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WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER VISIT TO VETERANS NURSING HOME

On November 28th eleven of the chapter's members and eight members of the Ladies' Auxiliary delivered Christmas gifts, in excess of \$4,000.00, to the veterans residing in the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home in Land-O-Lakes, Florida. The chapter's Veterans Affairs Chairman, William Teater, deserves special recognition for his outstanding efforts in behalf of the chapter for its veteran activities during November.

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President's Message

By Compatriot Grant R. Wallin, Jr.



My sincere hope is that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! May all of your dreams be realized and all of your endeavors be successful. The Greenwood Florida Chapter has reported that they are ready to take their place in our Florida Society sometime in January 2008. I have indicated to our New Chapter Development Chairman, Steve Williams, that I will be there to help them celebrate this occasion.

In my visitation trips to many of our chapters around the state, I bring them greetings from the Florida Society and then proceed to tell them of all of the opportunities they have as a chapter to participate in the many programs which our Florida Society offers. My reception has been great and I salute the chapters who are making plans to be a participating chapter in the promotion of the SAR and its ideals.

My biggest concern has been the relatively large number of what I call "certificate holders" who are inducted into a chapter's membership and never seen again. This is the reason that I am actively promoting chapters to use the Associate status for men who are working on their papers so they can become a member of one or more of the chapter's many committees and give them the opportunity to be involved in chapter activities. Naturally, they can not chair a committee, nor hold any chapter office, and they do not have a vote on chapter activities; but they will see the chapter in action and hopefully become an active member upon their formal induction into chapter membership.

Also, I am beginning to use the words "GET INVOLVED" in my chapter visits. We have many members who sit on the sidelines and do nothing to help fill the offices or work actively on the many programs of the chapter. There are needs both at the chapter level and at the state level that need filling. Our Society has over 1700 members, and we turn out approximately 45 to 50 Compatriots at a Board of Management Meeting. To those participating Compatriots, I say THANKS for all of your hard work and dedication. Unfortunately, this is only about 3% of our membership. Not a very good showing for the third largest Society in the Sons of the American Revolution. So I am asking all of our 1700+ members to GET INVOLVED!

Lastly, I want to publicly thank Ron Toops who was elected as our Senior Vice President at our Fall Board of Management meeting. Ron has jumped in with both feet and is working hard to get everything done in time for the Spring/Annual BOM meeting. We will both be in attendance, along with a number of other Compatriots from our Florida Society, at the February Leadership Conference in Louisville and upon our return, will have a report for you regarding the action taken regarding the location of our National Headquarters.

Now is the time for all good SAR members to get back to work. There is much still to be done.

Fraternally,
Grant R. Wallin, President

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



Dick Fowler

Compatriots and Friends,

President Grant Wallin, in his President's Message in this edition, talks about "Certificate Holders" and their need to get involved. On page 3 is a message from a chapter officer highlighting this problem that is common to many other chapters throughout the SAR.

This edition (as always) cites some examples of Compatriots who have been very much involved. Nowhere can we better see the results of the efforts of an extremely motivated group of members than on the inside cover, picturing the Withlacoochee Chapter remembering our veterans. FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Joe Camillo and Chapter Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman William Teater have spearheaded this effort.

"Last Men Standing" was written by Central Florida member, Dabney Davis, who is dedicated to our cause. The article on page 17 by FLSSAR Registrar, William Stevenson, is just a very small part of what this hardworking, motivated individual has done for us. Ed Young heads up the *Sons of Liberty* Florida Brigade (pages 13 & 14). This group of devoted men from many chapters is always at work, representing us - and to the world **they are the SAR**. They would be happy to have you join them.

Page 20 tells about *The Last Naval* Battle ceremonies. Many, including, Lindsey Brock, Ben DuBose, Fred Gaines and Steve Williams have worked tirelessly to make that project the National success that it is.

This is only a small part of what is being done in our Society. You should consider joining this group of leaders.

**Deadline for submissions for the
Spring/Annual edition is March 27, 2008**

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Are You Just A Certificate Holder, Or Do You Help?

Here is a message that was sent to one of our chapters. Does your chapter have the same kinds of problems? Don't be content to be just a certificate holder.

Grant Wallin, President, Florida Society

We have 50+ members, but attendance at our monthly meetings does not reach 20.

We have offices and chairmanships vacant - and members holding more than one position.

We have a need for a Color Guard, but cannot enlist four - even with the Chapter providing 'ranger' / 'foot-soldier' uniforms. If we can man the Color Guard, we can probably have them in the Homecoming parade and possibly at the Veterans Day Ceremony .

If you are interested in joining the Color Guard please email me in order to procure uniforms.

If you are interested in joining us for the Homecoming parade please email me in order to determine our transportation requirements. Also let me know what, if any, colonial uniform articles you have and what you need.

The Nominating Committee is looking for Candidates for 1st & 2nd Vice President and possibly Treasurer. If you are interested you may contact any one of them; they are listed on the Chapter website. The VP1 is chairman of the Program Committee and VP2, Publicity. Both would appreciate assistance. If you are interested in assisting let me know.

There are several Chairmanships open and/or available listed below. If you are interested in serving as Chairman OR assisting the committee please email any member of the Executive Committee or email me.

HS Essay Contest

HS Orations Contest

Elementary School Poster Contest

History Teacher Award

— the above take minimal time after establishing rapport w/ the County School Board which a member of the Exec Cmtee will take the lead; receiving entries and presenting nominees to EC Good Citizenship Award to School Students.

— requires presentation to school Citizens-of-the-month programs after establishing rapport w/ the County School Board which a member of the Exec Cmtee will take the lead.

Eagle Scout Program

— requires presentation to new Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor.

ROTC/JROTC Awards

—requires contacting units in surrounding counties and cities [example letters and points of contact already established] and presentation to Cadets at their School Awards program and our Annual ROTC Dinner in April.

Photo Contest

— requires emailing info, receiving entries and presenting nominees to EC.

Public Service Awards (Law, Fire, EMS, Heroism)

— requires contacting agencies in surrounding counties and cities [example letters and points of contact already established] and presentation to recipients at our Annual Constitutional Dinner in September.

We have an ad hoc 'speakers bureau' providing Revolutionary War presentations to schools and civic groups. Do you have one or more presentations you would like to present? Let us know; we most often wear RW uniforms, but that's not mandatory. Or do you have a group that would like to hear one of our presentations, let us know.

Sent by an Officer of the Chapter

Washington Describes The Continental Army At Valley Forge, Winter 1777-1778

Valley Forge, December 23, 1777

To The Continental Congress

Sir: Full as I was in my representation of matters in the Commys. departmt. yesterday, fresh, and more powerful reasons oblige me to add, that I am now convinced, beyond a doubt that unless some great and capital change suddenly takes place in that line, this Army must inevitably be reduced to one or other of these three things. Starve, dissolve, or disperse, in order to obtain subsistence in the best manner they can; rest assured Sir this is not an exaggerated picture, but [and] that I have abundant reason to support what I say.

