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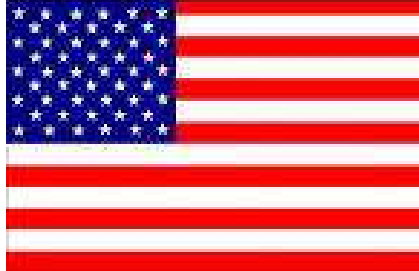
**Statue of General Casimir (Kazimierz) Pulaski at Freedom Plaza, Washington, D.C. See American Revolution Cavalry article (p. 4).**

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# FLORIDA PEOPLE AT NATIONAL CONGRESS

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## President's Message

By Compatriot Grant R. Wallin, Jr.



This summer has been very busy. My summer started with a visit to the Jacksonville chapter on May 17 to install their new officers for the coming year. This was followed by a visit with the catering and service personnel at the Ramada Plaza on June 5<sup>th</sup> which brought about some needed changes in our meal and other items pertaining to our meeting facilities. I have also been working with a potential supplier of our recognition items for the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War regarding design and costs. Hopefully, by the time this appears in print, these items will be finalized, and we can proceed with their approval and production.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Pat and I left for the 117<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress at Williamsburg. This was the largest Congress ever held by our Society. To give you some example of the size of this meeting, Pat and I were assigned Table 49 at the Tuesday night banquet. There were eleven people at every table, and there were at least fifteen more table numbers higher than ours. There was a three-tier head table with all of the National Officers and their wives. It was a great Congress, and I would hope that every Compatriot would make the attempt to attend at least one National Congress, just to see how big and viable our organization really is. The Congress ran from July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup> with meetings relating to every aspect of our organization scheduled around the meetings of the delegates. Florida is eligible to have thirty-some delegates, but we only had nineteen in attendance, with many wives in attendance. This is our Florida Society's largest attendance, but still not as large as it should be. I would hope that more of our Compatriots would take the time to attend and represent our great Florida Society. Pat and I left on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July to return to Seminole.

We did not have a lot of time to get ready for our Board of Management meeting on July 27 -28. This was an excellent meeting, and Steve Williams and his Brevard Chapter did an excellent job of hosting our meeting. The awards which the Florida Society received at the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress in Williamsburg were presented, and a number of our Compatriots were recognized for recruiting at least ten new members during this past year. Dick Fowler and Steve Williams both had great seminars on chapter newsletters and chapter website operation. Also, Genealogy Chair Ted Duay made himself available in the Hospitality Room to answer questions regarding Genealogy. Thanks to all of you. Alan Kay delivered an excellent speech on the importance of History being taught in our schools, and he received a standing ovation after his delivery. It was well deserved. Alan teaches history at Dunedin High School and has fought in the trenches to keep history alive for our young people.

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of our Senior Vice President Jim Holyfield. Pat and I drove over to West Palm Beach on August 11<sup>th</sup> to attend Jim's funeral. Gerry Meeks, Fred Gaines, Ron Hamilton and Pat and I were in attendance. I have probably missed one or two more, and I apologize for that. It was a lovely service, and Jim will be sorely missed.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Pat and I drove over to Crestview, Florida to spend the night prior to going on over to Milton for a preliminary organization meeting of a new SAR chapter in Milton. New Chapter Development Chairman Steve Williams did an excellent job of securing the DAR participation in this meeting; and as a result, it looks like this chapter will be up and running within the next six months. Steve, Lindsey Brock and I attended along with a number of the Pensacola Chapter Compatriots headed by Compatriot Ed Young. Everyone left with the feeling that it had been a great meeting, and the future of the chapter is in secure hands.

I am leaving on September 26<sup>th</sup> for Louisville and the Fall Leadership Conference. I am sure that I will pick up a lot of information which will benefit our Society at this meeting. These items will be included in my President's Report, which will appear in our Blue Book.

We need to get ready for our Fall Board of Management meeting on October 26 -27. I hope to see every chapter represented at this most important meeting. We need every member working to promote our many programs. They are all important.

Fraternally,  
Grant R. Wallin, President

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**From the Editor's Desk  
By Compatriot Dick Fowler**



**Dick Fowler**

**Compatriots and Friends,**

This edition has more color than any previous one. We now have color on the cover, the back cover and the inside of the front and back covers in addition to pages 9, 10, 11 & 12. Working with our publisher, we were able to do this at no additional cost.

Our thanks to Phillip Tarpley, President of The Saramana Chapter, for his MIA/POW article on page 8 and the back cover of this edition. Thanks also to Webmaster Steve Williams for his two articles on page 7 and to Frank Hodalski for his dynamic leadership in the Support Our Troops program (see page 6).

My personal thanks to our proofreading crew: Steve Aspinall, Norm Myers, Ed Payne and Terry Walton. We want to bring you a quality magazine, and they are digging in and helping to do that.

Our goal is to bring as much information to members as possible, especially those without computers. They are missing out on a lot of valuable information that can be found on The Florida Society website.

Our website has a wealth of information on it, and I recommend that even if you do not have a computer that you go to your local library and use theirs. The librarian will be glad to help you if you are not familiar with computers. It is fairly simple just to click on the Internet and then enter our website address which is <http://www.flssar.org/>. Once you are there it is easy to navigate. You can see listings of chapter and state officers, committees and committee members, chapter newsletters, chapter website links, NSSAR links the ENTIRE Florida Society Procedures Manual and much, much more.

**Deadline for submissions for the  
Winter edition will be December 13, 2007**

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## September 2, 1775: Washington Commissions First Naval Officer

September 2, 1775: Washington Commissions First Naval Officer On This Day.....in 1775, General George Washington commissioned Nicholson Broughton captain “in the Army of the United Colonies of North America.” Broughton had a novel assignment: The Marblehead man was to be master of the Hannah, the first vessel in what has come to be known as “George Washington’s Navy.” The General sent eight Massachusetts schooners to intercept vessels supplying British troops in Boston. This little fleet helped persuade the Continental Congress that the new nation needed a proper navy. On October 13th, Congress ordered that two large vessels be fitted out with guns. This is the date that the United States Navy considers its birthday. The Massachusetts schooners that captured 55 enemy ships in 26 months of service belonged to the Continental Army. Background. On June 15, 1775, the Continental Congress chose George Washington to command “all the continental forces raised, or to be raised, for the defence [sic] of American liberty. On July 3rd, Washington arrived in Cambridge. Across the Charles River, 6,000 British Regulars occupied Boston. The capital lay under siege, surrounded by 14,000 militiamen. The situation was a stalemate. With the Battle of Bunker Hill fresh in their minds, the British officers were not about to order an attack. On the other hand, Washington had no illusions that the poorly-equipped colonial soldiers could drive the Redcoats from Boston. He did, however, believe that it might be possible to starve the British out. While the Patriots could receive supplies from the surrounding countryside, the Regulars were dependent on whatever came in by water. Washington saw an opportunity. The militiamen waiting impatiently in Cambridge included many seamen. One was Colonel John Glover, who commanded a company from his hometown of Marblehead. Born in nearby Salem in 1732, he owned a wharf, a warehouse, and three schooners across the harbor in Beverly, all bought with profits from the West Indies trade.

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Washington asked Glover to disrupt the flow of supplies into Boston Harbor. Glover offered to lease his 78-ton schooner Hannah to the Continental Army for “one Dollar per Ton per Month.” Washington agreed to the terms, and the colonel selected a crew of 43, most of them men from Marblehead. They would receive army pay and would split amongst themselves one-third of whatever cargo they captured except “military and naval stores . . . which, with vessels and apparel are reserved for public service.” Glover recommended that 50-year-old Nicholson Broughton be put in command of the vessel. With 20 years experience as a captain and intimate knowledge of the New England coast, he seemed to be a good choice, but Broughton was above all an independent-minded sailor in the tradition of Marblehead. Washington would learn that following orders was not in his nature. The refitted Hannah sailed out of Beverly on September 5, 1775. Washington had instructed Broughton to “cruise against such vessels as may be found bound inward and outward to and from Boston, in the service of the [British] army, and to take and seize all such vessels, laden with soldiers, arms, ammunition, or provisions . . . which you shall have good reason to suspect are in such service.” Two days later, the Hannah intercepted the ship Unity en route to Boston. Broughton soon learned that Unity’s owner was John Langdon, a New Hampshire delegate to the Continental Congress - hardly the enemy. Langdon’s vessel, originally bound for the West Indies, carried a cargo of salt fish, beef, and lumber. A British frigate had captured the Unity, and a Royal Navy crew was sailing her to Boston. Broughton took control of the ship, but rather than returning her to Langdon, he sailed her to Gloucester. Broughton requested a share of the cargo for himself and his crew, but Washington ordered the vessel released and suggested Langdon might reward the Hannah’s officers for having recaptured her. Broughton’s crew, furious at their captain, mutinied. They were arrested and court-martialed; 14

