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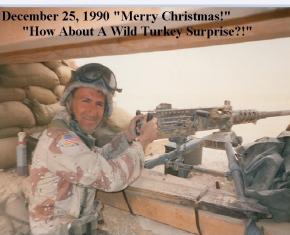


















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Society President's Message



Friends and Compatriots,

I have never been more excited or prouder to be a Compatriot in the Florida Society! We are nearly at the halfway mark of the 2025-2026 year, and there are great things happening in the Florida Society. At Congress this summer, the Florida Society, our chapters, and our compatriots were recognized for their great work. The Naples Chapter was awarded the Robert Vance Award for the best chapter website in the country; the Brevard Chapter received the USS Stark Memorial Award; the Florida Society won the Meek Award for the most new George Washington Fellows for the second year in a row; and the Florida society won several awards for our membership growth – most new members, most new members under the age of 40, and most new members transferred from the C.A.R.

Those last two awards are significant. They show that we are recruiting younger members, and those younger members are the future of our Society! As most of you know, to help with growing our younger membership, I've established a new Younger Members Committee at the state level. The sole purpose of the committee is to help the Society and our chapters attract and engage younger members.

Our membership is showing steady growth this year. As of this writing, we are just over the 2500 member mark! I'm writing this at the end of November, and since renewal season is in full swing, membership is consistently on my mind. For the past several years, while we have consistently added members, our retention rate of members has come close to balancing out the gains we make. With all of the things that are happening in the Society this year, I sincerely believe that we can turn that trend around and achieve the highest retention rate that we've had in several years!

As I'm traveling around the state and talking with chapters and compatriots, I'm talking a lot about our "value proposition" for our members. What exactly is the SAR's value proposition? The answer is really pretty simple – our value proposition is our Mission Statement. The value we bring is honoring our patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations! How do we do this? It's more than just holding chapter meetings. It's running our youth contests, serving veterans, giving talks in schools and other community groups, getting our color guard out in the public, participating in Wreaths Across America, and so many other activities that chapters and members can do. As I've said many times – NOW is our time to shine as an organization!

The fundraising for the First Amphibious Assault Memorial is nearing the finish line. We still have more to raise, but I'm hopeful that by the time you read this, we will be very close to crossing that finish line, or already across it! The goal is to unveil the new monument in Pompano Beach this coming March, and with everyone's help, we will reach that goal!

I'm extremely proud of what our Compatriots, chapters, and State Society have accomplished so far this year, and we still have more to

American Creed

by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

-Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

Preamble of the U.S. Constitution

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.





come! As we head toward the nation's 250th birthday next year, the excitement will continue to build, and the SAR will be leading the way! Get out there in your communities and get involved in your chapter. Most importantly – HAVE FUN with your SAR membership! And don't forget to keep asking others, "Where does your American story begin?" It's a powerful question to use for recruiting new compatriots!

Yours in patriotism,

Chris Washler

Florida Society President, 2025-2026

Event Calendar

January 31, 2026: Battle of Cowart's Ford, NC

February 14, 2026: Battle of Kettle Creek - Washington, GA

February 21, 2026: Commemoration of Vann's Creek - Elberton, GA February 27, 2026: 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore Creek March 5, 2026: Spring Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY.

March 14, 2026: First Amphibious Assault Monument Unveiling in Pompano Beach, FL

March 21, 2026: Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution - Merritt Island, FL March 28, 2026: 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek - Jacksonville, FL

May 15 - 16, 2026: FLSSAR BOM & Annual Meeting - Kissimmee, FL

July 2, 2026: 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence - Philadelphia, PA

July 9 - 11, 2026: 136th NSSAR Congress - Greensboro, SC

September 27, 2026: 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge, LA

October 2, 2026: Fall Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY.

July 9, 2027: 137th NSSAR Congress - New Orleans, LA July 6, 2028: 138th NSSAR Congress - Columbus, OH

From the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the FLSSAR would like to thank the following Chapters and individuals for their generous donations to our Fall BOM fundraisers to support the Auxiliary activities including the Youth History awards.

<u>Chapter Financial donations:</u> Brevard, Jacksonville, Panama City, Pensacola, St. Augustine, and Withlacoochee.

<u>Chapter Basket Raffle donations:</u> Caloosa, Central Florida, Daytona-Ormand, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Highlands, Miami, Naples, and Saramana

Musket Raffle: Johnathan Hunt (Caloosa Chapter) made a generous donation of a Firing Brown Bess Flintlock Musket (reproduction). We planned to sell only 175 tickets but realized it may take until the Spring meeting to sell all the tickets at \$20 each (6 for \$100). To our amazement, ALL 175 tickets sold in just 24 hours! Benny Raffield (Panama City Chapter) was the lucky winner, and the raffle raised \$3,040 for the Ladies Auxiliary.

50/50 Drawing and Silent Auction: \$195 Raised. Additionally, the winner of the 50/50 drawing donated their winnings (\$120) to the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial.

A big thank you to those who participated by purchasing tickets and silent auction items!

The Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon for the LAFLSSAR will be held at Noon on Friday, May 15, 2026 concurrently with the Fall BOM.

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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	Cushmore
Haddon, Mason Thomas	Saramana	Easton Jr,
Stauffer, Douglas D	Emerald Coast	Peters, Bla
McMillan, Matthew Kevin	Central Florida	Peters, Ka
Dowling III, John Joseph	Palm Beach	Palmer, T
Finigan Jr, William Hammond	Brevard	Greene II,
Rosensteil, Craig Edward	Jacksonville	Culton, Cl
Rosenstiel, Lawrie Edward	Jacksonville	Williams,
Skiles, Blake Stephen	Tallahassee	Gourley, I
Skiles, Stephen Arthur	Tallahassee	Trusewits
Thomas III, Jefferson Davis	Tallahassee	Turner, M
Powell, Alan Benton	Tampa	Jordon, D
Becker, Donald Anthony	Tampa	Frazer, J V
Klotz, Kurt Murray	Clearwater	Newton, J
Koenig, Patrick Thomas	Pensacola	Meeske, S
Thomson, Covington Hunt	Pensacola	Deleo-Per
Watt, Dennis Patrick	St Augustine	Hansen, M
Oates, William Robert	Central Florida	Hansen, E
Oates, Daniel McGary	Central Florida	Hansen, S
Pinney, David Elwood	Ft Lauderdale	Kurdina, I
Mueller, Bradley Matthews	Ft Lauderdale	Martin III
Cook, Bob Gene	Tallahassee	Fendrick,
Hyland, Trent Michael	South Shore	Fendrick,
Watkins, Todd	Emerald Coast	Fendrick,
Watkins, Chase	Emerald Coast	Calamia, .
Danis, Ryan M	Caloosa	Calamia, l
Wetherby, Patrick James	Emerald Coast	Calamia, 1
Frankel Jr, Samuel Solomon	Ft Lauderdale	
Prock, Trent Dustin	Ft Lauderdale	
Roberts, Matthew Todd	The Villages	

Cushmore, Sinclair Daniel
Easton Jr, Robert Morrell
Peters, Blake Alder
Peters, Kade Edgemon
Palmer, Thomas Andrew
Greene II, Ricky James
Culton, Charles Lynn
Williams, Mark Wariner
Gourley, Kevin Lee
Trusewitsch, Nicholas George
Turner, Mark Douglas Franklin
Jordon, David Howard
Frazer, J Warren
Newton, Jason Frank
Meeske, Steven Paul
Deleo-Perera, Antonio Vinicius
Hansen, Madhava Michael
Hansen, Eric Aditi
Hansen, Sarathi Jeffrey
Kurdina, Liam
Martin III, Benjamin G
Fendrick, James David
Fendrick, Joshua
Fendrick, Caleb
Calamia, Joseph Robert
Calamia, Robert Alan
Calamia, Nathan Alan

Central Florida
Ft Lauderdale
Palm Beach
Palm Beach
Emerald Coast
Withlacoochee
Charlotte
Jacksonville
Caloosa
Tampa
Tampa
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Miami
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Miami
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Saramana
Charlotte
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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
Paul, Alan Edward	Daytona
Bolen, Jack Charles	South Shore
Coats III, Charles Crosson	Jacksonville

Mahaffey, Kenneth Robert	St Augustine
Withey, Robert Shourds	Naples
Coker Jr, John Louie	Gainesville





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

2026 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

Friday May 8, 2026

On May 8, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration **sponsored by the City of Pensacola**. The Color Guard will muster at 09:00 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. This year, we also expect members of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez to join us in the procession as they will be holding their convention in Pensacola.