Yesterday afternoon receiving information that the Enemy, in force, had left the City, and were advancing towards Derby with apparent design to forage, and draw Subsistence from that part of the Country, I order'd the Troops to be in readiness, that I might give every opposition in my power; when, behold! to my great mortification, I was not only informed, but convinced, that the Men were unable to stir on Acct. of Provision, and that a dangerous Mutiny begun the Night before, and [which] with difficulty was suppressed by the spirited exertion's of some officers was still much to be apprehended on acct. of their [for] want of this Article.

This brought forth the only Corny. in the purchasing Line, in this Camp; and, with him, this Melancholy and alarming truth; that he had not a single hoof of any kind to Slaughter, and not more than 25. Barls. of Flour! From hence form an opinion of our Situation when I add, that, he could not tell when to expect any.

All I could do under these circumstances was, to send out a few light Parties to watch and harrass the Enemy, whilst other Parties were instantly detached different ways to collect, if possible, as much Provision as would satisfy the present pressing wants of the Soldiery. But will this answer? No Sir: three or four days bad weather would prove our destruction. What then is to become of the Army this Winter? and if we are as often without Provisions now, as with it [them], what is to become of us in the Spring, when our force will be collected, with the aid perhaps of Militia, to take advantage of an early Campaign before the Enemy can be reinforced? These are considerations of great magnitude, meriting the closest attention, and will, when my own reputation is so intimately connected, and to be affected by the event, justifie my saying that the present Commissaries are by no means equal to the execution [of the Office] or that the disaffection of the People is past all belief. The misfortune however does in my opinion, proceed from both causes, and tho' I have been tender heretofore of giving any opinion, or lodging complaints, as the change in that departmt. took place contrary to my judgment, and the consequences thereof were predicted; yet, finding that the inactivity of the Army, whether for want of provisions, Cloaths, or other essentials, is charged to my Acct., not only by the common vulgar, but those in power, it is time to speak plain in exculpation of myself; with truth then I can declare that, no Man, in my opinion, ever had his measures more impeded than I have, by every department of the Army. Since the Month of July, we have had no assistance from the Quarter Master Genl. and to want of assistance from this department, the Commissary Genl. charges great part of his deficiency; to this I am to add, that notwithstanding it is a standing order (and often repeated) that the Troops shall always have two days Provisions by them, that they may [might] be ready at any sudden call, yet, no opportunity has scarce[ly] ever yet happened [offered] of taking advantage of the Enemy that has not been either totally obstructed or greatly impeded on this Acct., and this tho' the great and crying evil is not all. Soap, Vinegar and other Articles allowed by Congress we see none of nor have [we] seen [them] I believe since the battle of brandywine; the first indeed we have now little occasion of [for] few men having more than one Shirt, many only the Moiety of one, and Some none at all; in addition to which as a proof of the little benefit received from a Cloathier Genl., and at the same time as a further proof of the inability of an Army under the circumstances of this, to perform the common duties of Soldiers (besides a number of Men confind to Hospitals for want of Shoes, and others in farmers Houses on the same Acct.) we have, by a field return this day made no less than 2898 Men now in Camp unfit for duty because they are bare foot and otherwise naked and by the same return it appears that our whole strength in continental Troops (Including the Eastern Brigades which have joined us since the surrender of Genl. Burgoyne) exclusive of the Maryland Troops sent to Wilmington amount to no more than 8200 In Camp fit for duty. Notwithstanding which, and that, since the 4th Instt. our Numbers fit for duty from the hardships and exposures they have undergone, particularly on Acct. of Blankets (numbers being [having been] obliged and [still are to] do set up all Night by fires, instead of taking comfortable rest in a natural [and common] way) have decreased near 2000 Men. [W]e find Gentlemen without knowing whether the Army was really going into Winter Quarters or not (for I am sure no resolution of mine would warrant the remonstrance) reprobating the measure as much as if they thought Men [the Soldiery] were made of Stocks or Stones and equally insensible of frost and Snow and moreover, as if they conceived it [easily] practicable for an inferior Army under the disadvantages I have describ'd our's to be wch. is by no means exaggerated to confine a superior one (in all respects well appointed, and provided for a Winters Campaign) within the City of Phila., and [to] cover from depredation and waste the States of Pensa., Jersey, &ca. but what makes this matter still more extraordinary in my eye is, that these very Gentn. who were well apprized of the nakedness of the Troops, from ocular demonstration [who] thought their own Soldiers worse clad than others, and advised me, near a Month ago, to postpone the execution of a Plan, I was about to adopt (in consequence of a resolve of Congress) for seizing Cloaths, under strong assurances that an ample supply would be collected in ten days agreeably to a decree of the State not one Article of wch., by the bye, is yet come to hand, should think a Winters Campaign and the covering these States from the Invasion of an Enemy so easy [and practicable] a business. I can assure those Gentlemen that it is a much easier and less distressing thing to draw remonstrances in a comfortable room by a good fire side than to occupy a cold bleak hill and sleep under frost and Snow without Cloaths or Blankets; however, although they seem to have little feeling for the naked, and distressed Soldier, I feel superabundantly for them, and from my Soul pity those miseries, wch. it is neither in my power to relieve or prevent. Signed, G. Washington

LAST MEN STANDING

Historian Dabney C. T. Davis (Central Florida Chapter FLSSAR)

Remembering Our Heritage

Local historian Dabney C. T. Davis proudly shows off his reproduction tin type photos with the faces of elderly soldiers, men who crossed the Delaware River in a blinding snowstorm and surprised and defeated the Hessian Garrison at Trenton, N. J. Some of these men later in the war spent the winter at Valley Forge in perhaps the worst winter in half a century.

The tintype photos of eleven men were taken prior to the Civil War circa 1840-1850 when the Revolutionary War veterans were in their 90s and older, said Davis a retired Brevard County school teacher and administrator who frequently lectures about George Washington and the myths surrounding him.

“My talks center on the only man to ever lead a successful Revolution, resign his position as Commander in Chief and then retire to his beloved Mount Vernon.

According to several historical experts, Washington repeatedly spread false military information to make himself and his army seem more formidable by using a network of spies and informants that he personally controlled. And those tactically misleading stories were probably more responsible for the eventual defeat of the British, rather than the three battles the Americans won out of the nine major battles fought, Davis said. In one instance, while camped at Morristown early in 1777, Washington got word of a British spy pretending to be one of his own soldiers. Instead of jailing the man, Washington quietly saw to it the spy had access to his headquarters. Then he had his officers continually feed him optimistic and over-blown reports of the troop dispositions and numbers, Davis said.

In truth, the army was barely fed and half frozen and had not been paid in months, but the opposing English Gen. Howe believed the false reports and did not attack, this saving the day and what was left of the American forces, which were a mere 4,000 at the time.

And on two other occasions, at Philadelphia and New York, Washington successfully convinced the enemy that his forces were too strong to be attacked and, instead the enemy withdrew, Davis said.

Davis, whose family has had someone in every war since the Revolution, lectures in Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He has two programs tentatively lined up in 2008 in both North Carolina and New Jersey.

Living in Rockledge most of his life, the highly read and feisty Davis is often referred to as the “Mayor of Sweet Street,” mostly due to his active leadership in many church and civic projects, one of which is to re-teach the story of Washington and his men.

It is hard to believe that a recent survey of 50 top colleges and universities found that more than half of the students didn’t know that George Washington was the commanding general of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and the man who accepted the surrender of Gen. Cornwallis at Yorktown.

