time I'm finished reciting the material, I have a lump in my throat and a lot of pride in my chest that I'm part of an organization that attaches real meaning and commitment to the principles set forth in those passages. And this time, my sense of pride in the SAR, and in my Compatriots, was overwhelming because I could tell that our Guest of Honor, Michael Maibach, was moved as well that our organization exists to preserve and protect the principles of Government recognized by the founding fathers – the very topic of his excellent talk. Later, as he was leaving, he confirmed my observation and commended us all.

It is always a pleasure to have a new Compatriot inducted at a Chapter meeting, and so I was happy to see that William Wells Jenks had finally made it through all stages of the approval process and was asked to come forward to take the oath, this evening administered by our President, Mike Buff. William's Patriot ancestor is Phineas Wells, and I will soon get in touch with William to see if we can have Patriot Wells' Revolutionary War service recounted in an upcoming edition of "Compatriot's Corner."



Everyone has heard the saying “One photograph tells a thousand words” and once our new Compatriot was sworn-in, the pride and excitement can’t be missed. Welcome to our Chapter, William, we’re as happy as you are, and we look forward to getting to know you and working with you on the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Before the meeting began, our speaker, Michael Maibach, took delight in talking to everyone, sharing stories, jokes, and our respective backgrounds. He enjoyed the back-and-forth banter then, and during his talk, with Anne and Bob McGuire, especially their connection with the Mayflower.

Although I had done some research on Mr. Maibach when I found out that he would be speaking and read some of his scholarly articles on the Constitution, our Founding Fathers, and the Electoral College, I wasn’t sure what his talk would be like. I soon found out.

Michael began by discussing forms of government via a historical discussion of principally the Greeks and Romans, using a fascinating array of slides, anecdotes, photos, charts, and all manner of educational tools. He reminded us all that at the time of our American Revolution, the rest of the world, largely consisting of the Russians, Italians, Brits, French, and the countries of China, Japan, as well as those in Africa and South America, were run by monarchies and potentates of one sort or another -- and it was the upstart Americans that said “no more” (beginning with King George III). Instead, Madison, Hamilton, Jefferson, the other Founding Fathers, with George Washington presiding, worked through the hot summer and came up with a Constitution that included many critical compromises between those delegates representing the large states (like Virginia) and those delegates representing the so-called small states (like Connecticut). Maibach reminded us that that one of those compromises included the election of a chief executive (the President) via the vote of an Electoral College.

The group that Mr. Maibach represents is called “Save Our States” which is dedicated to defending and preserving the constitutional republic form of government that our Founders produced. He is retired now and devoted to testifying at dozens of legislative hearings, participating in national debates and conferences, and frequently appearing on top media programs. His talk was mesmerizing; everyone in the room was entirely enthralled and entertained. Truly a wonderful evening.

Central Florida Chapter



Philip Markoe, Past President of the Central Florida Chapter and Commander of the chapter's color guard (Camp #10, Daniel Morgan, FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade), worked with Lt. Colonel Frances Barth, instructor for the Lake Mary High School NJROTC to create the opportunity for the Central Florida Chapter to set up a membership recruitment booth at the March 2, 2024, NJROTC Area 11 and 12 State Drill Competition held at the Lake Mary High School athletic field. The competition involved NJROTC units from across the state of Florida. Many of the participants were supported by parents and other family members.

Because of the broad scope of the event, the Central Florida Chapter's goals for the event were to introduce the SAR and DAR to as many individuals as possible, recruit membership leads, encourage individual who expressed an interest to complete and return a three generation lineage chart that can be used to create a family tree on Ancestry or Family Search, and to educate cadets and/or their family about the history of the American Revolution and the principles for which the Patriots fought.

Phil Markoe and Harry Rinker manned the recruiting booth from 8:30 AM to 3:00. The day was extremely successful. Over 20 lineage charts were handed out, dozens of additional people inquired about the SAR and DAR, over a dozen SAR and DAR members among the parents stopped and visited, and considerable time was spent sharing Revolutionary War history ranging from discussing the diversity of participants to demonstrating long rifle color guard drill commands and how a long rifle operated with NJROTC members and parents.

This event is part of the Central Florida Chapter's continuing commitment to making the SAR and DAR visible in its community and to recruiting members for the SAR and DAR in new and creative ways.