Additionally, the Pensacola Chapter SAR and Pensacola area DAR chapters will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon at the Minuteman Monument located in Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola.

Tentative Schedule of Events:

08:30 am – Color Guard Muster begins at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street)

09:30 am (approx.) - Color Guard Procession to Galvez Monument

10:00 - 11:30 am - Ceremony at Galvez Monument and a short service at St. Michael's Basilica

12 – 2:00 pm – Luncheon at Pensacola Yacht Club (RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – details to follow)

2:30 pm – Wreath Laying at the Minuteman Monument in Veterans Memorial Park

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: How does the group wish to be announced?	Email Address:	
Number of members attending each event: Color Guard Procession (May 8 th 9:30 Central – Muster star Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 8 th at 2:30 pm Central)	rts at 08:30)	

Please send your completed form to <u>battle@pensacolasar.org</u> or mail to: Pensacola SAR

c/o Chris Washler 3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503

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Paul Revere in Reverse

By Mark Barie

Americans everywhere know the story of Paul Revere. He warned the colonists that "The British were coming." Few people, however, know the story of Laura Secord. She warned the British that the Americans were coming. The incident took place during the War of 1812. Secord was at home in Queenston Heights, Ontario, nursing her wounded husband back to health. The Americans, now in control of the city, forcibly lodged their officers in the homes of defenseless citizens. It was a practice that started in the American Revolutionary War. Both sides utilized the tactic to provide for their officers and exercise control over the locals. Laura and her husband "hosted" two American officers, forced to provide their unwanted visitors with free room and board.

Secord quickly discovered that the American officers were careless in both word and deed. After preparing their meal, she was ordered to retire for the evening. But her bedroom door did not prevent the woman from overhearing the Americans' secret schemes, They planned an ambush of the British Army at Beaver Dams in the Niagara region of southern Ontario. Secord decided to warn her fellow countrymen.

She rejected the idea of using the roads to make the 12mile journey to the British encampment. The American Army regularly patrolled that area and she would most certainly be caught and captured. Instead, she chose a more circuitous route, traveling more than 20 miles through an area known as the "Black Swamp". The swamp, filled with knee deep water and mud, included poisonous snakes, all sorts of vermin, and swarms of blood sucking insects. Laura lost a shoe within the first few miles but pressed on without it. She struggled all through the night and well into the next morning. With just a few miles to go Laura stumbled into a North American Indian encampment. Although exhausted and frightened, she learned that these Indians were allies of the British. She talked the chieftain into an escort, straight to the British outpost. Their leader, Lieutenant James Fitzgibbons, immediately launched an ambush of his own. Two days later, it was the British who caught the invading American soldiers by surprise. The Americans were forced to surrender. Only later, did the 600 American soldiers learn that the British forces totaled less than 60 men.

Today, Laura Secord is praised as a war hero throughout all of Canada. A 12-foot-high memorial, built from Vermont granite, was erected at Queenston Heights in 1910. The Parliament buildings in Ottawa and elsewhere are decorated with paintings of the woman credited with saving what was then a strategic portion of British-controlled Canada. And, like Paul Revere in our previous war with the British, the story of her bravery is taught in classrooms all over Canada.

Paul Revere in reverse. But no less a here to her fellow countrymen.

Editor's Note: Mark Barie is a member of the Caloosa Chapter of the Florida SAR and the FLSSAR Genealogist. He is the award-winning author of five historical romance novels about love and war and regularly speaks about America's earliest wars, to genealogical societies, historical associations, and veterans' groups, throughout Florida and Upstate New York.

America's First Veterans

Letter Compiled, Written & Edited by Don Lanman

It's important that the Nation Honors all Veterans and is especially fitting that we remember our Revolutionary War ancestors as the nation's very first veterans.

By 1783, more than 230,000 men had served in the Continental Army, supported by its patriot citizens serving in the Provincial Militias.

These Patriots—of every faith, color, and ethnic origin—risked their fortunes and their lives for liberty. Yet despite their courage, many were overlooked and unrewarded. The new nation, burdened by debt, lacked the resources to repay them. Few received back wages or compensation for lost property.

General George Washington fought tirelessly for fair treatment, but even he admitted that Congress could not meet its obligations. At one point, one garrison refused to disband until paid, raising fears of rebellion. Washington intervened, securing bonds for officers—but enlisted soldiers received nothing.

For decades, these men sought justice. Because "pension" carried a stigma, they called their appeals claims for unpaid wages. With the help of Presidents Monroe and Jackson, Congress finally passed pension laws in 1818 and again in 1832.

But for many, help came too late. Most veterans were elderly, and many widows were excluded unless they could prove their marriage date.

Women who had served as nurses, laundresses, or couriers were also forgotten—except for a few remarkable exceptions. Margaret Corbin fought beside her husband at the battle of Fort Washington and took his place at the cannon after his death.

Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man—serving for seventeen months as "Robert Shurtliff"—and later received a pension with the help of Paul Revere.

The struggles of these men and women veterans, that has reoccurred following every war, demonstrates how little the republic and its citizens, in general, initially value those who secure its freedoms and independence.

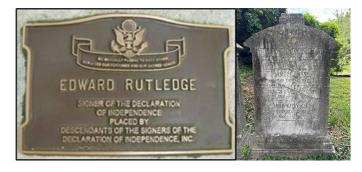
But today, within the government, Veterans support organizations, and related Foundations we do not forget. We honor all veterans—of every war, every conflict and every era—and to each we proudly say:

"Welcome Home & Thank you for Your Service."



Declaration Signer Samuel Chase Patriot Grave Marking

By Randall Allen



I've been on a mission to visit the graves of all the Declaration Signers – only 9 remaining! On a summer trip to the DC area, I visited a few graves, finishing my tour in Baltimore to pay respect to Samuel Chase. I was very surprised to find that his grave was unmarked.

To my recollection, most, perhaps all the Signers' graves are marked with one or more of the following markers: Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (DSDI), DAR, and/or SAR.

With only a short amount of time before my flight home, I asked a few locals where I might purchase a small American flag. One person recommended the gift shop of the hospital adjacent to the cemetery. When I asked the cashier if they had any patriotic items, she brought me two pinwheels with stars and stripes. I thought it was certainly better than nothing.

As I waited for my flight home, I contacted Bill (William) Hoffman, the John Eager Howard Chapter SAR President and he followed up with me the next day. He agreed that something must be done to right this wrong. Still, his first question was, "How did you get into the cemetery?" (Bill had been trying to get into the cemetery? There is only one gated entrance, and it is locked with a chain and padlock. I was able to contact Rick Tomlinson, the gate keeper, who provided the code for the lock box containing the key to the padlock.

Bill and I discussed holding a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Samuel Chase. I figured his Chapter and/or the Maryland Society SAR would take it from here. Bill said, "No, no, no, Randy. You started this, we'd like you to participate in the ceremony." In fact, they invited me to be the emcee. Truly an honor!

There were many emails/phone calls with Bill, Frank Shannon (Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter SAR), and Dan Earnshaw (Maryland Society SAR) – all leading up to the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony on Sunday, 5 October.

It was a wonderful ceremony. In addition to marking Samuel Chase's grave, we marked the graves of other Revolutionary Patriots (Edward Biddle, Hercules Courte-





nay, Richard Curson, John Eager Howard, Thomas Peters, and Tench Tilghman) and, being in Baltimore, some War of 1812 veterans, including George Armistead. Marking graves consisted of systematically reading each biography followed by laying wreaths.

We were honored to have in attendance both Samuel Chase's descendant (Laura) and John Eager Howard's descendant (Jack) to say a few kind words about their ancestors. There were also three sisters from the DSDI whose ancestor is Signer Oliver Wolcott. In addition to SAR Compatriots, other participants were members of the following organizations:

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence Sons of the Revolution Daughters of the American Revolution Children of the American Revolution General Society of the War of 1812 National Society of United States Daughters of 1812

Personally, I was able to play my new drum for the first time on this occasion with a fifer! We played *Chester* during the advancement of the colors. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the color guard rendered musket honors, followed by the fifer and I playing *Yankee Doodle*.