“Thirty-six percent thought it was Ulysses S. Grant, and 6 percent actually picked Douglas MacArthur. It was a multiple choice and they apparently just didn’t know and were winging it,” said Davis, as the teacher in him winced.

In his talks, Davis gives credit to historian and author J. Hunter Barbour who scoured out-of-way libraries and old archives to come up with the (tintypes) photos and background on 11 of the longest surviving members of Washington’s army.

Most Notable among Them

Daniel Bakeman, Conrad Heyer, Alexander Milliner: Age 109, Age 106, Age 105.

Daniel Bakeman, the longest-lived soldier and known as “The Last Man Standing” who died, not right after the American Revolutionary War, but after the Civil War at the age of 109 in 1869. However, some scholars note that because of very poor recordkeeping back then, one or two others may have outlived him.

Alexander Milliner, known to be George Washington’s drummer boy, had a stepfather who signed him into the army at age 13, where he served seven years, was seriously wounded at Monmouth and became a member of Washington’s personal guard. He later went on to serve aboard the USS Constitution during the War of 1812. According to a newspaper report of the day, Milliner was last seen cheering on a troop of northern soldiers who were marching to war through Rochester, N.Y., in 1861 at the start of the Civil War. He died just before it ended in 1865 at the age of 105, and is buried in the cemetery at Adams Basin, N.Y.

Conrad Heyer crossed the Delaware with Washington, but as a wagoner. He was said to have taken part in several major battles during his three years of service and died in 1856 at age 106.

Davis pointed out that opening lines of Washington’s will served to show what a true man of character he was when he describes himself only as: “I, George Washington, of Mount Vernon – a citizen of the United States – and lately President of same...”

Submitted by Norman L. Myers (Central Florida)

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Brevard

In September, Compatriot Steve Williams, in uniform, presented the Colors at the Cocoa Beach City Council meeting when the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the DAR received a Proclamation for Constitution Week. Six Compatriots in uniform along with Lindsey Brock and Dick Cardell of the Jacksonville Chapter joined over 100 marchers at the Captain John Barry Celebration at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral. Capt. Barry was the commanding officer of the *Alliance* at the LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Caloosa

The Chapter brought the public's attention to Constitution Day, Sept. 17, by getting Lee County Commissioners to proclaim this day and the week through September 23, 2007 as Constitution Week. Also many of our members attended the DAR Southwest Board of Regents Annual Constitution Week Luncheon. Caloosa hosted the Fall BOM meeting, registering attendees and maintaining the Hospitality Room at the BOM. The chapter will co-sponsor the N.I.E. (Newspapers-in-Education) program and the "Ed-Ventures in Education" Tuesday edition feature in the *News-Press*. This should raise the SAR visibility in the community and schools (2500 newspapers are distributed to classrooms), and further our educational goals.

Central Florida

Norm Myers chaired his first meeting as President of the Chapter. Major General Craig Whelden spoke to Chapter about National Defense. Women's Auxiliary member Anne Andrews was recognized with the Martha Washington Medal.

Charlotte

Meetings are held at the Port Charlotte Elk's Club at noon the second Friday of the month. Meetings resumed after the summer break and were held September thru December.

Clearwater

Chapter Color Guard joined the FLSSAR Brigade in posting the colors at the BOM meeting in Kissimmee. September speaker, Mary Dresseer, who was a City Editor on a Chicago suburban newspaper and a public television writer & editor of union newspapers in Washington DC.

Deland

The collection of items for Veterans living at Emery L. Bennett nursing home was a success. They will have a good Christmas thanks to the chapters donations.

Emerald Coast

The Chapter formed "Outpost 'C' of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. A Flag Certificate Presentation was made to Sexton's Restaurant in Sexton. A "Keyhole to History" was distributed to Radio Station WFTW 1260AM

Flagler

Compatriot Jerry Service presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate, Medal and Badge to CHRISTOPHER L. WALSH at his Eagle Court of Honor on November 4, 2007 at Tomoka State Park.



Gainesville

At the November Chapter meeting Revolutionary War Uniforms were discussed and sources will be provided to members; please email if you are interested in a group purchase in order to decrease shipping costs. Members were requested to submit ideas for fun, interesting programs events and meeting places.

Jacksonville

The Chapter held a flag retirement ceremony in August with the Princess Malee Society, C.A.R. There were over 63 in the audience with over 70 flgs retired. The ceremony was held at the home of Lindsey and Billie Brock on the St. Johns River. Heroism medals were presented to two members from Clay County and one from Nassau County. Thanks to the special efforts of Roger Austin, Jr., Chapter Second VP, Dick Cardell and David Ramseur took part in the Memorial day Services at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Four members of the George Washington Camp helped greet the arrival of the USS Jacksonville, a nuclear submarine named for the city on 22 June 2007. State Representative Stan Jordan presented the Keys of the City to the Ship's Captain.



Lakeland

On Thanksgiving Day, 2007, Compatriot LT Melvin L. Sellers, USCG (Ret), Past President, Lakeland Chapter, inducted his two sons, Jeffery Wayne Sellers and Robert Marvin Sellers and grandson, Raphael Alexander Sellers-Bibbs, into the SAR.

Lake-Sumter

Willard Piper of the Color Guard gave talks to DAR chapters in clermont and Ocala. Ron Toops is working with three middle schools to include more history in their curriculum. The Chapter has added four new members, Three were inducted in in October and four more applications were submitted in November. The President's wife, Joanne Shukis, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, gave a presentation on joining the Ladies' Auxiliary and is actively contacting a number of the wives regarding membership. They contributed a raffle basket to the Spring BOM meeting and the October BOM meeting.

Miami

Message from Doug Bridges:

If you go to the following web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com (I DID) you can Pick out a thank you card, and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a Soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, But it will go to a member of the armed services.

Naples

The first meeting after the summer break was held October 4, 2007 at the Elk's Lodge on Radio Road in Naples. The Speaker was Peter Burgeson of Florida Gulf Coast University. A number of the members attended the DAR Southwest Regents Council meeting celebrating Constitution week, hosted by the Cape Coral Chapter, DAR. September 21, 2007 the Chapter lost a great member, Compatriot Horace W. Lanford, who was the original squadron commander of the 741 Bomb Squadron, flying 30 combat missions from Italy during World War II. He was hit over Czechoslovakia, walked out, and resumed flying B24 missions.

Ocala

The September meeting featured a presentation on the history of Army helicopter aviation. Future Chapter meetings were moved to The Perkins Restaurant, starting at 5:00 PM instead of noon. Jim Partin, the Gainesville Chapter Genealogist has agreed to help with new member applications until a new genealogist is found.

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Palm Beach

October's Guest Speaker was the Public Information Director Foir SCRIPPS International. She talked about the education programs of Scripps and its effects on developing new and better drugs. the Chapter is very active and participates, in uniform, at several outings such as veterans Day and the 4th of July.

Panama City

The Chapter continues to meet on the third Monday, monthly, at Po-Folks Restaurant in Panama City. President John Carter has been hospitalized and has returned home.