were ordered whipped but, in the end, only the ringleader was punished. Broughton assembled a new crew for the Hannah and ventured forth again. On October 7th, he was sailing along the Massachusetts coast when he saw a small vessel. He fired four shots her way, disregarding Washington’s orders not to waste ammunition. The noise attracted the Royal Navy’s attention. Three days later, the captain of the British 16-gun Nautilus caught the schooner off Beverly. Broughton tried to escape but ran the Hannah aground on mudflats in Beverly Cove. The Nautilus came as close as she dared, anchored, and began firing. The Hannah’s crew scrambled over the side and made for the shore. The tide kept running out and soon, the Nautilus, too, was aground. The shooting continued, and soon involved the Beverly and Salem militia. The Nautilus crew retreated below decks while the colonials shot holes in her hull, sails, and spars. After four hours, the incoming tide had the Nautilus afloat once more, and she headed back out to sea. The Patriots’ victory was tempered by the fact that the Hannah had rammed the mudflat so hard that her keel was damaged to the point where she would never sail again. Despite Hannah’s record, Washington stayed with his plan. Glover refitted five more schooners and two more were launched from Plymouth. However, once Congress created the Continental Navy and made it legal for privately owned vessels to capture enemy vessels, the small schooners played a less important role, leaving Beverly and Marblehead to argue over which town was the birth of George Washington’s, if not the United States, Navy.

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## **“Cavalry In The American Revolution” Conference and tours.**

Wofford College in Spartanburg will be the site of “Cavalry in the American Revolution,” an international conference on cavalry operations in the Revolutionary War. Set for November 9–10, the conference is presented by the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution (SCAR), the South Carolina Historical Society, Wofford College, and the Cowpens National Battlefield. Featured will be personalities, period music, and discussions of cavalry in specific battles and campaigns, along with opportunities to meet with scholars and others interested in the martial equestrian sciences and arts. Join us for scholarly presentations, field demonstrations, and battlefield tours on the uses of cavalry in the American Revolution!

**Keynote presentation:** “There Is No Carrying on the War Without Them’: The Continental Light Dragoons, 1776–83,” by Dr. Gregory J. W. Urwin, author (*The United States Cavalry: An Illustrated History*; *Facing Fearful Odds: The Siege of Wake Island*; and six other military history books), SCAR contributor, reenactor, military historian, and History Channel contributor. Dr. Urwin serves as a professor of history at Temple University; associate director, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy at Temple University; general editor, Campaigns and Commanders series, University of Oklahoma Press; and is a fellow, Company of Military Historians.

Saturday afternoon brings thundering hooves on the battlefield at Cowpens, as cavalymen organized by Daniel Murphy and Ron Crawley will demonstrate eighteenth-century cavalry tactics. Professor Lawrence Babits of East Carolina University, author of *Devil of a Whipping: The Battle of Cowpens*, will update participants on the current research on Cowpens and cavalry actions at Guilford Courthouse, Hobkirk Hill, and Eutaw Springs.



Historic Green River Road at Cowpens National Battlefield  
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Thursday and Sunday will be devoted to pre- and post-conference battlefield tours. Guides will be David P. Reuwer and Charles B. Baxley, both renowned battle-site tour guides of the Tarleton, Camden Campaign, Thomas Sumter, Nathanael Greene, and Eutaw Springs symposia. Assisted by military historians Mike Burgess, John Allison, Steven Rauch and Jim Piecuch, this on-the-ground tour of important Carolina backcountry battlefields will point out the battle chronology, tactical deployments, and topography. This battlefield trip include opportunities to walk the battle sites and hear riveting presentations by on-site experts.

# Kazimierz Pulaski

## From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Kazimierz Michał Wacław Wiktor Pulaski herbu Słepowron, as was his full name, was born [March 4, 1746](#) (some sources cite [March 6](#)) in [Winiary](#), near [Warka](#). His father, [Józef Pulaski](#), was the [Starost](#) of the area and one of its most notable inhabitants of the time. Early in his youth, Kazimierz Pulaski was sent to [Warsaw](#), where he studied at the local college of [Theatines](#).

In [1762](#), he started his career as a [page](#) of [Charles Christian Wettin](#), Duke of [Courland](#) and a vassal of the Polish king. However, soon after his arrival at [Mitau](#), the ducal court was expelled from the palaces by the Russian forces occupying the area. Pulaski returned to [Warsaw](#), where in [1764](#) he took part in the election of the new Polish monarch, [Stanisław II August](#).

A skilled military commander and a son of one of the notable families, Pulaski became one of the co-founders of the [Bar Confederation](#), together with his father, on [February 29, 1768](#). The confederation, aimed to curtail Russian [hegemony](#) over the [Commonwealth](#), was actively opposed by the Russian forces stationed in Poland. As the Marshal of Nobility of the Land of [Lomża](#), Pulaski became one of the best commanders of the confederate forces. That year he was besieged in a monastery in [Berdyczów](#), which he defended for two weeks against overwhelming odds. Taken captive by the Russians, he was set free after being forced to pledge that he would not return to the confederates.

However, he did not consider such a forced pledge binding and fought against the Russian forces for four more years. In [1769](#), he was again besieged by numerically superior forces, this time in the old fortress of [Okopy Świętej Trójcy](#). However, after a brave defense, he was able to break through the Russian siege and defect with his men to the [Ottoman Empire](#), from where they returned to [Lithuania](#). There Pulaski incited yet another revolt against Russia, with many local nobles joining the Confederation.

Between [September 10, 1770](#), and [January 9, 1771](#), Pulaski also commanded the Polish forces in the siege of [Jasna Góra](#) monastery, which he successfully defended. In November 1771, he was also the main organizer of an attempt to take the king hostage. However, the attempt failed, and the Confederation was disbanded soon afterwards. Pulaski was made a public enemy and sentenced to death *in absentia* for attempted [regicide](#). He fled the country, but no European state accepted him. After a brief stay in Turkey, he moved illegally to France, where he was recruited by [Gilbert du Motier, marquis de La Fayette](#) for service in America.

From [1777](#) until his death, Pulaski fought in the [American Revolutionary War](#) for the [independence](#) of the [United States](#). He was a noted [cavalryman](#) and, as the “Father of the American Cavalry,” created [Pulaski’s Legion](#), one of the few cavalry regiments in the American [Continental Army](#). He took part in the [Battle of Brandywine](#), the [Siege of Charleston \(South Carolina\)](#), and the [Battle of Savannah \(Georgia\)](#).

On [October 9, 1779](#), Pulaski — during a cavalry charge, while probing for a weak point in the British lines at the Battle of Savannah — was wounded in the groin by [grapeshot](#). He was carried from the field by several comrades, including Colonel [John C. Cooper](#), and taken aboard the [privateer](#) merchant [brigantine](#) *Wasp*. Two days later, without having regained consciousness, he died of his wounds.

According to several contemporary witnesses, including Pulaski’s [aide-de-camp](#), he was [buried at sea](#). A long-standing rumor, however, has it that the wounded Pulaski was actually taken to [Greenwich plantation](#) near [Savannah](#), where he died and was buried. In 2004, an eight-year examination of remains buried at the plantation ended inconclusively.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS: Send Care packages to U. S. Bases in Iraq

### *PR, Beanie Babies, and a Lady Named Judy*

By Frank and Barbara Hodalski

Those of us who regularly write opinion pieces, commentaries, and commemorative letters to the editors of local and area newspapers know the good feeling you get when one of yours gets published, and you get a few phone calls from readers who liked what you had to say. This balances the disappointment which comes when a really well written piece doesn't get the time of day. Once in a while, though, something really special happens, something which doesn't just make your day, but your whole year. We were just blessed with one of those singular experiences. Near the end of July, a letter was published in the Sarasota Herald Tribune which asserted that the people of Sarasota County did not really "support our troops ...and didn't put our money where our mouth is." I immediately wrote a response in which I identified myself as chairman of the FLSSAR "Support the Troops" committee. The letter outlined the ongoing support of two Army Companies, a Marine Unit, and a Navy River Patrol Squadron by the Florida Society, the Ladies Auxiliary, and our partnership with the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution. Highlighted was the collection of personal items by the Tequesta Chapter of the CAR in Miami which filled twenty-five flat-rate boxes with "...everything from personal items to Beanie Babies for the Iraqi kids." The letter closed with a quote from the Commanding Officer of Regimental Combat Team 6 at Camp Fallujah, Iraq, who wrote us: "During a time of war, the support of the American public is critical to mission success, as well as the morale of the troops on the front lines. When we receive your care packages, we know that America stands by her troops." The letter was published in the Sunday, July 27, edition of the paper. The next morning, my second cup of coffee was interrupted by a telephone call from a lady who identified herself as Judy Hoffman, and asked me if I was

the gentleman who wrote the letter about Beanie Babies.