Finally, we accomplished our mission of honoring the Declaration Signer, Samuel Chase.







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Chapter News

Brevard Chapter



At the September meeting, the Brevard Chapter moved to a new meeting location (At Ease Club). This meeting was a joint meeting with the various DAR chapters in Brevard County. We all met to celebrate Constitution Day. Also at this meeting, Doug Bunett was presented the silver 250th Medal. Sharon Eller was also given a thank you gift by Michelle Abbey of the Space Coast Regents Council for providing the speech for this meeting.

At the October meeting, we had Jeff Rogers as our speaker who spoke on the 250th year history of the United States Army. We also found out that the chapter had been recognized nationally as a Partner in Patriotism. At the NSSAR Congress, the chapter was also awarded the USS Stark Memorial Award with streamer.

Joel Etherton also received his 10-year award and supplemental ancestor certificate. On October 11, 2025, chapter members also participated in the Space Coast Honor Flight that left our of the Melbourne Airport.

Then at the November meeting, Russel and Paul Marek gave a presentation on the Plight of a Wounded Warrier. Russel was wounded in Iraq and his father, Paul, is his caregiver. Then on November 8, 2025, the VFW parade as pictured. The chapter also participated in the Cape Canaveral Veterans Parade.

Caloosa Chapter





The chapter started in October meeting at the Famous Dave's BBQ restaurant. The Chapter Post & Brochure Contest recipients were award for the 2024/2025 year. A call for people to serve as chapter officers and color guard members was also made. Later in the year, the chapter will reach out to the various local schools to participate in the various youth contest. It was also announced that Warren W. White had passed away on August 8, 2025.

On November 8th, chapter were treated to a great meal, another outstanding SAR America 250 Moment given by Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, the induction of a new Compatriot, Thomas Boardman, as well as an update on the many opportunities which are open to you as a member of the Lee County Genealogical Society, Inc. (the LCGS), given by the Society's Vice-President, and our own Registrar, Chris Jenner, and the Society's Newsletter Editor, Pamela Fernandez, Ms. Fernandez was proud to call attention to the fact that 2025 is the 50th Anniversary Year of the formation of the LCGS, and continues its mission to promote genealogy awareness and help to all in discovering our respective family stories while honoring our diverse heritages.

Members of the Caloosa Chapter SAR Color Guard – The Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #13 – were recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution and received Certificates of Appreciation for serving as the Color Guard for the DAR-sponsored September, 2025 Constitution Day celebration.

Central Florida Chapter

On September 25, four members of the CFLSAR Chapter Color Guard participated in welcoming almost 100 of America's Newest Citizens at the Orlando Federal Courthouse.



From L-to-R, Chapter members are Philip Markoe, Robin Preston, Harry Rinker, and Randal Allen

Clearwater Chapter



On September 16, 2025, several members of the Color Guard from the Clearwater and Tampa SAR Chapters participated in the Welcome Home Celebration for Honor Flight of West Central Florida – Mission 54. When the aircraft of 75 military veter-





ans and the Ambassadors who accompanied them arrived at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, the SAR Color Guard led them through a long passage way lined with well-wishers to the baggage claim area. (L to R): Robbie Robinson, Tim Shaner, Will Wagner-Hart, Bill Swain and Dwight Hamborski.

On September 17, 2025, the Clearwater Chapter was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the DeSoto Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for our financial contribution to the historical preservation of the Old Schoolhouse at the University of Tampa, which is owned by the DAR. (L to R): Nathalie Tomczak, Immediate Past DeSoto DAR Regent; Dwight McEntire, President of the Clearwater SAR Chapter; Robbie Robinson, SAR Color Guard Commander and Robin Adair, Current DeSoto DAR Regent.

On September 18, 2025, at the Clearwater City Council meeting, Mayor Bruce Rector presented proclamations to the Clearwater Chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of the 238th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. Mayor Rector proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week in Clearwater.



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7t. Lauderdale Chapter







Compatriots of the Fort Lauderdale SAR (FTLSAR) had an active summer and fall. Members supported a variety of education, veteran, patriotic, and C.A.R. activities. FTLSAR celebrated its successful education outreach program. The 2024-2025 contest season included the following highlights: (1) American History Teacher Award. Our winner, Hannah Lea Levitt, won at State and came in second at National. (2) Middle School Brochure Contest. Our winner, Madeline Maragh, won at State and came in second at National. (3) JROTC Outstanding Cadet Enhanced Contest. Our winner, Caleb Walker won at State and came in fourth at National. (4) Video Contest. Our winner, Dana Anduquia, won at State and came in fourth at National (5) Historical Oration Contest. Our winner, Chloe Cave, came in second at State. And (6) Eagle Scout Essay Contest. Our winner, Michael Perez, came in third at State.

Chapter members continued to recognize our national heroes through their veterans' outreach efforts. The chapter supported the Sandy Nininger Veterans' Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines through its donations of toiletries and consumable items needed by the heroic residents. Compatriots also assisted the Vietnam Veterans of America with charitable donations of used clothing and household goods. Additionally, FTLSAR has been well-represented at the Honor Flight South Florida functions throughout the year including monthly volunteer meetings and their most recent flight on October 25, 2025, where the Samuel Nicholas Color Guard Camp has established a welcome and expected presence. The Chapter continued its financial support of Honor Flight South Florida through its \$250 quarterly flight donations.

The Florida Society Chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committee challenged each chapter to accomplish three goals. On September 19, 2025, Compatriots Mark Snider and Herb Gardner attended a Citizen Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Broward County. Compatriot Kevin Shurte was recognized for his many public presentations on patriotic educational themes. He also presented a framed flag display certificate to the principal of Ramblewood Middle School in Coral Springs, FL on October 8, 2025. Each compatriot was presented with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation at a recent chapter meeting.

FTLSAR also worked closely with the C.A.R. The chapter provided senior advisory support and financial assistance to the local Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. SAR members regularly attended Swamp Fox meetings most recently joining the troop at the Venceremos Therapeutic Riding Center – a facility that provides equine assisted psychotherapy to veterans suffering from PTSD. FTLSAR also makes annual donations to the C.A.R. state project.

Finally, members of Samuel Nicholas Color Guard Camp #23 remained in high demand. In June through November, guardsmen mustered for the following events: (1) June 1, 2025 – Chuck Adams, Sarah Barnes, Braeden Shurte, and Kevin Shurte posted colors at the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. meeting at the Palm Beach Library in Delray Beach, Florida. (2) June 14, 2025 – Braeden Shurte and Kevin Shurte participated in the presentation of colors and patriot grave marking for George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon, VA. (3) June 21, 2025 – Jim Clark, Jason Milgram, and Mark Snider posted colors at the Fort Lauderdale Chapter meeting at Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Flor-

ida. (4) July 8, 2025 – Kevin Shurte led the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade, with Braeden Shurte's participation, in the posting of colors at the NSCAR SE Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida. (5) July 19, 2025 – Jim Clark, Jason Milgram, Mark Snider, and Kevin Shurte posted colors at the Fort Lauderdale Chapter meeting at Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Florida. (6) August 16, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Mark Snider, and Kevin Shurte presented colors at the Florida DAR State Regent Reception for incoming State Regent Kim Zeman. The event was held at the Waterstone Resort and Marina in Boca Raton, Florida. (7) August 20, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Steven DePaul, and Mark Snider participated with the Miami Chapter Color Guard in the presentation of colors at the Scottish Rite Valley of Miami America 250 celebration dinner. (8) September 6, 2025 – Chuck Adams, Jim Clark, Jason Milgram, and Mark Snider presented colors at the Honor Flight South Florida Mission 36 homecoming parade at Fort Lauderdale International Airport. (9) September 13, 2025 – Chuck Adams served with the Miami Chapter Color Guard at the FSSDAR South Florida Regents Council's Constitution Week Luncheon at the Miami Shores Country Club. (10) September 20, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Thomas Carpenter Jr., Jason Milgram, Mark Snider, and Kevin Shurte posted colors at the Fort Lauderdale Chapter meeting at Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Florida. (11) October 11, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Thomas Carpenter Jr., Jim Clark, Jason Milgram, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider posted colors at the SAR Fort Lauderdale Chapter meeting at the Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Florida. (13) October 18, 2025 – Chuck Adams, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider participated with the Sons of Liberty Brigade in the posting of the colors at the Florida Fall Board of Managers Meeting at Embassy Suites in Kissimmee, Florida. (14) October 25, 2025 – Chuck Adams, Jim Clark, Braeden Shurte, and Kevin Shurte participated in the Honor Flight South Florida Mission #37 Homecoming event at Fort Lauderdale International Airport. (15) November 8, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Jim Clark, Jason Milgram, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider presented colors for the Salute to Veterans event at the Sample McDougald House in Pompano Beach, Florida. (16) November 11, 2025 - Chuck Adams, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider participated in the Veterans Day Celebration at Sandy Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines, Florida. (17) November 12, 2025 – Chuck Adams, Jason Milgram, Kevin Shurte, and Mark Snider presented colors at the Veterans Celebration Dinner hosted by the Hollywood Hills Civic Society at the Rotary Club in Hollywood, Florida.