Pensacola

New members Noel N. Crossley, Donald W. Fowler and Steven Ray Simpson were inducted by First Vice President Grover "Woody" Barnes were inducted. Chapter Ladies Auxiliary member Dianna Lantz collected donations for the basket for auction at the Winter BOM. American Flags purchased for the classrooms of a new elementary school in Milton, FL were presented to the students at the school flag pole by Guardsmen Lonnie Jones and Ed Young and representatives of the Three Rivers and Pensacola DAR Chapters. The chapter initiated the FLSSAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties' public, private, parochial and home schools.

Saramana

Thanks to Color Guardsmen, Eugene Bradley, Charles Riegle, Hal Miller, Chuck Barrett, Bill Millman, Jack Ashcraft, John A. Williams, Jr., James Crandall, Murray Wheeler, Frank Hodalski and Harold Crapo. Also to Lester Hunt, Earl Fowler, Jim Huff, Peter Douglas and Carl Hoffman who got involved in many projects. Compatriots like Murray Wheeler, Frank Hodalski, James Hegener and others who visit our schools to teach our Early American History. Several members were on television about 20 times for various events. The Chapter had a joint DAR/SAR Constitution Day meeting.

St. Augustine

The October meeting was the annual commemoration of the Victory at Yorktown, with emphasis on the participation of the USS Yorktown in the battle of Midway in 1942. the special guest speaker was rear Admiral John D. Gavan, USNR (Retired). Admiral Gavan was a world War II fighter Pilot who had many firsts, including introducing the Corsair fighter aircraft to the Navy. FLSSAR President Grant Wallin and his wife, Pat, and FLSSAR Regional VP Tom Beauchamp and wife Bobbe.

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St. Lucie River

Four new members joined the chapter this year. They were Patrick Madden, Robert Donnahoo, Chris Pangborn, and junior member 1 yr. old Aidan Krusinski.

The chapter has to date received 14 poster entrants for this year's 5th grade patriotic poster contest. The topic is "Molly Pitcher". They will be judged at the January chapter meeting. The 1st place winner will receive a \$50 prize and 2nd place will receive a \$25 prize. The winning poster will participate in the state level FLSSAR contest. FLSSAR has extended the submission deadline to January 7, 2008. The chapter has not received any submissions to date.

St. Petersburg

The Chapter joined the DAR for their Constitution Day luncheon on September 8. On October 20 they presented the Fire Safety award at the luncheon.

Tallahassee

The Chapter continues to meet quarterly. There have not been any activities undertaken during this reporting period.

Tampa

The Chapter met in September and October and continues to provide excellent programs for the members. The October program featured a local high school government teacher who provided a truly outstanding talk on the Electoral College. A lengthy question and answer session followed the presentation.

Treasure Coast

The November speaker was Lou Deanglis. He reminisced about his years with NAS & NASA. He was Executive Director of Human Recourses. This was quite interesting to hear about the inside happenings during that historic time and the challenges we had with the Soviet Union.

Withlacoochee

War Service Medals with the Vietnam Bar were presented to the chapter's Vietnam veterans. 16 members of the chapter and 4 members of the Ladies Auxiliary participated in the Veterans Day Parade. On November 11th, members of the Color Guard led the procession of approximately 50 Color Guards participating in the Massing of the Colors at the Methodist Church in Homosassa with the Betsy Ross Flag. On November 28 members presented \$4,000 in gifts to the Baldomero Lopez Nursing home. See the inside cover of this magazine for more.

FROM THE FLATALK ADMINISTRATOR

This message is meant for those few compatriots that experienced difficulties on Dec 12-13 with FLATALK. Your experience was certainly upsetting and most entirely unnecessary. Part of the issue was that the subscriber base went from 88 members to 256 members. Most of the issues are related to these users who are unfamiliar with the rules. As a point of reference, the FLATALK traffic over the last year has been less than 2 messages per month.

After negotiating with the provider, the default (automatic) means of using REPLY will be changed to a reply only to the originator. In posting to the list, users will **have** to type in the list address: flatak@list.flssar.org. The company has waived any fees/costs associated with this change.

In explaining the rules, let me be as brief as I can. And I request that you give FLATALK and your compatriots a chance - despite your unpleasant first experience. The troubles caused today or late last night were the result of those -

- Not signing with their names and e-mail addresses, thus keeping others from responding only to them but instead replying to all.

- Not sending their concerns to only the administrator as outlined in the Greetings message but using the REPLY button instead.

- Not following our rules for this list.

- Responding with unnecessary replies to messages that weren't asking for or requiring feedback.

As outlined in the Greetings message, **the Executive Board really desires everyone to be a subscriber for 90 days before opting out.**

**Steve Williams, FLATALK
ADMINISTRATOR
December 13, 2007**

FLORIDA SOCIETY DECEASED AND NEW MEMBERS

New members 9/24/2007 – 12/5/2007

Last Name	First Name	Chapter	Ancestor First	Ancestor Last
Alexander	Jeffery	Tampa	John	Wood
Bannerman	Robert	Dunaway	Bannerman	George
Basham	Norman	Clearwater	Jeremiah	Basham
Blount	Karl	Withlacoochee	Karl	Blount
Christian	Paul	Tampa	Thomas	Converse
Cooper	Thomas	Daytona-Ormond	Gilbert	Cooper
Crossley	Noel	Pensacola	John	Kershner
Cushing	Reynolds	Charlotte	Isaac	Spoor
Daffin, II	Charles	Panama City	Pleasant	Henderson
Davey	Brian	Palm Beach	James	Woolford, Sr.
Dunaway	James	Dunaway	William	Dunaway
Dunaway	John	Dunaway	William	Dunaway
Dunaway	Michael	Dunaway	William	Dunaway
Farmer, Jr.	Claude	Jacksonville	William	Boon
Funk	Nicholas	St. Petersburg	Ludowick	Francisco
Gaskins	James Stephen	Jacksonville	Wade	Hezekiah
Gaskins	James Yost	Jacksonville	Wade	Hezekiah
Gaskins	Joseph	Jacksonville	Wade	Hezekiah
Harper	Bryan	Pensacola	Cafey	John
Hurley	Lawrence	Charlotte	Branner	John
Kennedy	LaFayette	Clearwater	Thomas	Kennedy
Knight	Charles	Lake-Sumter	Moore	Abram
Knight	Daniel	Lake-Sumter	Moore	Abram
Knight	John	Lake-Sumter	Moore	Abram
Knight	Mark	Lake-Sumter	Moore	Abram
Krusinski	Aidan	St. Lucie River	Stephen	Coombs
Langford	Robert	Pensacola	Euclid	Langford
Leo	Brian	Miami	Daniel	Swayze
Leo	Kevin	Miami	Daniel	Dwayze
Lloyd	Ralph	Tampa	Boyden	Ezekiel
Marvin	Harold	Withlacoochee	Joseph	Marvin
Phillips	Edgar	Daytona-Ormond	John	Head
Rogers	James	Jacksonville	Steen	James
Sandy	Steven	Central Florida	David	Shinn
Simpson, Jr.	Stephen	Pensacola	Sylvester	Chunn
Strok, Jr.	Thomas	Ft. Lauderdale	Call	Alexander
Summers	Paul	Palm Beach	Daniel	Stewart
Teare	Rollin	Naples	Stephen	Jackson
Thrasher	James	Gainesville	Andrew "Billy"	Kerr
Townsend	Christopher	Withlacoochee	Benedict	Silas
Wilcox, II	Thomas	Ft. Lauderdale	Daniel	Howell
Williams	Nathan	Pensacola	John	Caffey
Wilson	Marshall	Central Florida	Josiah	Daniel
Wolfe	Donald	Withlacoochee	Hans	Mock