I informed her that I was. She went on to tell me she was a collector and asked if we would accept a donation of dolls for the Iraqi children. "Sure," I said. "How many do you have?" Judy responded: "About three hundred and fifty. Can you use them?" After I picked my jaw up off the floor, I said we would take all of them. Two days later, Beanie Babies were living in every closet, and we began to make an inventory. While we were visiting our grandkids in Ohio, Judy dropped off sixty more of the dolls along with several boxes of personal items for the troops. A trip to the post office produced two cases of flat-rate boxes and a two-inch stack of custom forms. We began the task of packaging our "babies" for shipment to Iraq, thinking that if we could get them boxed, we could store them more easily, then send them a few at a time, as our funds permitted. Upon our return from Ohio, Barbara started sifting through the usual stack of "junk" and opening the few items of real mail. One turned out to be a small note card sized envelope from Judy Hoffman. It contained a check in the amount of five hundred dollars made payable to FLSSAR and simply marked: "Postage." The ending of our story is that a total of fifty boxes are now on their way to Iraq. Some contain a little bit of home for our servicemen and women; others over four hundred "happy gifts" for Iraqi kids, who, like all children in a war torn country, always respond to a dose of caring and kindness. The heroine of our story is a remarkable woman, Judy Hoffman, whose sense of patriotism and generosity led her to look us up in the phone book, and then place a

call to a total stranger in response to a letter to the editor.

The moral of the story is that if that ordinary letter to the editor had not been written, the collective efforts of the Florida Society, DAR and CAR on behalf of our troops would never have been made known, and these extraordinary results would never have taken place. We must keep our chapter public relations and publicity chairmen busy by participating in our outreach programs. We must keep them happy by encouraging their efforts and rewarding their success with a well-deserved pat on the back. We must recognize and understand that any success enjoyed by the national and state societies begins with that enjoyed by our compatriots in the smallest chapter in the SAR.

Frank Hodalski is chairman of the NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee, and a member of the FLSSAR public relations committee. Barbara Hodalski is the FSDAR liaison to the Florida Society, SAR, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

### COMPATRIOTS

**Let's make Frank's day and send him a donation to the Support Our Troops Fund.**

**If we do it RIGHT AWAY the packages will get to the troops in time for Christmas.**

**They need to know we are behind them, and what better way to show it?**

**Send your check or money order to Frank Hodalski, Support our Troops 4164 Centergate Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34233-1519**



## COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM FLORIDA COMPATRIOTS

By Steve Williams, FLATALK Administrator

Communication almost always shows up as one of the top three problems in complaints within companies and organizations. It is no less so within the Florida Society.

We have some tools at hand to communicate with our compatriots: *The Florida Patriot* magazine, the USPS for hardcopy messages/letters, phone calls, and e-mail. *The Florida Patriot* magazine goes to all members but is limited in its timeliness. Late breaking news or any information that is time sensitive can't use this medium for distribution - it only goes out every three months. Phone calls are impractical to make to over 1,600 members. USPS is better than the first two but expensive and also cannot be considered a fast means of communication. That leaves e-mail.

Of course, E-mail is only good for those in the Florida society that have or use e-mail. Certainly, not all of our over 1600 members do so. This means of communication can be accomplished by either using distribution lists, e.g., all chapter presidents, all chapter registrars, or all FLSSAR officers, etc. or by using the FLATALK list server capabilities.

FLATALK is currently limited to those compatriots that subscribe, i.e., those that send an e-mail message to the FLATALK Administrator (me) requesting that they be placed on the subscriber list. They will then get any messages sent out via the FLATALK service. Unfortunately, the number of Florida compatriots that have subscribed has remained or hovered around 100.

Some subscribers have requested to unsubscribe from FLATALK because they feel that these messages are SPAM. In the last 18 months, the type of messages that have been sent through FLATALK concern updating information on current FLSSAR events, advance notification of events or issues, and notification of information on Florida compatriots. There haven't been any messages that don't fall into these types of areas so SPAM would seem to be a misnomer. If all subscribers adhere to the guidelines for accurately using the Subject line, and so far they do, then anyone receiving a message on a subject with no interest to them should delete the message. Message traffic via FLATALK is substantially below the average of one per week so the frequency of messages should not be a burden either.

Recent discussions among Florida Society leadership have brought forth a suggestion to remedy the lack of participation in FLATALK: **to enroll/subscribe automatically all Florida compatriots for a 90 day trial period (minimum)**. Any compatriot wishing to unsubscribe would then need to send such a message to the Administrator.

This recommendation will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and, if so decided, will be brought to the BOM meeting.

## MILTON'S PARADISE FOUND

*Or New Chapter Development in the Panhandle*

By Steve Williams

Chairman, New Chapter Development Committee

Pardon the reference to the classic poem, but the connection seemed suggest the hoped for outcome of our efforts. The first step in creating a new chapter for the Milton area (northeast of Pensacola) took place on August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Milton Library. Letters to the *Three Rivers Chapter* DAR requesting likely SAR Prospects were sent early in June with replies coming in early July. This meeting was set up using those DAR responses, Milton area SAR members, and contacts made from the 2 newspaper articles publicizing the meeting.

This is a first time experience for most of us on the committee so there was a level of trepidation going into the meeting concerning how many of the contacts would attend and how the presentation would be received. Supporting this meeting by doing background work and by helping at the meeting and deserve the credit for any success were Lindsey Brock, Grant Wallin, Pensacola SAR members, and Three Rivers DAR members. From Pensacola were Oscar Bellamy, Ray Lantz, Lonnie Jones, and Ed Young. Three Rivers DAR members were Gail Allred, Mary Chirico, Frances Williams, and absent but also important help throughout this process, Rosa Seymour.

Lindsey gave a presentation on the SAR while Grant, Lonnie, and Oscar helped by working the crowd and following up with answers to questions. DAR members Billie Brock, Pat Wallin, and Dianna Lantz also helped work the crowd and answer questions. Of significant help with researching possible Patriot Ancestors from the SAR Patriot Index and DAR database for SAR and DAR prospects was Sheila Shaughnessy. Sheila was most recently the Organizing Secretary for FLSDAR and was instrumental in forming the *Three Rivers* DAR Chapter.

To everyone's delight, we had 32 attendees. This was 50% more than our most optimistic estimate. Among this crowd were people attending to get information on starting genealogy research who subsequently became interested in the SAR and the DAR as a direct result of the exposure to information on both Florida societies. Several new referrals from attending DAR members and other attendees will be added to growing list of prospects for this Milton area chapter. From this meeting we have a core group of prospects who will be working with mentors from the Pensacola chapter to contact other prospects, complete applications, arrange follow-up meetings, and begin the charter process. Depending on the length of the approval process for these new members, a January Charter Banquet meeting is a possibility.

The success of this first step highlights the synergy that results from working with local DAR chapters. *The Three Rivers* DAR chapter benefited with prospective members while we received numerous contacts from DAR sources. This same process can and will be used in other areas in the state under-served by SAR.

## MIA/POW SPEECH

Today we come together to remember the sad fact that we still have brave men and women of the United States military missing in action overseas. Another sad fact is that some of them were Prisoners of War from wars long ago over and should be home in America by now.

I am a member of the National Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution. Our local Chapter is the Saramana Chapter serving Manatee and Sarasota Counties. I serve as President of this 150 plus member chapter of many veterans. Allow me to mention a few words about our 132 year old society, many of you are eligible to join because of your Patriot Ancestors. We are very active nationwide and locally, promoting Patriotic activities, teaching our Early American History and rewarding educational excellence with scholarship programs including ROTC.

This year our nation celebrated the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 104 English men and boys stepping ashore at Jamestown May 14, 1607.

Few people know however that Twelve years later on July 30, 1619, the first authorized meeting of a General Assembly met in Jamestown Church. On that day, local representative government, whereby local residents selected who governed them began.

From that small beginning, we became Americans and 167 years later, we were fighting for our independence and freedom from an overbearing King.

Knowing our American history is important and the following is why.

Since 1776, American Soldiers have been fighting for and protecting our American freedoms.

The National Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution members, are blood lineage descendants of and represent the men and women, black and white who fought and supported the American Revolutionary War.

Those Patriots are our first American Veterans. They received the first Veterans Pensions. Our Nations first two Purple Heart Medals awarded were by General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

During the eight year long, Revolutionary War, we know of 25,324 soldiers killed in action and at least 8,445 wounded. How many are buried where they fell and never came home is unknown. We have an SAR burial location project in place to find our Patriots and place grave markers.

During the Revolutionary War, 8,000 soldiers became Prisoners of War. There were some soldiers captured in battle, brought to one area and ordered slaughtered by one British Commander on the battlefield. You may recall the movie "The Patriot".