Okeechobee Chapter



The Okeechobee Chapter SAR made a donation to Wreaths Across America at their November meeting. The check was presented to Joan Roden (L) and Timmie Oldiges (C) by Okeechobee SAR Pres. Preston Croslyn (R).

Palm Beach Chapter

The Palm Beach Chapter as Florida Veterans Foundation Ambassadors participated in the donation of a custom "Veterans Transportation VAN" to a Local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization. The specially designed Van is utilized to transport disabled Veterans to/from VA Hospitals for medical appointments. FMR Chapter President Lanman pictured with the new DAV and DAV Driver.

Compatriots Lanman, Green, Johnston, Tidwell, Miller & Shea joined local DAR Daughters at a special Palm Beach County Genealogical Society Fair designed to promote the SAR and attract new chapter members.





Compatriots Johnston & Shea joined local DAR Daughters at the November Honor Flight to welcome Veterans home at the Palm Beach Airport.



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DAR Daughter Rosemary Mouring donated \$1,000 to the SAR's First US Marine Amphibious Assault 1776 Monument fund in Honor of her Husband & Father, both US Veterans. Thank You Rosemary for this wonderful Tribute.

The Chapter continues its focus on supporting NSSAR/FLSSAR Project 250 Anniversary programs presenting 20 Bronze medals & on track for many Silver & Gold medals for Compatriots and DAR Daughters.





Panama City Chapter





The regular meeting of the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter was held at 10:00 AM on September 15, 2025, in the Meeting Room of the Bay County Public Library in Panama City, Florida. Compatriots attending the meeting were Benny Raffield, Chapter President; Jim Haynes, Secretary; DeCody Brad Marble, Treasurer; Lane Rees, Chaplain; Jim Pretlow, Ken Helms, Larry Taylor, Michael Cox, and Matt Mathews, South Atlantic District Vice President General (VPG) 2025-2026; and Special Guest/Speaker, Chris Washler, President of the (FLSSAR) Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution. Timothy Buck participated in the meeting via ZOOM. Gary Wilbanks, Associate of the chapter, attended. Jonita Haynes, SAR Ladies Auxiliary representative for the chapter and Joni Laramore, Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Florida Society SAR, attended.

Chapter President Benny Raffield then introduced FLSSAR President Chris Washler who began his presentation with a description of the 250th Project and its importance. He reported that the Florida Society's semiquincentennial project will be a First Amphibious Assault Memorial and Monument to be held in Pompano Beach, the closest location on the U.S. mainland to where the actual landing took place in the Bahamas in 1776. Information about the project can be found at 1776 Landing.org. He then discussed the SAR Mission Statement and why and how members should promote its components. He explained one easy way to initiate a discussion of SAR with others is to ask them, "Where does your American story begin?" He pointed out the importance of recruitment, retention and reinstatement to the long-term viability of the



organization. Benny Raffield reported on the Panama City Chapter's 250th project which will involve the placement of an obelisk and sign to honor General John Clark, an American Revolutionary War Patriot and two term Governor of Georgia who died in St. Andrews. The cost of the Sons of the American Revolution sign will be \$4,673. Compatriot Raffield reported that he, Brad Marble and Jim Haynes will be attending the local DAR chapter celebration of Constitution Day on September 17th.

On Veterans Day, the Panama City-SAR Chapter, Color Guard at the Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. This is the third consecutive year that members of the Panama City Chapter have participated in the Presentation of The Colors during the Veteran's Day activities at the nursing home.

Over a hundred individuals were crowded in the center lobby or dayroom with standing room only, and many more over-flowing into the hallways, including the entire Rutherford H.S. Junior ROTC!

Pensacola Chapter

On October 30, the Pensacola Chapter held a redediction of the Liberty Tree that is located in Plaza Ferdinand in downtown Pensacola.





On November 11, 2025, Dr. Ben Finley gave a presentation about how SAR appreciates Veterans at the Berryhill Manor Retirement Center in Milton, Florida.





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At the end of the Ceremony, we made a special point to express our THANKS for each veteran and their service and support of our country. Above are just a few of the veterans. And they now know what our SAR Mission and activities are. Surprisingly, I received and gave a lot of firm handshakes. And there were tears of joy. We gave each of the veterans a joint SAR and United Way Certificate of Appreciation and a nice Veterans' Pin, to let them know we thank them for all they have done to preserve our freedoms and to support our country. My pleasure and honor to recognize these patriotic heroes who stood for our country and helped preserve our freedoms and liberty.

South Shore Chapter



"After the Sun
City Center Veteran's Day
Ceremony incoming South
Shore Chapter President
Sheldon D. Ickes (U.S.
Navy - Retired) had the
opportunity to meet and
shake hands with the
event's guest speaker Florida's Lt. Governor Jarrid
"Jay" Collins along with
prospective SAR member
Steven Burrill who participated in the Color Guard
for the event."

St. Augustine Chapter

On a beautiful sunny 75-degree Saturday morning, October 18, 2025, the St. Augustine SAR Chapter and the Maria Jefferson DAR Chapter Co-Sponsored the 4th Annual Patriot Day of Remembrance. The event was held at the St. Augustine, Florida Tolomato Cemetery, where three Revolutionary War Patriots are laid to rest (Juan Francisco Ruiz Del Canto, John McQueen, and Francisco Xavier Sanchez). A DAR descendant of Patriot Francisco Xavier Sanchez provided the guests with a historical presentation of her patriot's service. Approximately 100 guests were in attendance. Representing the SAR was a combined contingent of Color Guard from St. Augustine and Jacksonville, and local SAR Chapter compatriots present were Jerry Hanchett, Past President, CW4, USA (Ret), Roger Smith, PhD, Larry Kaiser, Capt, USN (Ret), Harry Manford, David Watt CPT, USA (Ret), Charles Nucklles, Mark Heinz, and Brendan Cart.



The St. Augustine, Florida, Chapter awarded Mr. Sean Rafferty, Mr. Frank Ocello, and Mr. David Mendoza the SAR Life Saving Medal on November 20th for their selfless and heroic actions on the morning of September 25, 2025, at the Flagler County, Florida, Recreation Area Softball Complex. While they were playing softball, a player on their team experienced cardiac arrest. Without hesitation, they performed critical and life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Upon determining that the victim was not breathing and had no pulse, they immediately began chest compressions. After several attempts at manual chest compressions and not having success at restarting the subject's heart, they then attempted to restart the victim's heart by using a defibrillator. The electric shock from the defibrillator restored a normal heartbeat. Their decisive action and commitment to the welfare of others embody the highest ideals of service, duty, and compassion. Their actions exemplify the character and selflessness that define true patriotism. For their remarkable courage and prompt life-saving intervention, the Sons of the American Revolution proudly presents the three of them with the SAR Life-Saving Medal.

Photo left to right: Sean Rafferty (retired police officer), Frank Ocello (retired firefighter and paramedic), Donald Cunningham (heart attack victim, David Mendoza, David Watt (VP Elect, St. Augustine SAR), Phil Perry (President Elect, St. Augustine SAR, not in photo, but present).



St. Petersburg Chapter







On July 19, Chapter President Harry Fuller spoke at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village Genealogy Workshop located at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City, FL 33523. His topic was the Sons of the American Revolution, finding your patriot ancestor, and what constitutes patriotic service.

On September 17, a Constitution Day celebration was held at the Old School House preservation site at the The University of Tampa. The City of Tampa issued a Proclamation signed by Mayor Jane Castor recognizing Constitution Week, Citizenship Day and the De Soto Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution located in Tampa, Florida.