Deceased Members reported as of 12/13/2007

First Name	Last Name	Date of Death	Chapter
Charles	Dubay	12/7/2007	Clearwater
Karl	Blount	11/20/2007	Withlacoochee
Joseph	Boyd, Jr.	10/26/2007	Tallahassee
George	Avant	10/1/2007	Tallahassee
Horace	Lanford	9/21/2007	Naples

FALL BOM MEETING PICTURES

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Kissimmee, FL October 26, 2007



SARAMANA CHAPTER'S NATHANAEL GREENE COLOR GUARD

Our members marched in with the Veterans during the McIntosh Middle School's Veterans Day Ceremonies November 9. The Sarasota Military Academy's Cadets put on an impressive presentation of Drums, Bag Pipes and Rifle Drill units. The Cadets under the command of Compatriot Dan Kennedy, Headmaster also provided parking and other assistance to the Veterans. About 1,200 students participated in the very moving event to thank our Veterans.

Members present were Commander Eugene Bradley, Phillip H. Tarpley, Charles Riegle, and Jack B. Ashcraft. The Color Guard marched in the Veterans Day Parade and presented the Colors at the opening ceremonies. The members marching were Eugene Bradley, Phillip H. Tarpley, Hal Miller, Frank Hodalski, Clarence Barrett, Charles Riegle, Harold Crapo, and his son incoming new member Chief Petty Officer Harold "Burt" Crapo III. The members riding on the SAR Trolley included Burton R. Corbus and many wives and DAR members for the first time in many years, the children of our C.A.R. Chapter marched with us carrying Flags and the Children of the American Revolution banner. Thanks to Cynthia Soulandros DAR Representative for the local new CAR chapter for her help with organizing the children

C.A.R. members passed out Morgan's homemade thank you cards to Veterans. The photo below of one Veteran who received a card, shows his emotions after having a child thank him for his service.



Color Guard members from left front, Hal Miller, Phillip H. Tarpley, Harold Crapo, Commander Eugene Bradley From left rear AGC Harold Crapo III, Frank Hodalski, Charles W. Riegle and hidden from view Chuck Barrett



Children of the American Revolution and DAR Members by the SAR Trolley before the parade starts.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER ON THE AIR

“I saw you on TV” is something compatriots Lindsey Brock, Dick Cardell and David Ramseur have been hearing from their friends lately. They have been on a local cable program sponsored by the Jacksonville Historical Society. Chapter President Skip Brown made the arrangement for us them to be taped for a fifteen minute interview by Jacksonville Historical Society President Jerry Spinks. They were questioned about their history, their activities and the US flags they had brought with them to use as a background. The program will air several times a week for several weeks. This was a great opportunity to let the public know about the Sons of the American Revolution.



Left to right: Lindsey Brock, David Ramseur, Dick Cardell and JHS President, Jerry Spinks

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Kissimmee, FL October 26, 2007



Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Commander Col. Edward D. Young

October 21, 2007

The period of this report is from 29 July 2007 through 27 October 2007. Twenty-one Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Summer BOM on 27 - 28 July 2007. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The Brigade Color Guard, commanded by Guardsman Mark Kilgore, accompanied by Guardsmen Lindsey Brock, Harold Crapo and George Lockhart Presented the Colors at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando on 15 September 2007. Welcomed to the Brigade are Hillsborough River Camp #14 (Tampa), Alan Bell, Commander, approved, on 16 August 2007, and Outpost C (Emerald Coast), Terry Doan, Commander, approved on 13 August 2007. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 26 - 27 October 2007 FLSSAR Fall 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 July 2007, Guardsmen Brock and Lockhart participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Brock and Cardell marched along the "Purple Heart Walk" and participated in a program at the Veteran's Wall in Jacksonville on 7 August 2007. On 18 August 2007, Lindsay Brock hosted a Flag Retirement program at his home. Participating compatriots wore the "Charlie" uniform and Guardsmen Brock, Cardell and Ramseur were taped at the Comcast Cable TV studio during a 15 minute interview regarding the history and activities of SAR and the story behind several U.S flags used as background on the set. Guardsmen Brock and Cardell marched with muskets in a parade at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral honoring Captain John Barry on 15 September 2007. That evening, Guardsmen Brock and Lockhart Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the General Mayflower Society meeting in Orlando.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Ed Page III, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Ryan, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Darby, Hinman and Williams attended the funeral of Compatriot Richard Bolen on 22 August 2007. On 6 September, Guardsman Williams Presented the Colors at the Cocoa Beach City Council meeting when the Cape Canaveral DAR Chapter received a Proclamation for Constitution Week. Guardsmen DuBose, Hinman, Ryan, Williams and Wright and Wright's daughter in colonial dress joined over 100 other marchers for the Captain John Barry Celebration at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral on 15 September 2007. On 20 September 2007, Guardsman DuBose spoke about "The Battle of Long Island" to the local Pittsburg Club and recruited. Guardsmen Darby, Hinman, Ryan, Smith, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Luncheon and participated during the induction of Compatriot Bernard Greenwell into the SAR.



Colonel Young

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Brown, Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 15 September 2007, three Guardsmen Presented the Colors at the SAR/DAR Constitution Day Luncheon. Two Guardsmen Presented the Colors for the Indian River Community College Constitution Day program in Fort Pierce on 17 September 2007.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz and Young in "Bravo" uniforms hosted the Organizing Meeting of the proposed chapter in Milton on 25 August 2007. On 15 September 2007, Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors before 106 attendees at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Luncheon held in the Mustin Beach Officer's Club aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola. Guardsman Mark Kilgore commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando on 15 September 2007. On 4 October 2007, Guardsmen Jones, Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Awards Meeting at the Crown Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Miller and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. On 15 September 2007, Guardsman Crapo Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando. Guardsmen Crapo, Hodalski, Miller and Tarpley participated in the opening ceremonies of a new CAR Society in Sarasota on 17 September 2007. On 21 September 2007, Guardsmen Bradley, Crapo, Riegle and Tarpley took part in the American Legion POW/MIA Day Memorial ceremonies. Guardsmen Bradley, Crandall, Crapo, Riegle and Tarpley participated in the dedication of the new Sarasota Veterans National Cemetery on 19 October 2007.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) John Thomson, Commander. Guardsmen On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Bridges and Friberg participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Acton, Bridges, Friberg and Humphries Posted the Colors for the Annual DAR South Florida Regent's Constitution Week Luncheon

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade (continued)

held at the Signature Gardens in Miami on 15 September 2007. Compatriot David Mitchell gave the keynote speech and Color Guard Commander Jack Thomson also attended.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 28 July 2007, Guardsman Moody participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen P. Pardee, S. Pardee, R. Sumner, J. Townsend and J. Tucker Presented the Colors at the Chapter Meeting on 8 September 2007. On 13 October 2007 A. Craig, F. Naldovny P. Pardee, S. Pardee and J. Townsend Presented the Colors at the Chapter Meeting.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 15 September 2007, Guardsman Piper spoke about Benedict Arnold to the Ocala Chapter, DAR with 70 attendees. Guardsman Piper spoke about Daniel Morgan to the Clermont Chapter DAR on 5 October 2007 with 20 attendees.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsman D. Cahill participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. The Camp Color Guard Presented and Retired the Colors at each chapter meeting during this reporting period.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Build a Flag" program at the District's Grand Master's visit to the AZON Shrine Temple in Melbourne on 1 September 2007. On 8 September 2007, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" for the Heroes meeting of the National Sojourners in Merritt Island. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and "The Voice of Old Glory" at a meeting of The Boy Scouts of America Troop #598 in Sebastian in honor of two Eagle Scouts on 15 September 2007.