Americans soldiers and sailors died in other battles and wars in America over the next 50 years with POWs and MIAs not fully accounted for, including the Sailors in War of 1812.

The War Between the States known as Americas Civil War seems to be the history taught in some schools as if that was the beginning of our history.

This war was an American tragedy. Americans both black and white on both sides died. Buried in mass graves, thousands never came home for burial. A total 562,130 Americans died fighting each other with another 418,206 wounded.

There were an astounding number of MIAs. The number of POWs from both sides amounted to 431,400. Thousands of the POWs died from starvation, disease from inhuman conditions, and downright abuse in hellholes called prisons.

During the American Revolution and several times since, the US Congress has performed what I personally call the Chicken Dance.

The first Congressional Chicken Dance was just weeks after the Declaration of Independence and appointment of George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Congress passed the "Olive Branch Petition" declaring loyalty to the King, believing that effort would end all confrontation with our enemy of freedom, King George of England. They mistakenly thought he would accept it, leave us alone and take his British Army back to England. King George rejected it outright. He saw it as weakness and proceeded to send in more troops. American Soldiers have suffered from several Chicken Dance parties in Congress over the years.

The US Congress today has the Chicken Dance they perfected during the 1960's in full swing and the *New York Times* provides the dance music.

The nation's second greatest generation served in two world wars only 25 years apart. During the First World War 147 American POWs out of 4,120 in captivity died. Americans Soldiers were welcomed back home then to a grateful nation. I now know why the men and women serving in WWII did not want to talk about it when they came home.

As my research continued into World War II, I had to stop reading. I have seen what some human beings can do to each other in my law enforcement career. My stomach and heart could not stand the horror stories I was finding.

Frankly, I just could not make it through repeating them and reminding many of you today what you went through and witnessed, so I only offer this brief summary.

On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked on Pearl Harbor American forces not engaged in war, killing 2,388 Americans and wounding hundreds for no good reason. We did go to war after this attack and finally ended it when we took the right step to stop the killing. The Japanese treatment of our POWs was past criminal. Inhuman, barbaric and the savage like treatment had not surfaced in centuries.

Out of the 25,600 American POWs captured in Asia, many became slave laborers. Nearly 45% died of untreated wounds, starvation, disease and downright torture and murder.

The North Koreans continued this similar criminal treatment and savage abuse on American POWs during the Korean War. 8,100 American Soldiers never returned home and we still have Americans missing from this war.

The Viet Nam War veterans I have talked with over the years believe they lost because of the Anti-War movement, the national press and Chicken Dancers in Congress. This war changed the personal treatment of American Servicemen and how many look upon the military.

People continue to disrespect Viet Nam Veterans to this day.

Vandalism to the Viet Nam War Memorial took place again recently and with little press coverage.

Because of the hate in the air at that point in time, our returning soldiers were spat on, cursed and called everything but honorable. American Soldiers when they returned home found little support. They needed jobs to support their families and the Politically Correct Corporate employers would not employ them. Many became ill and their right to treatment was in question.

We cannot leave our American Soldiers behind. We still have high numbers of MIAs and sighting of 18 POWs and these cases remain open as not disproved. It is our duty to find them. I pray someday soon, all the MIAs and POWs will be returned back home.

We must pull together as one nation. We call ourselves Americans. That is how we gained our freedom and independence. This is how we pulled through during the aftermath of 911. That is how we remain free.

"Posterity" You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.

John Quincy Adams

God bless all of you for your service and sacrifices made in your generation for America's freedom.

(This is a speech that was to be delivered to several Veterans Organizations for POW/MIA Day Ceremonies) by Phil Tarpley, President, Saramana Chapter

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# CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMERICA'S HERITAGE



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## Short History of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a patriotic organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the United States Congress in 1906. SAR has more than 27,000 members living in all of the 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 116-year history, SAR has admitted more than 165,000 members. Among them are 15 Presidents of the United States, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. SAR also has among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to Revolutionary War patriots.

The SAR National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, is more properly a historic shrine honoring our Patriot Ancestors. It is a museum of art and artifacts from the colonial and revolutionary periods, and a genealogical library. The museum includes an extensive collection of historical American paintings and an exact replica of the Liberty Bell. The existing SAR Library contains 50,000 books, periodicals, journals microfilm, and microfiche, including 5,000 family genealogies in hard copy and 8,000 books on the American Revolution. The Library has three nationally important collections of materials relating to George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette, and George Rogers Clark.

The mission of SAR is to promote patriotism and to reaffirm those values on which our country was established. To achieve its goals, SAR has embarked upon a campaign to raise \$6 million. These funds will be used for the construction of a new SAR Genealogical Library and for an endowment that will provide a permanent source of support for SAR programs and facilities. With the success of this fund-raising campaign, SAR will continue its quest of becoming the foremost repository of Revolutionary War era documents and artifacts. Construction of a new Genealogical Library will enable SAR to expand upon its already outstanding collection of military and genealogical records, books, manuscripts and other pertinent historical materials. All of these materials will be available to scholars and the public for genealogical and historical research.

Now, more than ever, we must preserve and sharpen the national memory of the American Revolution and the freedoms our Patriot Ancestors gave us. For more information contact: Nathan E. White, Jr., Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee



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## FLSSAR CHAPTER NEWS (Continued on page 14)

### Brevard

Compatriot Ben DuBose of our chapter was most active as East Central Regional VP and in the Chapter. The Chapter was awarded 2nd place in the Newsletter Competition and won Honorable Mention in the Chapter Challenge. Seven compatriots, in uniform presented the Colors at the joint DAR/SAR Flag Day luncheon in Rockledge. Twelve SAR ROTC Awards were presented, and one SAR Bronze good Citizenship medal was presented to a member of the Cape Canaveral Sea Cadets.

### Caloosa

The Chapter arranged for a Lee County Commission Resolution proclaiming May, 2007 as "Early American History Month." Copies were sent to the Lee County School Board and the Superintendent of Schools. Other CC resolutions included Patriot Day, commemorating 9/11; and Constitution Week and Citizenship Day. They were presented at the regional DAR Constitution Week Luncheon by County Commissioner/Caloosa Chapter member Frank Mann on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 2007-2008 officers: President/Genealogist, Rev. Dr. Albert Myers; Vice President/Treasurer/Editor Terry Walton; Secretary/Registrar/Parliamentarian Fred Learned; Historian/Awards Coordinator Guy Walton; Sergeant-at-Arms Ken Graves; Chaplain Paul Denhart; Director-at-Large Ed Elms. The chapter was deeply saddened by the passing of Frederick W. Curtis, Past President, Treasurer "Emeritus," and recipient of the Patriot Medal.

### Central Florida

The Chapter mourns the loss of Compatriot Copeland's wife, Murrell. Memorial services were conducted on May 6. On May 12 Annual Chapter awards were presented. Attending in uniform were John Little, Robert Murray, Norman Myers and Raleigh Worsham at the Flag change out ceremony at Celebration, Florida. 3 Chapter members in uniform and 2 guests attended the memorial services for Compatriot Gerald Morgan III. He was a past president of the Connecticut Society, a past regional VP of the Florida society and an elected officer of the Chapter for several years. 3 members and one guest attended the Winter Park Flag Retirement Ceremony during which 4,051 Flags were retired.

### Charlotte

May 11 was the last meeting for the Chapter until Fall. The May program was presented by Compatriot John Bittner, Chapter Chaplain on his Revolutionary War ancestor.

### Clearwater

Chapter Color Guard joined the FLSSAR

*The Florida Patriot*

Brigade in posting the colors at the Summer BOM meeting in Kissimmee. At the May luncheon James Welsh spoke on the Welsh family history before and during the American Revolution. A new member, Dr. Arthur Burt, was inducted at that meeting. In May the Color Guard participated in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at St. Dunstan's Church.

### Daytona-Ormond

Plans for the year include working with the local library in making some major additions to their genealogy holdings that will help potential SAR members with the preparation of their applications. In addition the Chapter has voted to discuss the possibility of forming a joint Color Guard with the DeLand and Palm Coast Chapters. The Daytona-Ormond Chapter is continuing to grow as new members added have more than offset the normal membership attrition. The Chapter has a very active recruiting program based on staffing the local library's genealogy room every Friday afternoon.

### Deland

The Chapter held its annual Constitution week banquet on September 17 with 49 attending.



FLSSAR President, Grant Wallin, at the Podium presenting the good citizenship award to Morgan Gilreath, County Property appraiser

### DeVane

In May Chapter members attended the Academic Awards Ceremony at Plant city High school. On May 28 Chapter members joined the American Legion in observance of Memorial Day.