As part of the Central Florida Chapter continuing efforts to recruit membership on behalf the SAR and the DAR, Phillip Markoe and Harry L. Rinker created and manned a Central Florida Chapter recruiting booth on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Pioneer Days, an annual festival held at Cypress Grove Park, Orlando, FL, on February 24, 2024. The booth

was ready when the Pioneer Days event opened to the public at 9:00 AM and remained open until 4:00 PM

Chapter member Richard Branham, wearing an SAR shirt, arrived at 10:40 AM and remained until 3:00 PM. Chapter member William Morgan was responsible for encouraging the chapter to participate in Pioneer Days.

The recruiting efforts produced 11 SAR leads and 2 DAR leads. In addition, over a dozen genealogy charts (with instructions to fill them out and return them to Chapter Registrar/Genealogist Harry Rinker) were given to individuals who expressed an interest in learning if they had Revolutionary War Ancestors but who did not sign the recruiting information sheet.

In late January to early February chapter registrar Harry L. Rinker assisted Linda K. Rinker, Kay McGee, and Sally Johnston, members of the DAR Mary Virginia Chapter in Maitland, in teaching a one-day a week, four-week program introducing first, second, third, fourth, and fifth graders at the Orangewood Elementary School in Maitland, Florida to the methodology of tracing their family lineage and what can be learned from it. A total of 49 students participated. The program was highly successful. A workbook is being developed for teachers across the United States that can be used to introduce the concept in their classrooms.

Robin Preston, member-at-large, was appointed chairman of the Central Florida Chapter's 250th Anniversary Committee. Preston introduced a 250th celebration feature into every chapter meeting. In addition, he tracks the 250th medal anniversary points for all active chapter members and prepares applications for members when they reach the bronze, silver, and gold point counts. These are the first steps in the Central Florida Chapter's increasing focus on 250th Revolutionary Anniversary events.

Clearwater Chapter



At the December 20, 2023 meeting, our officers for 2024 were sworn in by Regional Vice President Parks Honeywell, who wore a Revolutionary War officer's uniform.

Our new officers are: President - Timothy Shaner, First Vice President - Harry Fuller, Second Vice President - Dwight McEntire, Treasurer - Thomas Hancher, Chaplain - Robert Cundiff, and Sergeant At Arms - Russell Pebworth.

Parks Honeywell was awarded the Liberty Medal and the thirty-year membership award. George Youstra was awarded the fifty-year membership award. Robert Moore was awarded the Sam Adams Congress Appreciation Award.

On January 17, 2024 meeting, we held our meeting at a new location, the Countryside Country Club. Our guest speaker was Andrew Lumish, founder of The Good Cemeterian project. Mr. Lumish has restored numerous grave markers in cemeteries for over a decade. He was inspired to do so after seeing neglected grave markers of veterans in a cemetery located in Tampa. Our new Secretary, Warren Wilson, was sworn in.

At the February 21, 2024 meeting, we recognized our 2023-24 St. Petersburg College Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship recipient Michelle Wilson, and Deborah Swink, St. Petersburg College Executive Director of Development Officer, who gave us an overview of our scholarship. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Deborah Swink. Past President Walter Arnold was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service and Past President awards. Tom Hancher and Timothy Shaner were also presented awards.

Daytona - Ormond Beach Chapter





At our December meeting we gave a donation to **Old Glory Service Dogs for Veterans** of Bunnell. They train dogs to meet the needs of local Veterans. Our Treasurer Jim Haff and President Bill Elder are presenting a check to the managers and trainers of that group. We had 26 members and guests in attendance, including 5 DAR and 3 potential new members.

At our January meeting, Compatriot Will Ashmore shared a story of "The Other Tea Parties and Their Aftermath" with 16 brothers and sisters. This was a follow up to our January "Boston Tea Party" meeting.

Celebrating Washington's Birthday at the Daytona-Ormond Chapter February meeting. George and Martha Washington made a presentation. Members Romain Bastian, Will Ashmore, Bill McIntyre and other guests were attentive to Martha Washington sharing a part of their story.

Flagler Chapter



At the Flagler Chapter SAR regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the Bladel Family Group (nine members) were inducted into the Society by Flagler Chapter President Randall Conway. Representing the group of nine was Compatriot John T. Bladel and his wife Rita. The nine family group members are: John T. Bladel, John F. Bladel, Conner Abrams, James B. Bladel, Ryan J. Bladel, Richard J. Garon, Timothy M. Garon, Otto G. Williams and Connor G. Williams. This was the largest induction ceremony in Flagler Chapter history. The research and tireless effort was made possible by multiple family members, the Daughters of the American Revolution, registrar's in the Florida Society of the SAR, and genealogists at large.