On 22 September 2007, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and "The Voice of Old Glory" at the State President's visit to the Elks Lodge in Sebastian.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Outpost did not have any activity during this reporting period.

Badge of Military Merit (continued)

2. [^] [Honorary Badges of distinction are to be conferred on the veteran Non commissioned officers and soldiers of the army who have served more than three years with bravery, fidelity and good conduct; for this purpose a narrow piece of white cloath \[sic\] of an angular form is to be fixed to the left arm on the uniform Coat. Non commissioned officers and soldiers who have served with equal reputation more than six years are to be distinguished by two pieces of cloth set in parellel \[sic\] to each other in a simular \[sic\] form; should any who are not entitled to these honors have the insolence to assume the badges of them they shall be severely punished. On the other hand it is expected those gallant men who are thus designated will on all occasions be treated with particular confidence and consideration. George Washington's General Orders of \[August 7, 1782\]\(#\)](#)
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10. [^] [Pension Records: William Dutton. Westford Colonial Minutemen. Retrieved on \[2007-06-22\]\(#\).](#)
11. [^] [Note: A photograph of Sergeant Brown's badge appears on page 423 \(Plate VII\) of the National Geographic publication Insignia and Decorations of the U.S. Armed Forces](#)
12. [^] [First page of "For Military Merit" by Allen Pennell Wescott in Military Affairs, Vol. 5, No. 3 \(Autumn, 1941\), pp. 211-214 from JSTOR, the Scholarly Journal Archive\]](#)
13. [^] [Original Purple Heart from circa 1782 Discovered in Deerfield Barn from Quilter's Muse Publications and Virtual Museum's website \(includes an image of badge displayed at the American Independence Museum.\)](#)
14. ^{^ a b} [The Institute of Heraldry. Purple Heart. Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Retrieved on \[2007-06-20\]\(#\).](#)
15. [^] [Orders, Decorations and Medals: United States Purple Heart referencing Live Wire Fayetteville Online Saturday, September 16, 2000](#)

Fall Board of Management Meeting

October 26-27, 2007, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Wallin at 9:07 p.m., 26 October 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 asked if there were any reports from the National Officers, past or present; Lindsey Brock's report as National Trustee appears in Quarterly Reports ("Blue Book"), Fall, 2007 Board of Management Meeting, p.7, which are made a part of these minutes. The quarterly reports of all Florida officers and committee chairmen also appear in the Blue Book and are an official part of these minutes.

The attendance sheet was circulated, and a quorum was declared with the following 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).

President Wallin requested approval of the minutes of the Summer BOM Meeting, which were then approved unanimously.

Reports were requested from national committee chairmen, past and present. Compatriot Ron Hamilton reported a \$500 gift from Hal Miller (Saramana) to the ROTC/JROTC national committee.

National Trustee Lindsey Brock reported briefly on the proposed new location of the national Center for Advancing America's Heritage in the downtown museum area of Louisville (full report on pp.7-9 of the Blue Book).

President Wallin then requested reports by State Officers and Committee Chairmen. State Officer reports are found in the Blue Book, pp.9-21. Statutory and standing committee reports appear on pp. 22-33 of the Blue Book.

Compatriot Hodalski reminded members that the history fairs are now beginning and that chapters should contact their local schools to

see if they are participating. He also reported at length on Support the Troops activities. A general discussion ensued on various ways to facilitate shipping of boxes overseas. Ideas included contacting the Red Cross and local congressional staffs. There was general discussion of Patriotic Education activities, including various aspects of Keyhole to History promotion locally and nationally.

Genealogist Alvie Davidson alerted members to enhancements in the Mormon Family Search program (www.familysearch.org). There is a massive effort being undertaken to digitize all documents in the Family Search collections in Salt Lake City, with documents becoming accessible on a regular basis.

Dick Fowler reported on production problems responsible for the late printing of the Fall issue of *The Florida Patriot*. The Society will be exploring other printing options and requested local chapters to contact commercial printers for quotes.

Treasurer Leon Hammock reminded members that requests for special funding will be considered at the January meeting and should be submitted as soon as possible for consideration.

Chairman Nelson Jantzen announced that Chapter Challenge forms for calendar year 2007 will be due in March, 2008. RVP's should remind their chapters of the impending dates. Chairman Ron Toops reported at length on Education Committee activities (pp.25-26, Blue Book), emphasizing that the major curricular challenges in American History are the result of historical chronology differences between various grade levels. The best student projects and interests are at the Middle School level. He is continuing to follow-up on George Washington educational initiatives, and discussed a proposal to put portraits of Washington and Lincoln back into classrooms, and the need for viable funding sources to do so (\$275 per portrait). There was a suggestion from the floor that one of the most important things that local American History advocates could do is to attend the annual school

superintendents meetings.

Chairman David Ramseur and Compatriot Bob Burt reported on behalf of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee (p.25, Blue Book). President Wallin reminded chapters that they are eligible to receive one Bronze Good Citizenship medal/certificate annually at no charge from the state committee for an outstanding Eagle in their chapter areas.

Chairman Ben DuBose reported on the Last Naval Battle arrangements for March 8th, 2008 (p.28, Blue Book). Some \$1,300 in GWEF funding has been obtained in addition to the funds approved last year, and the national Medals & Awards Committee has approved the 2008 medals and lapel pins. Lindsey Brock reported on local arrangements for minting. Additional information on the annual event will be available on the website.

The FLSSAR/NSSAR Library Committee reported that the Society continues to remain in first place nationally with a total of 52 personal and chapter Friends of the Library memberships. There is a special award for the state society with the largest net gain in memberships that Florida will contend for this year. To achieve this goal, we urge every chapter to become a Friend of the Library by sending a \$25 check to: SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203, Att'n: FOL. If just two (2) additional personal members from each chapter join the Friends we should win the national award hands-down! The committee also joins our President and National Trustee in enthusiastically endorsing the new downtown Museum District proposal for the national Center for Advancing America's Heritage (see report on pp.29-30, Blue Book. PG Bruce Wilcox will give a progress report on the proposal in the next SAR Magazine.

ROTC Committee Chairman Lonnie Jones reported on the ROTC seminar, and distributed packets for each chapter. He also informed members that he is seeking a

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clarification from National on the differences between one and two-step programs.