### Emerald Coast

The May meeting was a joint meeting/picnic with Chocwhatchee Bay DAR Chapter. Six JROTC Medals were presented in area high schools and one ROTC Medal was presented at Okaloosa-Walton College. The Chapter Color Guard presented a wreath at the Fort Walton Memorial Day Ceremony. The Chapter was awarded the Honorable Mention Streamer in the 2006 Chapter Challenge Contest.

### Flagler

The May speaker was Captain Gerald Forte, Battalion Commander, City of Palm Coast Fire Department. The SAR Fire-Safety Commendation Medal, Certificate, and Bar was presented to Robert Thomas Anderson of the City of Palm Coast Fire Department by Chapter President, David Kelsey.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Compatriot Tom Beauchamp, FLSSAR Regional VP and Flagler Chapter VP, was one of the featured speakers at the City of Palm Coast's Fourth of July celebration at Hero's Memorial Park.

### Ft. Lauderdale

The Chapter awarded twenty-seven JROTC medals and eight Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to students in the US Naval Sea Cadets and The Civil Air Patrol, and has awarded approximately 200 Good Citizenship Certificates to deserving citizens. The Chapter presented the local Veterans Home with a cassette recorder/player with music cassettes and audio books. Additionally the Chapter has welcomed nine new members during 2007.

### Gainesville

The Chapter has added 3 new members plus 3 76'ers this quarter to increase its dues-paying membership to 49. In April, ROTC medals were awarded to 3 units and JROTC Medals to 8 area high schools. Chapter members Ray Davis, Charles Rinek and Bob Reeves gave flag pins to new citizens at the quarterly naturalization ceremony in May. Ray Davis participated in uniform at a Scottish Rite Flag Day event with 78 people in attendance. On July 4th Ray presented the *Toast to the Flag* in uniform at the dedication of a new Veterans Memorial in Waldo. On the following day, Ray and Charles Rinek gave the *Toast to the Flag* and told the *Fort McHenry Story* in uniform at a Sunrise Rotary Club breakfast in Gainesville with 28 in attendance. 3 Eagle Scout certificates were given out in June. The Chapter has been very active in distributing *Keyholes to History* CD's to schools.

### Jacksonville



Steve Owens and Dick Cardell led the assembled color guards in the Annual Jacksonville Beach 4th of July Celebration.

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### Lakeland

In April the Chapter presented Public Service Awards: Medal For Heroism to Deputy Douglas Spiers of the Polk County Sheriff's Office; EMS Commendation Medal to District Chief John Wheeler of the Polk County EMS; Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Inspector Alfred F. Bass, of the Lakeland Fire Department; Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Christopher Skinner, Lakeland Police Department. At the Annual/Spring BOM the Chapter won a Chapter Challenge award and was second in the Earl Marlin Publicity Awards.

### Lake-Sumter

The chapter has achieved its goal of 50 members and has 4 76'ers in addition. The Chapter gave JROTC Awards to Mount Dora, Leesburg and South Lake high schools and presented an Eagle Scout certificate at a Court of Honor. Good Citizenship Award Certificates were presented, in uniform, in three Montverde Academy classrooms.

### Miami

Several members attended the National Society Annual Congress at Williamsburg, Virginia in July. The Chapter is planning a joint picnic with the SAR/DAR/CAR on September 3, 2007. The Chapter participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies with the local DAR Chapter in Miami Springs. On Flag Day uniformed members of the Chapter participated with members of the Scottish Rite in Miami.

### Naples

The election and installation of the 2007-2008 officers was held. The gavel was turned over to John Logan McCullough. May also saw the scholarship and book award going to outstanding history or social studies students from each high school in Collier County. On July 4 the Chapter Color Guard participated in the City of Naples Parade as it has done every year.

### Ocala

Although the Chapter has 49 dues-paying members, it is having trouble getting new members and officers to serve in several vacant offices. The President, Ed Page, is also covering the offices of 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar, Sgt.-at-Arms and Youth Contests Coordinator.

### Palm Beach

The chapter mourns the loss of Jim Holyfield, Chapter member and Senior Vice President of The Florida Society. The chapter does not meet during the summer months, but continues with an active, aggressive program. There are currently 139 members with three new applications pending. 7 JROTC medals were presented and 7 Good citizenship medals were presented to students in the Sea

### Panama City

The Chapter continues to meet on the third Monday at 11:30 a.m. at Po Folks Restaurant in Panama City all year. The Chapter presented three JROTC MEDALS in Bay County, two in Washington County, and one each in Gulf and Holmes Counties. The Chapter ask for your prayers for our compatriot Lt. Andy Macak, who has been deployed in Iraq.

### Pensacola

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at its new meeting place, Sonny's Bar-B-Q, 630 N. Navy Blvd, Pensacola. New members Henry Sherman Fouts and James P. Pendrey were inducted by President Wesley S. Odom at the July meeting. The chapter has partnered with the St. Michael's Cemetery to purchase and install a permanent lighted flag pole at the grave of Dorothy Walton, wife of Declaration of Independence signer George Walton. Chapter Ladies Auxiliary members Shirley Jones and Norma Young collected donations for the basket for auction at the Fall BOM. The chapter has joined with the area DAR Chapters to purchase American Flags for the classrooms of a new elementary school in Milton, FL. Also, in Milton, Color Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz and Young hosted an organizing meeting of a proposed new chapter. President Odom took part in the program of a Joint SAR-DAR Constitution Week Meeting on September 15, 2007 and Chapter Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors. Guardsman Mark Kilgore commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the Florida Mayflower Society Annual Meeting.

### Saramana

The Chapter had six members as Delegates to the NSSAR National Congress in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. We all enjoyed the most highly attended Congress in the history of our society. See the back cover of this magazine which was taken from the *Saramana Quill & Bugle*.

### St. Augustine

Chairman George McCabe of the Eagle Scout committee presented a check for \$100.00 and the Eagle Scout Medal to Eagle Scout Alden Chewning. Later in March they presented another JROTC bronze medal to Cadet Captain Matt Rochleau of Bartram High School.

### St. Lucie River

In April 7 members, 4 in uniform and the American Legion Post #64 In Okeechobee dedicated a Liberty Tree. The St. Lucie

County Commissioners proclaimed April 19 as Patriot's Day and one member accepted the Proclamation at the Liberty Tree dedication. The Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Essay contest read his essay at the April meeting. The Chapter also awarded the EMS Medal to an EMS member. 5 members attended the Annual BOM meeting, where the Chapter won 3rd place in the Poor Richard Newsletter contest, 3rd place in the Chapter Challenge contest, and Honorable Mention in the Publicity Contest. We also awarded the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to a Holocaust survivor for his life of teaching about the Holocaust.

### St. Petersburg

The Chapter's annual Constitution Day observance was held with the DAR. This year's luncheon was held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on Saturday Sept. 8. In October we will begin meeting on the third Saturday of the month, so our next meeting will be held on the Oct. 20. The Sunshine City Grill has closed, temporarily, so information will be forthcoming as to the location of the future meetings. We mourn the passing of Barbara Thompson, the wife of our fellow Compatriot John Thompson.

### Tallahassee

The Chapter continues to meet quarterly. The chapter presented 9 JROTC Medals to deserving students in area high schools and 4 ROTC Medals to worthy cadets in the Tallahassee vicinity.

### Tampa

The Chapter Color Guard participated in the Lutz 4th of July Parade.

### Treasure Coast

This chapter met during July, August and September. It is one of the few that meet during the summer.

### Withlacoochee

In May 5 Flag Awards were presented, and the Chapter awarded 6 JROTC certificates with over 70 participants in attendance. Chapter members also participated in Memorial Day services with several veterans organizations at Forest Hills Cemetery. On June 25th the Chapter held a joint meeting with the Fort Cooper DAR, a new chapter with 60 members, and presented them with a flag. A Bronze Good Citizenship Award was presented to 3-tour Marine, Michael Hardss, a grandson of SAR and DAR members. In June 11 members presented \$1,500 in gifts to the Baldomero Lopez Nursing home.

## Summer Board of Management Meeting

July 27-28, 2007, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Wallin at 9:01 p.m., July 27th, 2007. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Randy Moody. The Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the SAR, and the American's Creed were led by Grant Wallin. President Wallin recognized the National Officers: Phil Carr, Jack Coleman, and Dick Friberg. President Wallin asked Secretary Kevin Yarnell to call the role of chapters present at the BOM: Brevard, Caloosa, Central Florida, Clearwater, Flagler, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Lake Sumter, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Palm Beach, Pensacola, Saramana, St. Lucie River, Tampa, Treasure Coast and Withlacoochee (20).

First-time attendees included members from Brevard (Ron Ryan and Phil Wright), Lake Sumter and St. Petersburg, including dual member Joe Dooley, President of the Virginia Society. A quorum was established by Secretary Yarnell. President Wallin requested approval of the minutes of the Spring/Annual BOM Meeting, which were then approved unanimously.