Three Presidents of local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Harry Fuller of Saint Petersburg Chapter, Dwight McEntire of Clearwater Chapter and Roger Roscoe of Tampa Chapter represented their respective chapters at the event. Each local Sons of the American Revolution chapter donated \$500 to the DeSoto Chapter DAR to create a storage closet and other renovations for the Old School House.

Each SAR Chapter was presented a Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Committee Certificate of Award and Medal. Pictured in the photos are Nathalie Tomczak of De Soto DAR, Dwight McEntire of Clearwater Chapter, Roger Roscoe of Tampa Chapter, Harry Fuller of Saint Petersburg Chapter and Robin Adair of De Soto DAR. Also pictured is the Old School House.

On September 20, the Saint Petersburg Chapter held our meeting at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Our guest speaker was Past Chapter President and Retired General Brett McMullen, who spoke about his family military history dating back to the Revolutionary War. Also, Stacy Gerardo from the Saint Petersburg DAR Chapter and her daughter Julianne provided an update about the James McMullen Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution located in Saint Petersburg. The James McMullen Chapter is named after Brett's ancestor that fought in the Revolutionary War. 22 people attended the meeting. In the photo from left to right is Stacy Gerardo, Julianne Gerardo and Brett McMullen.

7allahassee Chapter

The Tallahassee Chapter inducted nine members into membership in the Sons of the American Revolution during our September 21, 2025, meeting by Northwest Regional Vice President Don Wilham. They are from left to right in the induction picture are: David Ordner, Jay Lindsey, Abraham Hawkes, Ezekiel Hawkes, Caleb Hawkes, Clark Hawkes, Paul Hawkes, Jeremiah Hawkes, Malcolm Hawkes, & Don Wilham – Northwest Regional Vice President

The Tallahassee Chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Tallahassee, Florida. The color guard members pictured are Craig Fitzgerald, Jeff Lehrkamp, David Ordner, & Lee Norris

The third picture is the full group at Veterans Day from left to right are Craig Fitzgerald, David Ordner, Don Wilham, Lee Norris, Jeff Lehrkamp, & Mark Rominger. Our members Tom Rankin (third from the right) and Dale Macumber (second from the right) participated in a color guard as part of the Veterans Day Ceremony at Chester Sims Veterans Nursing Home in Panama City, Florida.



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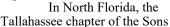


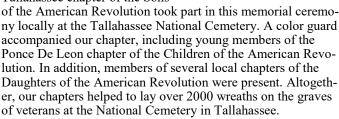






On Saturday, December 13, 2025, the 34th annual Wreaths Across America event was held to honor deceased military veterans at National Cemeteries throughout the United States. Sons of the American Revolution President General Michael J. Elston's recent proclamation encouraged Compatriots to participate in this event to honor our veterans and "foster cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations."







7ampa Chapter

President Roger Roscoe called the November meeting recognizing our veterans / military members to order. We had a nice turnout of compatriots, guests, & applicants. The Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. members, Lulu N. & Henry Y. were present to tell us about their annual presentation: this year on Dr. Joseph Warren—assisted by C.A.R. advisors Lisette Young and Katie Nicholson (left). Pres. Roger Roscoe presented them with a chapter donation of \$200 to help fund and further their chapter's activities.

Pres Roger Roscoe inducted 3 new members into the chapter this meeting: Donald Becker (Patriot: Henry Glatfelter), Alan Powell (Patriot: John Cowart), and Bart Gundersen (Patriot: Ebenezer Warren).

President Roger Roscoe recognized (USMC Col) Charley Michaels with the SAR War Service (Vietnam device); (USA CSM) Don Becker with the SAR War Service Medal (Iraq device); (USN Seabee) Dwight Hamborsky with the SAR Military Service Medal (Left). Below, several members were awarded the NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificates and/or the FL Veteran's Battalion Certificates: Charles Michaels (USMC), Christopher Meredith ()USA), Michael Willis (USAF), Donald Becker (USA), and Wayne Borden (USAF).

Withlacoochee Chapter







The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, introduced their new George Washington traveling museum display to the public on June 14th and 15th 2025, at the Marion County Veterans' Park. In addition, there was a recruiting and information booth, benefiting both Ocala and Withlacoochee chapters that featured a working Revolutionary Era Brown Bess musket owned by Compatriot Bill Teater, who manned the booth with Registrar Wayne Carlile and 1st Vice President, Compatriot Nelson Peters.

The George Washington War Tent Project is made possible with the help of a large team of Withlacoochee Chapter members and volunteers, sponsored by President Steve Hohman and led by Past President David Hitchcock. The tent itself was made to exact dimensions by Compatriot Nathan Taylor, who is a key member of the team. Withlacoochee Compatriots involved include Bill Stone, Bill Teater, Chuck Wilson, Nelson Peters, John Longacre, Steve Burke, Bob Thomas, Mark Johnson, Wayne Carlile, David Steitz, Tom Hellem, Ed Lee and John Careey.

Each appearance is attended by 'tour guides' in the form of members in Colonial Regimental or Militia uniforms, who aid visitors with colorful anecdotes and facts related to the exhibits. At the Ocala event we also had costumed performers presenting as George and Martha Washington (Compatriot Bill Elder and wife Cara Elder), and as Rachel Revere and Deborah Sampson (Ms. Dee Collier). Richard Whitford and Sherry Adler-Whitford also presented the ceremony dramatizing each fold involved in folding the American Flag. We hope to have these same performers at future events as logistics and their availability allows. This premiere event was in coordination with and on behalf of the Ocala Chapter. The display revolves around an exact replica of the George Washington War Tent on display at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA. The outside of the tent is adorned with important replica flags from the Revolutionary era, including Regimental flags of import, and evolutionary versions of our nation's first flags. There are also costumed mannequins wearing Regimental uniforms and one representing Rhode Island's all black Regiment. Ι

nside the tent there are multiple replica displays featuring George Washington's camp bed, his work table (including replicas of various items likely to have been found on his own table), his personal pistol, various maps and documents, a travel chest with items that would have been found in his camps, and a tribute mannequin dressed as 'Molly Pitcher', the representative of women who supported the camps. All exhibits have been made, loaned, or donated by team members.

We were pleased to have State President Chris Washler come by for the premiere. Future plans include presentations at multiple schools and at various veterans' and other celebratory events as the schedule for the 250th Anniversary is firmed up. Chapters, Societies, or organizations interested in the tent at one of their events can contact David Hitchcock, Withlacoochee Chapter, at dhitchcock@withsar.org.

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American Legion Convention

The Sons of the American Revolution had a membership recruitment booth in the Exhibit Hall of the American Legion Convention held at the Tampa {FL] Convention Center. The Exhibit Hall was opened from Friday, August 22 to August 26. Patrick J Nieman, VP General, South Atlantic District, put out a call for assistance to the FLSSAR Color Guard.

The Central Florida Chapter Color Guard responded, supplying help on Saturday, August 23, Sunday, August 24, Monday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 25. Phil Markoe, Central Florida Color Guard Commander and FLSSAR Color Guard Adjacent volunteer on Sunday and Monday, Michael Meyer on Saturday, and Harry Rinker on Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday.

Pictured herein are George Strunk, NC Trustee and Pres. George Washington Chapter, NC; Michael Meyer, Central Florida Chapter Color Guard; Patrick J Niemann, VP General, South Atlantic District, Harry L Rinker, Central Florida Chapter Color Guard





Coins Commemorating the Anniversary of the United States





The founding of the United States has not had a long history of being commemorated in its coinage. The U. S. Mint was established in Philadelphia in 1792 to produce coins for trade and commerce. Though commemorative coins have been issued for centuries throughout the world to mark important people, places, events, and anniversaries it wasn't until 100 years after the mint opened that the U. S. began its official commemorative coin program with the World's Columbian Exposition half dollar in 1892 in what is now called the Classic Commemorative Era.

In that period the program first commemorated the 150th anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1925 with a half dollar commemorative.