Compatriot Ed Young reported on the newly created ad hoc committee for the Americanism Elementary Poster Contest (pp.33-34, Blue Book). He discussed collaborative initiatives with art education professional groups, and the possibility of funding attractive cash awards for winners at the state level.

Compatriot Jack Coleman concluded the evening BOM meeting with a successful fund-raising appeal. President Wallin recessed the meeting at 10:07 p.m., 26 October 2007.

The BOM meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m., 27 October 2007.

Chairman Steve Williams reported for the New Chapter Development Committee (p.34, Blue Book), taking particular note of the very promising new chapter organizational meeting in the Milton area, and hopes to announce a charter banquet in the foreseeable future. He also noted the revitalization effort for the Lake City Chapter, spearheaded by Ron Toops, Jim Partin, and Gordon Greenwood. He was most gratified to be able to award a \$20 bill to Gordon Lockwood for being the 8th person to welcome first-time attendee Harold Crapo to BOM. Harold will be part of the Saramana team hosting the Winter BOM meeting (Compatriot Lockwood donated his reward to the Endowment Trust Fund).

Compatriot Ted Duay reported the quarterly financials for the Operating Budget Trust Fund and the Endowment Trust Fund (pp. 39-50, Blue Book). He announced that the ETF should have \$10,000-\$11,000 available for distribution in 2007-2008. Ted and Ed Young briefly reviewed instructions/guidelines for downloading grant request forms from the website, stressing that chapters should take care to stipulate the name of the individual who is to receive the check. Ted was complimented from the floor on the outstanding job he has done in getting timely accurate information on disbursements out to the chapters. President Wallin reported for the Executive Committee. He reviewed issues relating to FLATALK, which will continue as a means of communication to the membership. Members with email addresses will

receive at least one communication, and will have the option of unsubscribing. He noted that the most important Executive Committee items will be brought up at BOM under New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Lindsey Brock urged members to put the Last Naval Battle, March 8th, 2008, on their calendars. He reported on the Battle of King's Mountain, and brought back a streamer for the Society – Alvin Bellamy, Sergeant-at-Arms, accepted the streamer.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wallin noted that the passing of Jim Holyfield resulted in the need to replace him as Sr. Vice President. Acting on behalf of the Executive Committee, President Wallin nominated Fred Gaines as Sr. Vice President to serve out the balance of 2007-2008. Nominations were requested from the floor. Ron Toops was then nominated from the floor, with no other nominations offered. President Wallin requested a vote, asking each candidate to appoint a teller, with Nelson Jantzen serving as a 3rd teller. While the ballots were being counted and verified, President Wallin moved on to other items of new business.

1. A request for the endorsement of J. David Sympson for NSSAR Registrar General. A dual Florida Society member, he is running unopposed. A motion was made to endorse, was duly seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. A Trust Fund vacancy has occurred as the result of John Carter's wish to be replaced. The Executive Committee nominated David Kelsey to fill the 3-year term. BOM members present voted to elect Compatriot Kelsey by acclamation.

3. President Wallin took the opportunity to review PG Wilcox's memorandum of October 3, 2007, regarding the proposed relocation of NSSAR Headquarters/Center for Advancing America's Heritage (refer to pp.8-9, Blue Book).

Voting Results for Senior Vice President: With all ballots tallied and verified, Ron Toops was elected Senior Vice President by a vote of 23-21. He will serve the remainder of 2007-2008.

Compatriot Dick Friberg, a holder of the NSSAR Minuteman Award, described the criteria used in rating candidates for the Minuteman Award. It is awarded only at the

national level for activities at the national level. Six awards are given annually by a committee comprised primarily of former Presidents General. He encouraged Florida members who are interested in serving on national committees to become actively engaged. He pointed out the downside, that it takes a great deal of time and money, apart from other considerations, to fully participate.

Compatriot Ron Hamilton at this juncture nominated Phil Carr as the Florida Society candidate this year; Phil graciously declined the nomination, noting that he has been nominated before, and would be interested in being nominated again at some future time. He strongly recommended nominating Ron Hamilton for the honor, which was then confirmed by BOM acclamation. Continuing New Business, President Wallin introduced the subject of a new chapter being formed in the Mariana area, to be known as the William Dunaway Chapter. A motion was made to accept the group into the Florida Society, subject to the approval of the charter application with a minimum of ten members. Steve Williams seconded the motion, and it passed by acclamation. It was pointed out that seven of the new members already belong to the Florida Society, and three will transfer from the Alabama Society. A motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously passed, for the Florida Society to provide 3 flags (SAR, State, US) plus staffs, and \$400 to the new chapter. The chapter can apply for George Washington Distribution funds for a podium banner.

A motion was made to allow \$3 per member state dues rebates for early payment by 15 Dec. 2007. Passed.

A motion was made to reaffirm state dues waiver for active duty military personnel. Passed.

A motion was made to reaffirm state dues waiver for emeritus members. Passed, subject to future resolution of outstanding issues.

A motion was made by Frank Hodalski (point raised by Phil Tarpley) to formulate a resolution to be presented to national, expressing state and national opposition to the ban on reading the text representing each of the 13 folds for flags presented at military funerals. Motion passed, with the proposed resolution to be formulated with the Secretary.

The Fall BOM meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m., 27 October 2007.

Badge of Military Merit

This article, composed primarily by Drew Techner, a detective in the Philadelphia Police Department and put on Wikipedia, is submitted by his cousin, Compatriot William Robert Stevenson, Treasure Coast Chapter, Florida Society, Vero Beach, Florida.

The **Badge of Military Merit** is considered to be the first official [military combat badge](#) of the [United States Armed Forces](#). It is the second oldest [United States military award](#) in existence, the oldest being the [Fidelity Medallion](#).

History

The Badge of Military Merit was first announced in General [George Washington](#)'s general orders to the [Continental Army](#) issued on [7 August 1782](#) at the [Headquarters in Newburgh](#). Designed by Washington in the form of a purple heart, it was intended as a military order for soldiers who displayed unusual gallantry in battle, or extraordinary fidelity and essential service.^[1]

First awards

The writings of General Washington indicate that three badges, two Honorary Badges of Distinction^[2] and a Badge of Military Merit, were created on [7 August 1782](#). These are thought to be the first awards for valor presented to the common soldier. The practice in Europe was to honor high-ranking officers who had achieved victory, rather than common soldiers.^[3] But in America, as General Washington said, the "road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is...open to all." ^[1]

Of the Badge of Military Merit, Washington said:

The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, *the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding*. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward. Before this favour can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate [sic] for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office. Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinals [sic] which officers are permitted to do. The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered as a permanent one.^{[4][1]}

Recipients

Most historians indicate that only three people received the Badge of Military Merit during the [American Revolutionary War](#), all of them [noncommissioned officers](#), and the only ones who received the award from General Washington himself. Those soldiers are as follows:

On [May 3, 1783](#)

- Sergeant · [William Brown](#) of the · [5th Connecticut Regiment](#) of the Connecticut Line · ^[5]
- Sergeant · [Elijah Churchill](#) of the · [2nd Continental Light Dragoons](#) · ^[5]

[Editor's Note: William Robert Stevenson (Treasure Coast Chapter), submitter of this article, is himself a recipient of the Purple Heart, which he received in World War II when his ship was blown out of the water].