President Wallin then requested reports by State Officers and Committee Chairmen. Those reports are found in the Quarterly Reports ("Blue Book"), Summer BOM, 2007, which are made a part of these minutes.

NATIONAL TRUSTEE, Lindsey Brock reported that plans are underway for the 225<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The USS Barry will be present for the event. A suggestion was made from the floor that the USNA in Annapolis be involved in next year's event. This and other suggestions should be addressed to the Last Naval Battle Committee. This year's event had nearly 200 color guard units and a total attendance of almost 400; 35 wreath presenters and over 90 guests attended the March 9<sup>th</sup> dinner. About 300 2008 flyers were distributed in Williamsburg, and more will be available to RVP's and the

upcoming NSSAR Leadership Meetings. FLSSAR was represented at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress by 21 compatriots and 17 members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Total attendance was a record 609, including 109 first time attendees. Lindsey also reported that all proposed NSSAR Bylaws amendments passed. The NSSAR Executive Committee decided to "permit the wearing of a gold star not only for all supplemental ancestors but also for a member's patriot ancestor."

NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee took issue with the Executive Committee's by-passing their committee on this matter, and it may be pursued at the Fall Leadership Meeting.

PRESIDENT Grant Wallin noted that FLSSAR's 45 committees are all functioning with chairmen and members, all focused on our State Society's aims and objectives. Visits were made to Major John DeVane and Jacksonville chapters, as well as to Kissimmee to meet with Ramada staff to resolve problems experienced at the Spring Meeting. FLSSAR received at number of NSSAR certificates and streamers at the Annual Congress, including the CAR Activities Award and Streamer, and the William M. Melone Award for having the largest number of new and approved supplemental applications in 2006-2007, as well as the Eugene D. McGuire Award for enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons, and nephews of SAR's and DAR's in 2006-2007. Grant pointed out that all of this happened on President Lindsey Brock's watch, with credit due to everyone who participated to make it possible.

President Wallin reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of the National Poster Contest in which the Society has not previously participated. An ad hoc committee was formed, *Americanism in Elementary School Poster Contest*, with Leslie Oldham (Tallahassee) as chairman. Leslie will report back with committee member names so the information can be posted on the

Society website. Ben DuBose will be handling orders for Last Naval Battle medals, with lapel buttons available at no charge. The Executive Committee discussed the need to possibly convert some certificates of deposit to the money market account to facilitate liquidity. The RVP's will redraw the regional boundary map in order to better identify schools that overlap districts. They will submit the revised information to the Secretary. The Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the Library Committee that: 1) the NSSAR Library and Museum investigate the feasibility and resulting benefits of membership in the **Smithsonian Affiliates Program**; 2) that NSSAR consider adding "National" to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, i.e., **National Center for Advancing America's Heritage**, or **NCAAH**. The EC agreed that enhanced visibility for the National Society and the broadening of our fund-raising effort would be two direct outcomes if these suggestions were to be implemented. The sharing of museum resources at both the national and local levels would be an additional direct benefit. A motion was made to approve the recommendations and send them to National, which was seconded, and passed unanimously.

President Wallin noted that three candidates for national office have asked for FLSSAR endorsement: Charles F. "Chuck" Bragg, candidate for Treasurer General, 2008-2009; Judge Edward F. "Ed" Butler, Sr., candidate for Secretary General, 2008-2009; and Joseph W. "Joe Dooley, candidate for Genealogist General, 2008-2009. Dick Friberg raised a point of order stressing that all candidates had not declared for office and that an endorsement would be premature before the September meeting in Louisville. He urged the postponement of an endorsement until the October BOM. A motion was then made to table any discussion of endorsement of candidates until the Fall Meeting; the motion was seconded, and twenty-



## Summer Board of Management Meeting (continued)

July 27 & 28, 2007, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

members present, a majority, voted aye. **Recording Secretary's Note: a motion to endorse the candidates was not on the floor at the time the motion to table discussion was made.**

President Wallin then reported that the EC had discussed changing two ad hoc committees to standing committees: *Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution*, and the *Public Relations Committee*, both chaired by Ben DuBose. The *Last Naval battle* commemoration will be a recurring annual event and it is proposed that *Public Relations* be changed to *Patriotic Education* to reflect its ongoing activities (distinct from publicity).

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. *Archives Committee* Chairman Kevin Yarnell reported on the progress made toward the organization of the Society records and to update the ongoing database of member information. In order to facilitate the preservation of future paper records (in addition to machine-readable records), he requested that future applications of all types should be submitted with two copies on acid-free paper; the first for National, and the second for the State Society. The request was framed in a motion, seconded, and passed by a majority of members present. Kevin will notify all state chapter presidents, secretaries, and registrars of the new requirement.

Frank Hodalski read a follow-up report from Education Committee Chairman Ron Toops describing a 2-day DOE meeting he attended on July 23-24 which may have compromised earlier gains in setting K-12 curriculum standards. Chairman Toops remains confident that something positive may come out of the continuing process which involves input by the framers via a website. FLSSAR will have a table at the Fall DAR Forum (Airport Marriott Hotel, Orlando, Sept. 21-23) to promote Society membership, goals and activities. Incoming DAR Regent Sue Bratton will make available contact information for all incoming Officers, Chapter Regents

and Regional Council Presidents. History Fairs Committee Chairman Hodalski reported orally that the contests concluded in July at the University of Maryland. 3 contestants were sent from Manatee County, and he was recently informed of others. Streamers will be available from Gerry Meeks for all participating chapters. Support the Troops Committee Chairman Hodalski also read excerpts from letters received from Iraq, and provided a fund balance update. Operating Budget Trust Fund Trustee Chairman Ted Duay reported that income available to spend thus far in 2007 is \$5512, with an additional \$5724 estimated for 2008.

Unfinished Business – Compatriot Hodalski returned to the subject of a Society endorsement of the three candidates for National office who are also dual members of FLSSAR. Since a motion to endorse had not been previously made, and the motion to table discussion had been approved, he then introduced a motion to formally endorse the three candidates. The motion was seconded. A motion was then made to table the endorsement. The motion to table was put to a vote and defeated 17 to 12. The motion to endorse was then put to a vote, and passed 23-7.

President Wallin announced the members of the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee ( a statutory committee that cannot have members who have served during the preceding two years): Lindsey Brock, Fred Gaines, John Cahoon, Alvie Davidson, and Frank Hodalski. Members later selected Lindsey Brock as Chairman.

Billie Brock, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, would like to receive suggestions from the membership on specific NSSAR merchandise they would like to see available for sale at Society meetings. Members would benefit from not having to pay shipping, and the Ladies Auxiliary would receive a portion of the proceeds for programs. Members should review the merchandise catalog on the national website, and contact her with

four suggestions.

*New Business –Genealogy Committee* Chairman Alvie Davidson discussed the Association of Professional Genealogists position paper on access to public records. It was suggested that a reference or abstract to the paper be published in *The Florida Patriot*, and that the paper be placed on the website, together with a suggested letter to legislators.

The Summer Board of Management Meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m., July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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APG THE SUN, July 2007

### Genealogists fight closing of public records as guise in war against ID theft and terrorism

A group of genealogists announced today that they have begun a project to educate governmental leaders and the public that closing or restricting access to many public records will have little impact on preventing an enormous identity theft problem or terrorism attacks in the United States. Federal and state governments have been closing or trying to close many public records or limiting the public's access to them, especially vital records—birth, marriages, and deaths,” explains Jean Foster Kelley, CG (Certified Genealogist) of Tampa, Florida. “They want to protect people's privacy, prevent identity theft, and prevent terrorism,” she says. “But we find there's no evidence that open public records contribute to identity theft or terrorism to any measurable degree.”

**Instead, she says, restrictions actually prevent many genealogists, news people, and others who have legitimate reasons to see the records from freely viewing them. he says she and four other genealogists formed the Keep Genealogical Records Open Workgroup (KGROW) to prepare a position paper to combat the “war on public records” movement that has swept the country since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The group plans to solicit support for its paper from the Association of Professional Genealogists, the news media, and other organizations later this summer and fall. ...APG is the world's leading professional genealogical organization of some 1,700 family history and related professionals.**

Since 2001, most states have tightened public record laws, and more records are threatened every year. A 2006 Associated Press survey showed that states passed 616 new laws restricting access to public information, including vital records, and approved 284 laws that loosened public records access.

# Sons of Liberty, Florida Brigade

## Commander Col. Edward D. Young

The period of this report is from 29 April 2007 through 28 July 2007. Twenty-one Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Spring BOM on 27 April 2007 and the Massed Colors Formation on 28 April 2007. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive.