The Bladel family group's ancestor was Patriot Gerret G. Van Hoesen. He served throughout the American Revolution as a private in the Eighth Regiment, New York Militia, First, under LTC Cortland from 1776 to 1779, and then under LTC Rensseslaer from 1779 to 1783. He was at the Battle of Saratoga during his service.

Gainesville Chapter



The Gainesville Chapter held their elections at their February general membership dinner meeting. Gainesville's 2024/2025 Officers are: President: Randy Highsmith, First Vice President: Mike O'Loughlin, Second Vice President: Lester Burch, Treasurer: David Thomas, Secretary: Jonathan Jensen, and Registrar: Tim Hoskinson.

After many years of meeting at Brown's Country Buffett the chapter had to find a new location for their meetings due to changes in hours at Brown's. The chapter is currently meeting at Mi Apá Latin Café in Gainesville on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

The chapter also relaunched their newsletter (The Gainesville Broadside) with February being their first new issue after several years of being dormant. Johnathan Jensen is the Editor. Newly elected Chapter President Randy Highsmith presented outgoing President David Thomas with a plaque showing the chapters appreciation for his dedication and leadership over the past several years.

Okeechobee Chapter

The Okeechobee Chapter SAR participated in the Okeechobee Speckled Perch Festival by entering a float in the Speckled Perch parade. Several members dressed in uniform and the float was very well received by the crowd.



Palm Beach Chapter



Chapter honored the 23% of its membership who are Veterans, and heard from *Chapter Veterans* as they shared interesting stories of their *Military Service* from Korea to the deserts of the *Middle East*, as part of our annual “*Soldiers Voice*” program. *Veteran’s Voice* speakers included; *Compatriots Richard Linn USN, Robert Boggs USMC, Benjamin Tidwell III USA and Donald Lanman USA.*

“*Service before Self*”, these outstanding 2024 Officers were formally installed, by *SAR National Inspector General and former Chapter & State President Ray Wess; President Peter Johnston, Vice President TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Historian, Donald Lanman, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain, Benjamin Tidwell, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Chapter Genealogist, Bob Boggs.*

Chapter Secretary Bob Boggs inducted a new Comatriot Odis Kendirck and Steven McGillicuddy into the chapter. The Chapter presented FMR President David Bird with the *Bronze Good Citizenship Medal* in recognition of his service to the Chapter, community and country. He also received FLS-SAR Certificate of Appreciation for attending at the National Congress in Orlando.

The Chapter continued its commitment to supporting the Nation’s Project 250 by honoring 10 Chapter SAR Comatriots and DAR Patriots with the *SAR 250 Anniversary Medal*. Those honored for their history of supporting the project includ-

ed Compatriots: *Ray Wess, Don Lanman, Peter Johnston, Ben Tidwell, Greg Parkinson, Bob Boggs* and DAR Daughters: *Brenda Fritz, Marjorie Ferrer, Karen Christie and Diane Tidwell*. Congratulations all and well done.

Compatriot Wess and members of the *Society of the Cincinnati* presented the Cincinnati Washington medal to *Compatriot Bill Elder* to wear on his Washington uniform when making presentations to represent *General Washington* who was a member of the Cincinnati and its first President.

SAR National Inspector General and former Chapter & State President *Ray Wess* received a *FLSSAR Bronze Appreciation Medal* and *Certificate of Appreciation* for service at the National Congress in Orlando.

Panama City Chapter



The February 2024 regular meeting of the Panama City Chapter was held at 11:00 AM on February 19, 2024, at Sonny's BBQ in Lynn Haven, Florida. Those attending were: Brad Marble, president; Benny Raffield, Vice president; Jim Haynes, secretary/treasurer, Jim Prelaw, member and Jonita Haynes, ladies auxiliary president.