The coin depicts the image of the Minute Man in Concord, Massachusetts based on the Daniel Chester French statue there. The coin is proudly inscribed "Patriot Half Dollar." There were 300,000 half dollars authorized but Mint numbers show

only 162,013 were minted. The coin's reverse depicts the "Old Belfry." The bell was used to summon worshipers, warn them of danger, and "tolled" for residents' deaths. Upon receiving the warning the British were coming, by riders Paul Revere and William Dawes, it was used to assemble the Lexington militia on the green on April 19, 1775. The following year the Mint produced the first coin commemorating the founding of the United States, the 1926 Sesquicentennial of American Independence half dollar. This was the first time a living president was depicted on a U. S. Coin.

The obverse of the half dollar had the heads of President George Washington and then current president, Calvin Coolidge; the reverse shows the cracked Liberty Bell. All the authorized one million coins were minted in Philadelphia, but the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission overestimated interest in the coin and 859,408 of the coins were returned to the Mint and melted

Additionally, Congress authorized commemorative quarter-eagles (\$2.50). These gold coins, beyond the budget of most Americans featured Liberty on the obverse and Independence Hall on the reverse.

The final year a commemorative coin was issued during the Classic era was 1954 and the commemorative program was discontinued because of criticism of some coins issued, reaching its peak in 1936 when 16 different commemorative coins were issued. Legislators still had opposition to commemoratives in the early 1970s when a bicentennial commemorative was being considered. It was decided that the bicentennial would be honored with changes in circulating coins instead of a commemorative coin.

The Mint produced a circulating dollar, half dollar and quarter coins commemorating the bicentennial. The Eisenhower dollar had been circulating since 1971, the Kennedy half dollar since 1964 and the Washington quarter since 1932. Each of these coins bore the dual date, 1776-1976 and were issued beginning in July 1975. Each coin maintained the original obverse and the reverse was changed. The quarter reverse has a colonial military drummer and a victory torch encircled by 13 stars, The half dollar reverse depicts Independence Hall, and the dollar coin depicts the cracked Liberty Bell superimposed on the Moon.

This was the first-time circulating coinage had been re-designed to honor American Independence. The new reverse designs were from a Department of the Treasury national competition with the chosen winner receiving a \$5,000 award.







Quarter Reverse





Half Dollar Obverse

Half Dollar Reverse





Dollar Obverse

Dollar Reverse

The "Modern Commemorative Era" began in 1982 and continues today. The first coin of this era was the *George Washington 250th Anniversary of Birth* half dollar. See images below.





To celebrate the centennial, Congress authorized medals to commemorate the "one hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of the Continental Congress and the Declaration of Independence."

These Independence Centennial Medals were issued as part of the Centennial International Exhibition of 1876 at the World's Fair in Philadelphia. Official medals featured liberty on the obverse and "In Commemoration of the Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence" on the reverse.



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There were numerous medals commemorating the Bicentennial and the Official Bicentennial Day Medal was produced by the Franklin Mint of Pennsylvania. The silver medal was authorized by the Official Bicentennial Day Commission.





Another commemorative issued by the U. S. Mint was the National Bicentennial Medal. It was produced and sold in various formats and several sizes.

This medal depicts the Statue of Liberty ringed by 50 stars and 1776-1976 on the obverse and the reverse has the Great Seal of the United States and the inscription American Revolution Bicentennial and "We the People."

The authorizing federal legislation for this medal also authorized up to 13 medals each of a different design "to commemorate specific historical events of great importance, recognized nationally as milestones in the continuing progress of the United States of America toward life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



The Mint also produced three medals celebrating the bicentennials of our Nation's oldest military branches, the US Marine Corps, US Army, and the US Navy.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was established in 1966 and changed its name to American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in 1974. The Administration prepared the master calendar of events of local,

state, national and international significance which took place between March 1975 and December 31, 1976; and provided a central clearinghouse for information and co-ordination regarding dates, events, places, documents, artifacts and personalities of Bicentennial, historical and commemorative significance.

From 1972 to 1976, the Mint produced five medals in the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration series, commemorating Revolutionary War events and heroes, including George Washington, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and John Adams, the First Continental Congress, 'the shot that was heard around the world' and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The U.S. Mint also produced a 10-medal series called *America's First Medals* that were reproductions of the first medals authorized by the Continental Congress. These awards honored Revolutionary War soldiers and battles.

What is in store for the <u>U. S. Semiquincentennial</u>? The U. S. Mint website indicates that in celebration of the Semiquincentennial Anniversary the Mint will be redesigning select circulating coin designs for 2026. This is what was done in 1976, and this will allow everyone to be able to collect a piece of history.

For 2026 quarters, the U.S. Mint is authorized to redesign the reverse with up to five different designs "emblematic of the United States semiquincentennial." At least one of the designs "must be emblematic of a woman's or women's contribution to the birth of the Nation or the Declaration of Independence or any other monumental moments" in American history The dollar coins designs must also be "emblematic of the United States semiquincentennial" and these will be in addition to the regular issuance of Native American and American Innovation \$1 coins.

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Author: Rick Parfitt, Caloosa Chapter, Florida SAR

From the Society Treasurer

The following checks from May 2024, have "NOT" been cashed.

Check #2360 for \$125.00 Saramana Chapter Check #2272 for \$200.00 Scarlet Taylor Check # 2374 for \$50.00 Zion Havlykke

These checks will be "Void" as of 30 December 2025, if not cashed. If these checks have been lost, FLSSAR will replace them just contact Walter Arnold at WArnold.SAR@GMail.com.

Educational Outreach Committee Attends Education 2025 Conventions

Because of the funding approved at the 2024 Fall Board of Managers meeting, members and supporters of the FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee (EOC) attended three education conventions in 2025. Outreach opportunities included the Florida Parent Educators' Association (FPEA) Homeschool Convention, the Florida Council for the Social Studies (FCSS) Conference, and the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) Convention.

From May 22-24, the FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee (EOC) hosted a booth at the 37th annual Florida Parent Educators' Association (FPEA) Convention, held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. Compatriots David Hitchcock, Phil Markoe, Michael Meyer, and Kevin Shurte represented the FLSSAR at the three-day event sharing the exciting educational opportunities the SAR offers to school-age children. Parents and students were eager to learn about our education contests. Several families also inquired about membership in the C.A.R., DAR, and SAR. Compatriots collected contact information for 64 conventioneers from Pensacola to Fort Lauderdale which they forwarded to the appropriate FLSSAR chapter presidents.

On October 31 and November 1, Phil Markoe and Kevin Shurte set up the EOC exhibit at the FCSS Conference. This year's event, held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, marked the 67th anniversary of this gathering of social studies teachers from public schools across the state. Chapters often share with us the frustrations they experience trying to gain access to the public school systems, so this was an opportunity the EOC could not pass up. Members met many teachers at the weekend event and had an opportunity to highlight our educational contest offerings with our target audience. Of special significance were the contacts we made with numerous teachers who were highly motived to participate in our American History Teacher Contest. The committee shared promising leads with Pensacola, Jacksonville, Central Florida, Saint Petersburg, Tampa, Lakeland, and Caloosa. Hopefully, after these chapters sponsor their educators at the chapter level, they will be able to foster relationships and launch the youth contests at their local public schools.

The final outreach effort of the year took place at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. On November 19-20, private school educators met at the 71st annual convention to attend training sessions and meet with exhibitors. This was a large-scale event and offered a unique opportunity for EOC members Phil Markoe and Kevin Shurte to present FLSSAR youth contest offerings to headmasters and teachers alike. Via the EOC QR code and webpage, the committee received leads from teachers in Panama City, Daytona-Ormand, Central Florida, Palm Beach, and many, many educators from Jacksonville. As always, the EOC forwarded these contacts to the respective chapter presidents.

This year's convention circuit was successful, not only for inspiring educators and students to participate in SAR contests but also as an opportunity to promote SAR brand recognition in our communities on a vast scale. The EOC looks forward to receiving feedback from chapters to learn about the effectiveness of our outreach efforts. We would also like to hear back from chapters if they are unable to sponsor their local educators and students, so we might connect the schools with other nearby chapters. Thank you for your support of FLSSAR Education Outreach and for "educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles or our country" (sar.org).

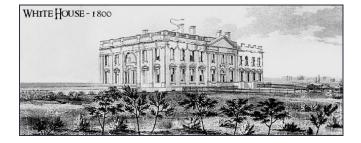
Marlin Publicity Contest Update

The purpose of the Marlin Publicity Contest is to recognize chapters for promoting their chapter to the public in their regional area through various medias such as local news organization, and digital media platforms. The intent of this contest is to encourage chapter to promote themselves to add to their membership and to make the chapter known in a particular regional area.