Discussions are underway with the President, Emerald Coast Chapter regarding initiating a new Outpost of the Brigade at that chapter. The State Color Guard will parade, present and post the Colors at the 27 - 28 2007 FLSSAR Summer BOM. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform.)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen Brock, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Cardell and Owens led the assembled Color Guards in the Jacksonville Beach Fourth of July Parade.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Ed Page III, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander. No activity during this period.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen DuBose and S. Williams participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsman DuBose gave a talk about The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution to the Brevard Retired Submariners and did recruiting on 5 May 2007. On 12 May 2007, Regional Vice President Guardsman DuBose inducted the new officers of the St. Lucie River Chapter. Compatriots Corman, Davenport, Dibble, DuBose, Ryan, Shapbell, Smith and Williams participated in the SAR induction of J. Compton and J. Irby on 19 May 2007. On 19 May, Guardsman DuBose spoke about SAR To the David McCampbell Sea Cadets and received a Certificate of Appreciation. Guardsman DuBose participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne on 28 May 2007. On 14 June 2007, Guardsman DuBose participated at the Annual Melbourne Elks Ladies Auxiliary Historic Flag Procession. Guardsman DuBose participated in the Honor America Flag Day Ceremonies at the Liberty Bell Museum on 14 June 2007. On 16 June 2007, Guardsmen Corman, Dibble, DuBose, Shapbell, Smith, Ryan and Wright Presented the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Flag Day Luncheon in Rockledge. Compatriot DuBose, wearing a Tricorn hat and dark suit, represented the chapter at the Memorial Service for Mary Cope, Past Regent of the Philip Perry DAR Chapter on 29 June 2007. Guardsmen presented nine ROTC Medals.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsman Riediger participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. One Guardsman participated in the Morning Service at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie on 27 May 2007. On 28 May 2006, one Guardsman participated in the United Veterans of St. Lucie County Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Park. One Guardsman participated in the Elks East Chapter Flag Day Celebration on 10 June 2007 in Port St. Lucie. On 14 June 2007, one Guardsman participated in the Elks West Chapter Flag Day Celebration in Port St. Lucie. One Guardsman led the recitation of the American's Creed at the First

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**Colonel Young**

Congregational Church Port St. Lucie Fourth of July Celebration on 1 July 2007.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. There was no activity during this period. No reportable activity this period.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Kilgore and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Bellamy, Legg, Lantz and Young led the Color Guard procession at the Memorial Day Ceremony held in the Naval Chapel at Naval Air Station Pensacola on 29 May 2007. Mark Kilgore participated in the program. On 30 May 2007, Bellamy, Kilgore, Legg and Young Presented and Retired the Colors at the Memorial Day Service held at Azalea Trace Retirement Community in Pensacola. On 2 June 2007, Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Kilgore, Lantz and Young participated in Spirit Day at St. Michael's Cemetery in Pensacola where they manned a recruiting table and provided doцент duties at the grave of Dorothy Walton, wife of George Walton a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Bowers, Kilgore and Legg marched in the Color Guard Procession at the Flag Day Ceremony held at the Scottish Rite Center in Pensacola on 14 June 2007.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsman Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Crandell, Miller, Tarpley and Reigle marched in the City of Sarasota Veterans Day Parade. Later that day they were in a Color Guard that opened the Sarasota Concert Band's tribute to Veterans at Phillippi Gardens Park. On 4 July 2007, the local ABC Network TV station, Channel #7, paid tribute to Veterans at Bayfront Park where Guardsmen Ashcroft, Bradley and Crapo marched with other Color Guards. The Chapter Color Guard was a part of a Massing of the Colors at the local ball park in recognition of youth baseball teams playing in the Southeastern USA Tournament on 20 July 2007.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) John Thomson, Commander. Guardsmen Mitchell, Williams, Miller and Sovacool Presented and Posted the Colors at the John McDonald DAR Chapter Memorial Day Ceremony at the Miami Springs Circle Monument on 28 May 2007. On 29 June 2007, Guardsmen Bridges and Friberg Presented and Posted the Colors at the Annual Scottish Rite Meeting. J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen Little and Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Four Guardsmen participated in the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony at Celebration, FL. Four Guardsmen marched in the Fourth of July Parade with the John Call DAR Chapter and CAR members in Celebration, FL. Two Guardsmen attended the NSSAR Congress in Williamsburg, VA on 4 July 2007.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard

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# REGISTRATION FORM

## FLORIDA SOCIETY

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### Fall Board of Management Meeting

Ramada Hotel Gateway Kissimmee, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

October 26-27, 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

BOM Voting Authority (Art. II Sect. I FLSSAR Bylaws) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address for confirmation only \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Highest SAR Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending the following BOM workshop sessions:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JROTC (1 pm)  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Secretary (2:45 pm)

EVENTS	MEAL CHOICES	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
<b>October 26 Friday Banquet</b>	Chicken Normandy-Apple Brandy Cream Sauce, Sliced Apples, Herbed Wild Rice and Chef's Choice of Vegetables	\$24.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
	Baked Vegetable Lasagna	\$22.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
	Fresh Fish of the Day, Grilled with Lemon Butter, Herbed Wild Rice and Chef's choice of Vegetables	\$23.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
<b>Registration fee</b>	<b>SAR Members Only</b>	\$8.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ENCLOSED</b>			\$ _____

The above price quotes include beverage, salad, rolls and dessert.

**MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED on or before October 19, 2007**

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any special dietary requirements.

Please send your check (payable to "Treasurer FLSSAR ") to:

**Compatriot Terry Walton**  
**11277 Wine Palm Rd.**  
**Ft. Myers, FL 33966-5734**  
**Email: [terrence.walton@comcast.net](mailto:terrence.walton@comcast.net)**  
**Phone: 239-454-0545**



## SUMMER 2007

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Kissimmee, FL : October 26-27, 2007

### RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64B off I-4)

Kissimmee, FL 34747

Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400

NOTE: ABOVE PHONES ARE THE ONES TO USE.

They connect directly to hotel.

Fax: 407-396-4320

Check in time 4:00 pm

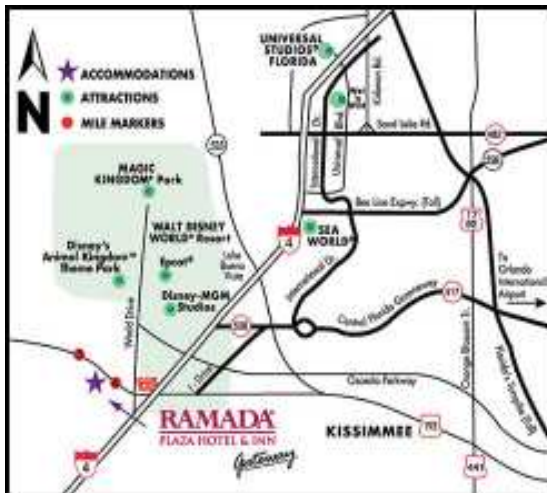
Check out time 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with

### RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

Room Rates: \$61.00, plus current 13% tax for a total of about \$68.93.

Please specify "Florida Sons of the American Revolution" to get the special rate. 55 rooms have been blocked.



If you are attending the Summer 2007 BOM meeting in Kissimmee, the Ladies Auxiliary from each chapter should bring at least one basket. The suggested spending limit for each basket is \$25. You may choose any theme to use for your basket or baskets. Thanks for making our last "basket" effort successful. Remember, the proceeds from the baskets allow the Ladies Auxiliary to give generous checks to the FLSSAR Youth Program winners.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, July 27

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. - Registration – Hotel Lobby  
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. - JROTC Seminar - Salon 2  
2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. - Chapter Secretary Seminar - Salon 2  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room open  
1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. - Exec. Committee Mtg. - Bd. Rm. 260  
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Regional VP's Meeting - Board Room  
4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. - Color Guard Rehearsal  
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. - Gathering - Cash Bar - Salon 4 & 5  
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - BOM Banquet - Salon 4 & 5  
8:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Salon 3  
8:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. - Bd. of Mgmt. Meeting - Salon 2  
8:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room open

Note: This schedule of events is subject to change.

### Saturday, October 27

8:30 A.M. - Ladies Continental Breakfast - Hospitality Room  
8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Bd. of Mgmt. Meeting - Salon 2  
Check-out - 11:00 A.M.