Following the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and SAR Pledge, president Marble adjourned the meeting for lunch. After the meeting resumed, president Brad Marble gave a report about the Northwest Regional meeting held in Bonifay, Florida, on February 17, 2024, which was conducted by Christopher Washler, NW Region Vice President. Then, Compatriot Marble gave a presentation about several of his ancestors who participated in the American Revolution. After the closing prayer and the SAR Recessional the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

James Franklin Haynes, the author of the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter new Constitution, submitted them to Matt Mathews and received favorable reviews and moving forward. Harry L. Rinker is a buzz saw at a wood chopping event. More than 3 approved applicants, two at National waiting review, even more with State Registrar Lantz for forwarding and even a lot more recently submitted to Harry's busy hands.

Benny Raffield has launched the Panama City Chapter FACEBOOK Page this past Sunday. Of course, in its infancy stage, he is carefully developing the site to meet the approval of the State and National SAR and bring interest from the public about the Panama City Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

President DeCody Brad Marble has already made one JROTC presentation and making contact with the other five high schools that the chapter has served for years. I have since 2016. The Color Guard Report has been submitted to Harry Rinker. In addition, a JROTC Report was made to the FLSSAR JROTC Committee Chairmen, Lt. Col. Hans U.S. Army (Ret).

Pensacola Chapter



The Pensacola Chapter continued to make headway on their project to present 250 Flag Certificates in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties by the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Among others, this quarter they presented flag certificates to Navy Federal Credit Union EVP for Pensacola Operations, Kara Cardona, as well as the Remax Horizons Realty office in Pensacola.

In February, four Pensacola Compatriots, Ben Findley, Jeremy Findley, Geoffrey Pittman, and Hayden Hudson helped to judge exhibits at the Escambia County History Day competition. This year, the Pensacola Chapter awarded the Pensacola SAR History Fair award to Alyssa Holifield, Peyton Smith, and Tacari Watkins for their exhibit on “Bernardo de Galvez in the American Revolution.” Additionally, the chapter recognized Bailey McDonald for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Bailey is the first Eagle Scout for Troop 451G as well as the first female Eagle Scout in Santa Rosa County.

Tampa Chapter

Herein are pictures from the 250th anniversary presentation and George Washington Dinner that was held by the chapter this past quarter.



St. Augustine Chapter



On April 10, 2024, Sean Tonnelier attended the Gainesville DAR meeting in which Julie Tapia-Ruano and Sydney M. Glazener, with the Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR, were in attendance. Mrs Glazener gave an informative speech on cleaning tombstones.

St. Petersburg Chapter





At the December 16, 2023 Saint Petersburg SAR Chapter meeting at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, our speaker was Christine Page, Executive Director of the St Pete Shuffleboard Club. She spoke about the history and current status of the club. We also inducted Tyler Parker as a new member. Photos: Christine Page with President Doug Maddox and Tyler Parker with Doug Maddox.



On January 13, 2024, the Saint Petersburg SAR Chapter held a joint meeting with the Caravel Chapter NSDAR at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. The guest speaker was Benjamin Bell, a former Tomb of the Unknown Soldier guard and member of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He spoke about being a member of the Honor Guard that guards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Photo of Caravel Chapter Regent Maggi Chapman, President Doug Maddox and Benjamin Bell.



At the February 17, 2024 Saint Petersburg SAR Chapter meeting, our guest speaker was Lori Coffey who spoke about the Salem witch trials of 1692. We inducted Robert Talley as a new member. Our Chapter also received the Partners in Patriotism award from the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution. Photos of Lori Coffey and Certificate of Appreciation with Doug Maddox and Robert Talley and Doug Maddox.

Withlacoochee Chapter





Changing of the gavel at the Withlacoochee Chapter. David Hitchcock after four plus years as President of the chapter retired from this demanding job and Stephen Hohman became President.

Past President Hitchcock instituted many changes to the chapter meetings including always having a speaker or a revolutionary war documentary. He invited housebound members to take part via Zoom. He exhorted members to volunteer for committees showed up at virtually all community events. He arrived early for meetings and stayed late to make sure all details were handled correctly.

President Hohman has already instituted new and innovative policies and procedures such as combining committees, using the monthly luncheon meeting as a fund raiser and has other plans for a productive and interesting year for chapter members. At the meeting in January Stephen presented David the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for his 4+ years of great work.

The Withlacoochee Chapter inducted what is probably the first three generation family into the George Washington Endowment Fund in the history of the GWEF. Our chapter now has at last count 23 fellows of the GWEF and is expecting to reach at least 25.