The public media platforms that will be considered are newspaper, radio advertisements, radio announcements of events, recruitment tables with publications at local events, and presentations at schools, Veterans organizations, other lineage organizations, and museums. The points for each event on a news media announcement is 75 points and each presentation is worth 100 points for each event. The digital media platforms that will be considered are webpages, face book, Instagram, digital magazines, and digital blogs. The points for each of these sources per event is 50 points.

Note that the FLSSAR Florida Patriot should not be your primary reference in this contest such it is distributed to the FLS-SAR membership and not to the general public. Therefore, points for news in the FLSSAR Florida Patriot is limited to a total of 100 points with each article submitted being 10 points.

The deadline for consideration of this year's contest is March 15th. Submit a summary of your chapter's activities to the committee chair at swampfoxeditor@gmail.com.



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FLSSAR Youth Contests At-A-Glance 2025-2026

Contests	Educational Levels	FLSSAR Deadlines	Award Amounts
Poster	Grades 3, 4, 5	May 1, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50
Brochure	Grades 6, 7, 8	May 1, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50
Youth Video Contest	Grades 6-12	February 1, 2026	\$500, \$300, \$200
Oration	Grades 9-12	March 31, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Essay	Grades 9-12	December 31, 2025	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Enhanced JROTC	Grade 11	March 31, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Eagle Scout	Below Age 19	January 15, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
History Teacher	Grades 6-12	January 10, 2026	\$750, \$750

***Please direct contest questions to the corresponding committee chairmen or email Kevin Shurte at kevinshurte2009@comcast.net





Oliver Pollock – American Financier of the 1781 Battle of Pensacola & General Galvez's Trusted Adviser

By Ben Findley



The above bronze sculpture depicts Oliver Pollock and is located near the Baton Rouge's downtown library in Louisiana. This sculpture by renowned sculpture and artist Frank Hayden was dedicated in 1979 and is one of few depictions of this un-

known Revolutionary War hero associated with the Battle of Pensacola. Sadly, all portraits and images of him were lost in a fire in 1812. Photo is Public Domain.

Most do not realize that there were only about 25 American volunteers who assisted Spanish forces at the 1781 Battle of Pensacola and much of their histories is largely unrecorded. And a name not widely known in American History is Oliver Pollock who settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was born in Bready, Northern Ireland in 1737 and died in Pinckneyville, Mississippi on December 17, 1823.

He moved to New Orleans in 1768. Although the Irish-born Oliver Pollock was not a military warrior at the Battle of Pensacola, he is a notable American Patriot who played a major role with Spanish Governor and General Bernardo de Gálvez's Gulf Coast campaigns and the Battle of Pensacola. As Continental Congress's commercial Agent in New Orleans, Pollock helped provide supplies, gunpowder, muskets, and financial aid for American forces. Pollock and General Gálvez had a strong cooperative, trusting relationship and worked together to secretly support the American Revolution. As a close and trusted confidante and adviser of Gálvez, Pollock arranged for Spanish supplies and crucial weapons and gunpowder to go on a secure route up the Mississippi River through Gálvez and his military forces fighting the British.

Not an American Continental Army or Militia Member

Pollock was not a member of the American Continental Army or any militia. He and the other few American Volunteers did not constitute a formal unit of the Continental Army or militia at the Battle of Pensacola. Those that participated in the battle were a mix of nationalities and backgrounds, were sympathetic to the American cause, and allied themselves with the Spanish. The Battle of Pensacola's main combatants were Spanish, French, and Cuban forces, along with free black and mixed-race militia mem-

<u>bers</u>, fighting against a British garrison of regulars, German mercenaries, and loyalists.

<u>Pollock's Financial Contributions & Sacrifices to Galvez,</u> Clark, & Americans

In this author's opinion, Oliver Pollock's role in Spanish Louisiana and Pensacola were underappreciated in the American Revolution. He used his own considerable wealth to fund several military campaigns for the American cause. Pollock's most famous monetary contributions supported General George Rogers Clark's expedition to seize the Illinois country from the British... and working with Louisiana Governor Bernardo de Gálvez to arrange covert shipments of supplies and gunpowder from Spain to American forces, including my distant cousin George Washington's army.

Pollock even used his own funds to issue War Bonds, or Bills of Exchange, to support the Revolutionary War effort. Sadly, these issuances to revolutionary sympathizers and supporters continued after his own funds were spent. So at the war's end, his worthy financial contributions and commitments cost him his wealthy fortune.

Pollock Borrowed \$79,087 from Gálvez

The National Archives at Archives.gov report that Pollock borrowed \$79,087 Spanish dollars from Spanish Louisiana's Governor Bernardo de Galvez in 1778. The Spanish Crown's secret aid program organized by Gálvez and the Spanish minister José de Gálvez, helped fund General George Rogers Clark's Illinois Campaign, a key American military operation in the Ohio Valley. Pollock was in serious financial trouble and declared bankruptcy in 1782. As a result the land he owned was liquidated and eventually became the home of Louisiana State University. By 1783 Pollock was appointed agent of the United States in Havana, but was then jailed by his Cuban creditors. Pollock spent more than a year in a debtor's jail in Cuba before being bailed out by the Spanish Governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Gálvez, according to the National Archives. In the certification of his bail, Gálvez wrote of Pollock's honorable contributions to Louisiana and the Revolutionary War, citing a monetary figure of \$79,087, per National Archives records.

How Did Pollock Help Gálvez and the American Revolutionary War Cause?

(1) Oliver Pollock provided <u>quickly needed funds</u> and personally accompanied Gálvez's forces during campaigns that led to the capture of several key British fortifications, like Fort George at the Battle of Pensacola. Fort George was the largest of the British Forts on Gage Hill in Pensacola and the final British stronghold to surrender to the Spanish forces led by Bernardo de Gálvez.

NOTE (1): Pollock personally accompanied Gálvez's forces in their capture of British garrisons in Baton Rouge, Mobile, and, ultimately, at the Battle of Pensacola in 1781. <u>Pollock served as an aide-de-camp to Gálvez and was an integral part of the Spanish campaign</u> against British forts in the area, <u>including the final victory at Pensacola in 1781</u>.

NOTE (2): Pollock was PERSONALLY PRESENT WITH Gálvez's troops as part of the Spanish Army during the capture of British garrisons, including Fort Bute, Baton Rouge, Mobile, and PENSACOLA. James Alton James' biography "Oliver Pollock: The Life and Times of an Un-



known Patriot" offers a detailed account of Pollock's presence with Galvez at Pensacola, even though not formally enlisted in the Spanish Army in the Gulf region. This is also documented in the history records of ClanPollock.com.

- (2) Pollock's influence and friendly and trusted relationship with Gálvez was instrumental in coordinating the Spanish military effort against the British in the Gulf Coast region. He helped convince Gálvez that the Americans could win the war, which led to the Spanish military campaigns that drew British attention away from the main American war front. Pollock and Gálvez were friends. On May 9, 1783, the Congressional Congress issued a resolution to display a portrait painting of Gálvez in the room where Congress met which was obtained by Pollock, according to the Journals of the Continental Congress 1774-1789 in the Library of Congress by Gaillard Hunt.
- (3) Pollock used his <u>commercial Agent position</u> in New Orleans to act as a <u>channel for supplies</u> from Spanish Louisiana to the American rebels. He arranged for Spanish ships to carry essential supplies and war materials, like gunpowder and medicine, to the American colonies. Some unsubstantiated reports say that he even permitted American soldiers to sell plunder in New Orleans.
- (4) Pollock served as a <u>secret diplomatic agent</u>, communicating crucial information about various important developments and the status of the American states to Gálvez. He was the intermediary who facilitated direct communication <u>between the American Congress and the Spanish Governor</u>. He was able to secure Spanish aid even before Spain officially entered the war.

NOTE: When Spain declared war on Britain in 1779, Pollock served as an aide-de-camp to Gálvez. In this role, he participated in the Spanish campaigns along the Mississippi River, the Gulf Coast, and in Pensacola.

(5) Pollock and Gálvez shared a common interest, partnership, and were motivated to stop and weaken the British efforts to gain territories. Gálvez wanted to reclaim territories lost to Britain and this helped victory for the American cause.