## Upcoming FLSSAR Events:

### FLSSAR Winter BOM Meeting 2008

January 18-19, 2008

RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE  
Kissimmee, FL 1-800 327-9170

### Last Naval Battle of The American Revolution

March 8, 2008

Port Canaveral, Broward County, Florida  
Contact Lindsey Brock or Ben DuBose

### FLSSAR Spring/Annual BOM Meeting 2008

May 2-4, 2008

RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE  
Kissimmee, FL 1-800 327-9170

## Upcoming National Events:

Fall 2007 Leadership Meeting NSSAR  
Sept. 27-29, 2007 Louisville, KY

Spring 2008 Leadership Meeting NSSAR  
Feb. 28-29 - March 1, 2008 Louisville, KY

118th Annual Congress  
Sacramento, CA, July 5-9, 2008  
Hyatt Regency Hotel

119th Annual Congress  
Atlanta, GA, July 4-8, 2009  
Marriot Hotel

## Sons of Liberty, Florida Brigade (Continued)

Sumner, Commander. On 28 April 207, Guardsman P. Pardee led the FLSSAR Youth Luncheon attendees in the American's Creed. Guardsmen R. Moody, P. Moody, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Rawson and Townsend Posted the Colors at the Chapter banquet honoring six JROTC Cadets on 12 May 2007. On 30 May 2007, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend marched in a Memorial Day Parade in honor of the veterans at the Florida Hills Cemetery. Guardsmen J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner, Townsend and Tucker Posted the Colors and presented a new Chapter Flag to the new Fort Cooper DAR Chapter on 25 June 2007. L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsman Piper, accompanied by Guardsman Toops, presented a talk about Dan Morgan at the Boy Scout Camp on 14 April 2007. On 21 April 2007, Toops, in Bravo uniform, recognized Eagle Scout Mathew Brunold at Mathew's Court of Honor. Toops, in Bravo uniform, presented the JROTC Medal to Cadet Kyle Plussa at South Lake High School on 9 May 2007. On 23 May 2007, Guardsman Toops presented the NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate to Lindsey Murdoch at Mt. Verde Academy Middle School. Guardsman Toops presented the NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate at the Mt. Verde Academy High School on 24 May 2007. On 28 May 2007 Guardsmen participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony in Clermont, On 5 June 2007, Guardsman Piper presented a talk and the "Many Faces of the Flag" video to the De La Vista Women in The Villages. Toops presented the NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate at the Mt. Verde Academy Elementary School on 6 June 2007. On 20 June 2007, Guardsman Piper presented the NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificate at the New Covenant United Methodist Church in The Villages. Guardsmen Moody, Piper, Shukis and Toops marched in the Tavares Fourth of July Parade. M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13 (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 27-28 April 2007, Guardsmen D. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. The Naples Chapter fielded a contingent of seven compatriots for the traditional Naples Fourth of July Parade. Guardsmen President McCullough, Applegate, D. Cahill and Joanne Applegate rode in an open car, accompanied by the flag marching contingent. Also during this period, Guardsmen presented Revolutionary History books plus cash stipends to outstanding students selected by the teaching staffs of the nine Collier County high schools. N. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). On 27-28 April, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Build the Flag" program to the Cape Canaveral Sojourners, the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge, the Titusville Scottish Rite and the Merritt Island Courtney Retirement Center on April 19 2007 - 14 June 2007. On 20 April 2007 - 11 May 2007, Guardsmen Stevenson

presented JROTC Medals and the "Toast to Old Glory" program at Vero Beach High School, Okeechobee High School and Sebastian River High School. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to Old Glory" program to the National Sojourners in Cape Canaveral on 5 June 2007. On 14 June 2007 - 11 July 2007, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and "Voice of Old Glory" programs at the Village Green in Vero and the NSSAR Congress in Williamsburg, VA.

### JROTC

Essay's for the 2007 Expanded JROTC Competition will be accepted by the FLSSAR Committee Chairman until 1 April 2007. Those **received** after 1 April will be disqualified. One entry per chapter. The entry package must contain the official NSSAR Nomination form, separate recommendations from the principal with verification of GPA and from the senior instructor with comments about the Cadets leadership potential. The essay titled "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States," shall be a minimum of 500 total words and less than 700 words. The applicant must be in his junior year of a four year JROTC course and should be the outstanding student in the JROTC Class. All Instructions have been updated on the National website, [WWW.NSSAR.ORG](http://WWW.NSSAR.ORG), Youth activities. Specifics for grading will be issued to the Chapter JROTC Chairman at the Fall BOM.

Lonnie G. Jones, Chairman

### FLSSAR JROTC Committee Note

Lonnie Jones will be conducting a JROTC Seminar at the Fall Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee on Friday between 1:00 and 2:00 PM in Salon 2.

## We Welcome These New Members

5/31/2007 - 8/20/2007

Name	Chapter
Robert Barber	Brevard
William Brown	Lake-Sumter
Herbert Campau	Palm Beach
Charles Cason	Jacksonville
James Chandler	Jacksonville
Leon Corbett, III	Tallahassee
Algie Craig	Withlacoochee
Charles Crowell	Ft. Lauderdale
Matthew Dannemann	Gainesville
Brenden Davis	Withlacoochee
Thomas DeVille	Jacksonville
Kirk Dunaway	At-Large
Leon Dunaway, Jr.	At-Large
Christopher Eck	Ft. Lauderdale
Roy Finney, Jr.	Withlacoochee
Garland Frost	Tampa
James Glasco	Withlacoochee
Vincent Gollain	Naples
Richard Goodwin	Clearwater
Bernard Greenwell, Jr.	Brevard
Harold Hansen	Naples
Austin Hardy	Palm Beach
Welcome Hewett	Withlacoochee
Daniel Jackson	Daytona-Ormond
Peter Kent	Sarasota
Thaddeus Krusinski	St. Lucie River
Patrick Madden	St. Lucie River
Brian Mandigo	Clearwater
Gregg Mandigo	Clearwater
Raymond Mandigo	Clearwater
Forest Morgan	Naples
Raymond Norman, Jr;	Brevard
Charles Osgood	Clearwater
Grady Peeler, Jr.	Clearwater
James Pendrey	Pensacola
Craig Pratt	Clearwater
Weymouth Reed	Jacksonville
Andrew Reid	Clearwater
Alexander Schlomberg	St. Lucie River
John Sessums	Tampa
Robert Sewell	Brevard
Kevin Shaughnessy	Brevard
William Sheppard	Jacksonville
Charles Stephan	Lakeland
Hughes van den Hove	Naples
Pierre van den Hove	Naples
Shawn VonNieda	Daytona-Ormond
Donald Voorhees	Lake-Sumter
John Walton	Caloosa
Richard Weaver	Withlacoochee
Richard Webb	Sarasota
James Weihe	Ft. Lauderdale
Jeffry Welsh	Panama City
Daniel Winko	Jacksonville
Jack Winters	Lake-Sumter
Philip Wright	Brevard

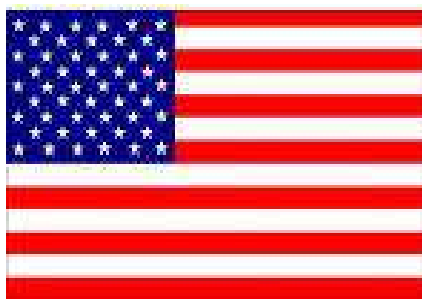
### We Mourn The Passing Of These Members Through 9/21/2007

Richard Bolen	8/22	Brevard
Harvey Clark	6/04	Jacksonville
Courtenay Crutcher	9/05	Clearwater
Frank Dwyer	7/02	Central Florida
Grover Higgenbotham	7/08	Naples
James Holyfield	8/08	Palm Beach
Kenneth Horst	6/21	Gainesville
Harry Jordan, Jr.	7/03	Gainesville
William Keen	7/13	Ocala
Gerald Morgan, III	6/03	Central Florida
Robert Sovacool	9/07	Miami
Joseph Thomas	8/27	Palm Beach
Denslow Trumbull, II	9/05	Panama City
Oliver Williams, III	6/12	Jacksonville



# FLORIDA PEOPLE AT NATIONAL CONGRESS

Williamsburg, VA July 8-10, 2007



(More pictures on inside front cover.)



## ***In the spotlight***

### **WORDS OF WISDOM**

DEMOCRACY WILL CEASE TO EXIST WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK AND GIVE IT TO THOSE WHO WOULD NOT.

I PREDICT FUTURE HAPPINESS FOR AMERICANS IF THEY CAN PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM WASTING THE LABOR OF THE PEOPLE UNDER THE PRETENSE OF TAKING CARE OF THEM.

THOMAS JEFFERSON 1743-1826

### **ALWAYS REMEMBER**

OUR NATION'S VETERANS GATHER NEXT MONTH TO REMEMBER OUR POW'S AND THOSE MISSING IN ACTION THAT HAVE NEVER RETURNED HOME. WE ALL SHOULD REMEMBER THOSE MISSING MEMBERS OF ALL OUR ARMED SERVICES FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR, THRU ALL WARS TO PRESENT MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS TO DEFEND FREEDOM. WE HAVE POW'S STILL MISSING. PRAY FOR PEACE SO THOSE SERVING ABROAD CAN COME HOME.

THIS PICTURE SAYS IT FOR ME, PHILLIP H. TARPLEY, PRESIDENT, SARAMANA CHAPTER



*REMEMBER THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.*

*GOD BLESS OUR ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD.*

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