William Stone a former Historian General of the National SAR has been instrumental for our chapter to reach this number of GWEF fellows by his constant encouragements. Our chapter may be the first chapter nationally to reach this number of George Washington Fellows.

The youngest of this family Randolph Mazourek II was also presented a replica Revolutionary War musket after being pinned.

Return to Valley Forge! His Excellency's Final Visit to Valley Forge....

Researched & Compiled by
NSSAR Inspector General Raymond Wess

In the late summer months of 1796, eighteen years after the Valley Forge encampment, a distinguished, elderly gentleman accompanied by one black servant, rode a fine horse up a rutted road into the old encampment area.

A farmer in the old encampment area, now a field of crops, noticed that the gentleman as he stopped occasionally to make notes into a book. When the gentleman discovered the farmer, he dismounted and greeted the farmer.

The gentleman inquired about regional agricultural practices and specifically what crops were grown and their yield, and planting methods. The gentleman also inquired about the residents of the area. He listened to the farmer's answers and recorded the information in his book.

The farmer apologized for his limited knowledge of the area as he did not grow up in the area. He told the gentlemen that he had come to Valley Forge in 1777-1778 when he was a soldier at the encampment.

The gentlemen listened intently and stated that he also had been at the encampment and was taking leave from business in Philadelphia to examine the agriculture in Valley Forge. He further stated that this would be his last visit to Valley Forge and introduced himself as George Washington.

The farmer was extremely apologetic for not recognizing his former Commander and Chief. Washington dismissed the apology and stated that he was incredibly pleased to see a former comrade in arms.

He told the farmer that he was also pleased to see that the land was again productive and to hear that the people in the area were happy. Washington stated that he had pressing business back in Philadelphia prohibiting him from meeting others in the area and bid the farmer farewell with best wishes.

Washington and his servant, probably Billy Lee, rode off and returned to Philadelphia where he would finish his second term as President of the United States in the spring of 1797.

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Compiled & Edited by Don Lanman

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

After a month-long siege and a fierce battle at the British controlled village of Ninety-Six, Major General Nathanael Greene, commander of the Southern forces in the Continental Army, became aware that British reinforcements were headed his way. Greene retreated for several days towards Charlotte, North Carolina. Finally, after his pursuit by the British was abandoned, Greene moved his forces to a campsite on the High Hills of the Santee.

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

Meanwhile, on 13 August, British Colonel Stewart led his force of 2000 to 2300 men from Orangeburg, South Carolina to Thompson's Plantation south of the Congaree River. He then fell back to Eutaw Springs on 27 August.

On 08 September 1781, Greene's army of 2400 men began marching the 7 miles towards Eutaw Springs. Greene had infantry, cavalry, Continental troops, and militia as well as two 3-pound grass-hopper guns and two 6-pound cannons. 200 of his men were left behind to guard the baggage train.

Stewart also had infantry and cavalry, comprised of both British regulars and American loyalist contingents at his disposal as well as two 6 pound, one 4 pound and one 3-pound cannons as well as a swivel gun. His total troops on hand were between 1800 and 2000. Around 8:00 AM Captain John Coffin and a detachment of South Carolina Loyalist cavalry were out foraging for supplies for Stewart's army. They encountered a mounted American scouting party under the command of Major John Armstrong. Coffin pursued Armstrong, who led him into an ambush. Coffin escaped but 4 or 5 of his men were killed and 40 captured, Armstrong's men then came across the foragers and captured 400 more British troops.

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

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

The Americans were forced to retreat under thunderous fire. Greene then countered with Maryland, Virginia and Delaware Continentals and South Carolina cavalry, with devastating effect. The British fled in every direction and the Americans took over their camp. Colonel Stewart gathered some of his men and took refuge in the brick home. From this vantage they "picked off" many American officers and men.

Feeling the battle was won, the tired, thirsty, hungry and ill clad Americans began plundering the British stores of food, liquors and equipment. Thoroughly enjoying themselves they ignored their leaders' warnings and commands. The British, recognizing the disorder, were able to gather and mount an attack on the Americans. The stunned Americans fought bravely but were put to flight from the British camp. After more than 4 hours of vicious battle, both armies had had enough. Casualties were extremely high. Greene collected his wounded and returned to Burdell's Plantation. Stewart remained in Eutaw Springs for the night.