NOTE (1): Great Britain established West and East Florida in 1763 out of land acquired from Spain and France after the Seven Years' War. They divided Florida into two colonies separated by the Apalachicola River. The Colony of East Florida had its capital in St. Augustine, with the West Florida Capital in Pensacola. West Florida included about two thirds of what is presently the Florida panhandle, as well as parts of

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Forces of spanish Louisiana Gov. Bernardo de Gálvez, including Louisiana milita, defeated the British in the Siege of Pensacola on May 10, 1781 aiding in the British defeat at York Town. (image is public domain)

now Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

NOTE (2): Gálvez's most important military victory over the British forces occurred on May 8, 1781, when he attacked and took by land and by sea Pensacola, the British capital of West Florida. The loss of Pensacola (and Mobile) left the British with no bases on the Gulf Coast.

Patriot Oliver Pollock's Legacy

One not recognized and overlooked, but significant accomplishment of Pollock, is the dollar sign (\$.) He is often <u>credited with creating the "\$" symbol</u> in 1778. When acting as a commercial agent in New Orleans, he recorded transactions in Spanish pesos and abbreviated them as "ps" to save time. This abbreviation came to be squished close together and evolved into looking like <u>our present-day dollar sign</u>, which is accepted world <u>-wide</u>.

In 1782, Pollock was <u>bankrupt and heavily in debt</u> because of his generous <u>financing of wartime campaigns with his own money</u>. He supported the American cause and "provided 300,000 Spanish pesos to the American cause, equivalent to nearly <u>\$1 billion in today's money</u>," according to AtlasObscura.com.

Pollock spent several years petitioning the Continental Congress, whom he had previously helped, and later the new U.S. Government, for reimbursement of his personally contributed funds to the American Revolution. He was unsuccessful, only receiving about \$108,605.02 from the United States government in 1792, according to the National Archives. In 1811, he received a letter from Thomas Jefferson, who unfortunately could not recall the details of his case or Pollock asking for compensation, so he could not provide any assistance. He returned in poverty to Cumberland County.

His requested <u>reimbursements</u> were only <u>partially and</u> <u>minimally resolved</u> years after the war. For his vast personal and financial sacrifices, Pollock was largely forgotten and overlooked by the nation he helped create. He was never fully reimbursed for the debts he incurred, and he <u>lived his later life in</u> <u>relative obscurity and financial difficulty.</u>

Pollock retired in 1819 to Pinckneyville, Mississippi to the home of his daughter Mary, wife of Dr. Samuel Robinson, dying in 1823. His burial site is located in the family cemetery there, although his portraits and personal effects were lost in a <u>fire</u> during the Civil War. Oliver Pollock is depicted in a large public sculpture in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His life is also commemorated on a nearby plaque.

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Hotel Reservation Spring 2026 BOM

The Embassy Suite Hotel has released the room reservations for our

May Board of Managers (BOM) meeting.

To register for your room, go to the <u>FLSSAR.ORG</u> website and select the BOM tab,

scroll down until you see the area marked as "MAKING RESERVATIONS".

Here you need to click on the link which will take you to reservation area of the hotel's website. Hope to see you there!

s/Earl (Matt) Mathews FL Executive Administrator

New FLSSAR Website

Content Requested

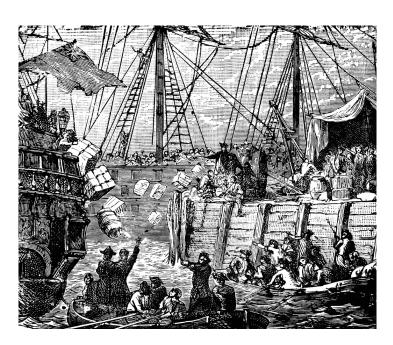
In the new website, we're looking to connect with the public and further engage them. Those of us involved with creating programs, youth awards, membership, public service recognitions, historical celebrations, and reenactments have an opportunity to present our programs and invite readers to participate. We can also highlight our formation and core values, and emphasize why we exist.

Any material you have with this type of content would be appreciated. Much of this information typically appears in the fliers and handouts we prepare, and well on the NSSAR's website across its various sections. In general, this material:

- · Describes what the activity is and communicate its value.
- · Describes the target audience with a message that show the relevance of the program to them.
- · Provides examples of the activity's success through descriptions of past activities and testimonials.
- If the public or youths need to contact you or apply, describes how the program works and explains each step of the application and award process to show them what to expect.
- · Includes photographs to engage readers.

Please submit the content you'd like to see on the website. Aim for 400-900 words, include any relevant images, and email your submission. We're excited to include your expertise and insights.

Many thanks for your help, Mike Fishbein



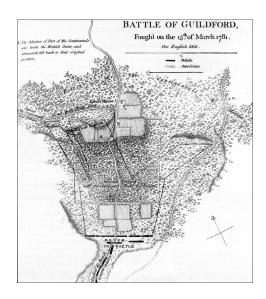


136th NSSAR ANNUAL CONGRESS - Greensboro, NC July 10 – 16, 2026

Make plans to attend the 136th SAR Annual Congress to be held at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons – Koury Convention Center, July 10 – 16, 2026, where we will be celebrating our Nation's 250th Birthday! Come walk in the footsteps of Patriots such as Major General Nathanael Greene and Lt. Colonel "Lighthorse" Harry Lee, where they stood toe to toe against Major General Charles Cornwallis. We have tours scheduled for Old Salem, Historic Hillsborough, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, and Replacements, Ltd.

We are also planning five Grave-Marking Ceremonies, honoring twenty-five Patriots. Those are just a few highlights of what to expect. Stay tuned to this page for further updates. We look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Hotel Reservations are now open, Congress Registration will be available on SAR.ORG in May, 2026. Questions? Reach out to us at ncssar@yahoo.com



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Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Anniversary Celebration



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 21, 2026 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 28, 2025. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.

Instructions: To make your group's reservation, **Save** this PDF form to your computer, **open** from your computer, **fill out** the fields, then **Save** and **attach** the file to an e-mail message.

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

Group/Unit name:	
Contact Name:	Phone Number:
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Number in group attending: How does the group	want to be announced as?
Wreath presentation:	
If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN	HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting
the wreath	
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 2, 2026	July 3, 2026	July 4, 2026	July 5, 2026
 Reading of the Declaration SAR Public Event Independence Hall Tour SAR Evening Reception 	 Salute to Independence Parade "Ring It On" SAR Public Event SAR Gala Dinner 	 SAR 250 Celebration Public Event SAR 250 Bench Dedication Philadelphia 250 Events 	 Grave Marking for 5 Signers of the Declaration Museum of the American Revolution Tour Social Dinner at Glory Beer Bar







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249th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek and 250th National Saturday 10:00 AM, March 28, 2026 in Jacksonville, Florida*

Please join us as we commemorate the 249th Anniversary the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War) and our Great Nation's 250 Anniversary. 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 dinner meeting Friday evening at 5:30PM on March 27th at the Long Horn Steak House, 1366 Airport Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218, which is in the same complex as the Hampton Inn and the Marriott, SpringHill Suites, as well as a number of other hotels in the area. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are honored to have as our speaker SAR St. Augustine Past Chapter President Dr. Bob Amason, who is an award winning prolific historical author, especially on the Southern Revolutionary War Period. Again we are honored to have our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" who have performed for various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General and Past FLSSAR President Matt Mathews who will be bringing greetings from our SAR National Society. We are also honored to have our FLSSAR President Chris Washler and again Florida DAR State Regent Kim Zeman bringing greetings, To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2026 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12) 3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904)-502-4819; <u>DavidRamseur12@gmail.com</u>

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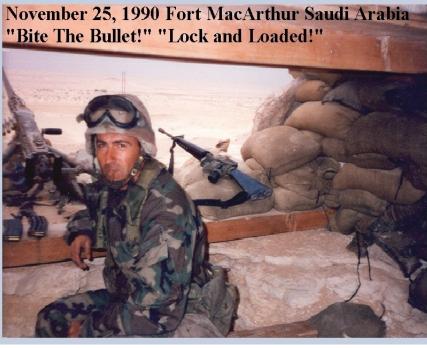




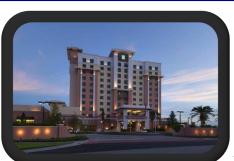












The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

May 15 - 16, 2026

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.