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

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

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

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

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

The Battleground is located at **12933 Old Number Six Hwy. Eutawville, South Carolina 29048 33°24'26.21" N -80°17'55.50" W**

Historian General Historic Preservation Award

Applications Due May 1st

Awarded to a State Society or Chapter which has significantly contributed to the historic preservation of the American Revolution, its patriots and the heritage of our nation's founding era. This form shall be submitted by a state society or chapter to the Vice Chair of the History Committee by May 1. The award will recognize contributions made during the calendar year ending on December 31 each year.

National Society Certificate with the Name of the State Society or Chapter and Year Awarded. Up to three awards will be presented in each region: East, Central, and West. To be presented during the Annual Congress Awards Program. The East Region comprises the New England, North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic SAR districts. The Central Region comprises the Central, Southern, Great Lakes, North Central, and South-Central SAR districts. The West Region comprises the Rocky Mountain, Intermountain, Pacific, Western, European, and International SAR districts.

For more details, an online application form, and a downloadable version of the same, please visit

<https://www.njssar.org/historic-preservation-award>

Yr. most humble and Obed^t. Serv^t.,

*Roger S. Williams
Vice Chair, History Committee*

Presentation of the first DAR medal presented to an SAR/SR Member during a recent Lawrence Kearny Chapter NSDAR Meeting



On January 16th the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Florida State Regent Cindy Addison was the special guest at the Lawrence Kearny Chapter in Cape Coral. She presented the Silver Hannah White Arnett medal and certificate to Robert McGuire who resides in the Cape. This is a state level award and only the State Regent can make the presentation. Robert was only her fifth medal to be given to a Florida Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) member and the first to a Sons of the Revolution (SR) Florida Society member. The DAR/SAR/SR Committee was formed by the NSDAR Wright Administration to promote the relationships with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), the General Society Sons of the Revolution (SR), and the DAR. Activity with the SAR/SR will:

1. Promote a congenial and harmonious working relationship for the betterment of our shared objectives.
2. Render support and assistance in the area of community-centered events and mutual membership growth.
3. Foster shared goals of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Florida Society DAR Spring Conference



This past March the Florida Society DAR held their annual spring conference at the Omni Champions Gate Hotel in Davenport, Florida. Many SAR members throughout the state came to form a color guard for this event; as well as, helped man a recruitment table.

FLSSAR Facebook Page

In addition to checking out the latest events happening throughout the state on the FLSSAR webpage and this publication, you have the option to also look at the Facebook group page that has been set up by the FLSSAR. Check it out the next time, you are looking on Facebook.



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 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."

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."

**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.

*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.



FLORIDA SOCIETY
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REGISTRATION FORM

Spring BOM/ Annual Meeting May 17 – 18, 2024
 Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyns Heath Road, Kissimmee FL 34746

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ National Number: _____

Date: _____ Email address (for confirmation only): _____

Guest(s) **Names(s) (list all):** _____

This is a Fill-able PDF form. You MUST save it to your PC *BEFORE* filling out the form FROM your PC's saved location. Filling it out online does not work.

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section 1, FLSSAR By-Laws)

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: Friday Banquet and Luncheons – Business Dress. Saturday Banquet – Business or Formal Dress.

Friday Meetings - Business Casual. Saturday Meetings - Business Dress.

Colonial attire is always acceptable.

Special Dietary Needs:

Enter number of meals here



Enter number of meals here



Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)					Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon						
Total number of meals		at	\$ 46	=	\$ 0	Total number of meals		at	\$ 50	=	\$ 0
Enter number of Vegetarian meals					Enter number of Vegetarian meals						
Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts					Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts						
Friday Evening Awards Banquet					Saturday Evening Installation Banquet						
Total number of meals		at	\$ 65	=	\$ 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 the May 3, 2024 deadline.

Due to contractual obligations with the hotel, meal reservations MUST be received 10 days before the BOM – May 7, 2024. 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

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

Pictures from the Last Naval Battle Ceremony



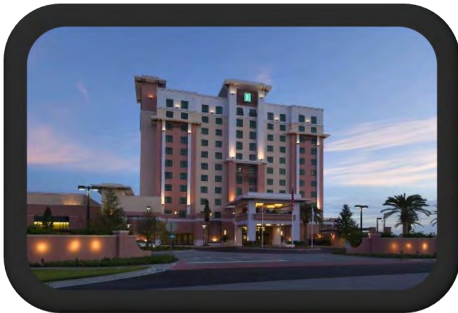


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Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

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.