On [June 10, 1783](#)

- Sergeant · [Daniel Bissell](#) of the · [2nd Connecticut Regiment](#) of the · [Connecticut Line](#) · ^[6]

While these three soldiers were most likely the first to receive the Badge of Military Merit, [discharge certificates](#) of other Revolutionary War soldiers indicate that they also received the "Badge of Merit" for their years of faithful service. [Microfilmed](#) images of these discharges bearing Washington's signature can be found in the individual records of soldiers at the [National Archives](#).

George Washington's papers show that he also referred to the Badge of Military Merit as the Badge of Merit. This is evident in his orders to award the above-mentioned Sergeants Brown, Churchill and Bissell.^{[5][6]} The "book of merit" or orderly book mentioned by Washington in his general orders of [August 7, 1782](#) in which the awards were to be recorded has never been found.^[7]

Other recipients

Some examples of other soldiers who were awarded the "Badge of Merit" for faithful service, according to their discharges:

- John Sithens, a Fifer, • [2nd New Jersey Regiment](#), discharged • [June 5, 1783](#). • ^[8]
- Peter Shumway, Soldier, • [4th Massachusetts Regiment](#), discharged • [June 9, 1783](#). • ^[9]
- Sergeant William Dutton, • [7th Massachusetts Regiment](#), discharged • [June 10, 1783](#). • ^[10]
- Sergeant William Dutton, • [Gen. Moses Hazen's Regiment](#), discharged • [June 10, 1783](#). • Ancestor of William Stevenson- submitter. of this article, who has copy of his discharge denoting his recieval of the Badge of Merit.

Status of original badges

Sergeant William Brown's badge was discovered in a [Deerfield, New Hampshire](#) barn in the 1920s and is in the possession of The Society of the Cincinnati, New Hampshire Branch. It is now displayed at the American Independence Museum in [Exeter, New Hampshire](#).^{[11][12][13]} The photograph above shows Sergeant Churchill's badge, which is owned by New Windsor Cantonment, National Temple Hill Association.^[14] Churchill's badge was discovered when a [Michigan](#) farmer who was the great grandson of Churchill wrote to a [New York](#) historical society saying he possessed the badge. It was proven authentic and now is on display at the National Temple Hill Association in [Vails Gate, New York](#).^[15] Sergeant Bissell's badge was lost in an 1813 house fire.^[7]

Disuse

After the Revolutionary War, the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse although it was never officially abolished. In 1932, the [United States War Department](#) authorized the new [Purple Heart Medal](#) for soldiers who had previously received either a [Wound Chevron](#) or the [Army Wound Ribbon](#). At that time, it was also determined that the Purple Heart Medal would be considered the official "successor decoration" to the Badge of Military Merit.^[14]

Notes and references

- ^{^ a b c} The George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, 1741-1799. George Washington, August 7, 1782, General Orders (1782-08-07). Retrieved on 2006-10-01.

REGISTRATION FORM
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
 Winter Board of Management Meeting

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

January 18 - 19, 2008

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: _____

**There are no BOM
workshop sessions.**

EVENTS	MEAL CHOICES	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
January 18 Friday Banquet	Pulled Pork, Baked Potato, 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 _____ =	\$ _____
Registration Fee	SAR Members Only	\$ 8.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Total				\$ _____

The above price quotes include beverage, salad, rolls and dessert (Chocolate Cake).

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED on or before **January 12, 2008**

Compatriot Phil Tarpley
4303 Via del Villeti
Venice, FL 34293-7061
 Email: mpl8pht@verizon.net
 Phone: 941-497-2704

The Saramana Chapter Welcomes You
To the Winter 2008

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
Kissimmee, FL : January 18 - 19, 2008
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

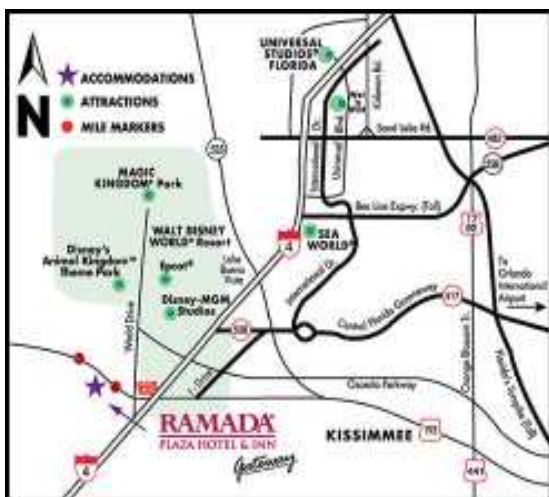
Check in time 4:00 pm

Check out time 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with
RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

Room Rates: \$63.00, plus current 13% tax for a total of about \$71.19.

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



If you are attending the Winter 2008 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.

The Florida Patriot

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 18

1:00PM - 5:00P.M. Registration – Hotel Lobby
1:00 P.M.- 2:30 P.M. - Executive Committee Meeting - Board Room 260
2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. - Rumbaugh Oration Contest - Salon 22
2:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room 254
2:30 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. - Regional Vice President's Meeting - Board Room 260
4:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. - Color Guard Rehearsal- Salon 4 & 5
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.- Board of Management Meeting - Salon 2
8:30 P.M.- 11:00 P.M.- Hospitality Room 254

Note: This schedule of events is subject to change.

Saturday, January 19

8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Ladies Continental Breakfast - Hospitality Room
8:30 A.M.- 10:30 A.M.- Board of Management Meeting - Salon 2

Upcoming FLSSAR Events:

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

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Kissimmee, FL 1-800 327-9170

Spring 2008 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting NSSAR
Feb. 21-23, 2008 Louisville, KY

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

Fall 2008 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting: Sep 25-27,
2008 * Details to be announced

Spring 2009 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting: Feb 26-28,
2009 * Details to be announced

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

Fall 2009 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting: Sep 24-26, 2009
*** Details to be announced**

The host chapter for the Winter BOM meeting is the Saramana Chapter. Phil Tarpley, of the Saramana Chapter is the Chairman of the Host Committee and is handling Registration.

LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION invites you to participate in the 225th Anniversary celebration of THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

DATE: MARCH 8, 2008 **TIME:** Muster no later than 9:30 AM **STEP OFF:** 10:AM

LOCATION: Same as last year, the Administration Building for the CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY
445 Challenger Rd. , Cape Canaveral .

RAINDATE: NONE. If it rains the ceremonies will be moved inside.

FYI: A new MEDAL celebrating this 225th ANIVERSARY event is being minted. Both a large and small medal will come in a presentation box. Price is not set yet.

ALSO: Every unit that participates in our Color Guard Parade will receive a

FREE FLAG STREAMER MADE JUST FOR THIS OCCASION.

Once again there will be free water & soda for all participants.

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR and SAR are invited to attend as participants or spectators to represent their organizations.

Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

The USS Barry, DDG 52 will also join in the 225th Celebration of

“The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution”



We are in the process of planning tours aboard the *USS Barry* after the ceremony.

To see more pictures of last year’s first celebration go to Google and type:

BrevardSAR—then click on chapter newsletters from the menu at the top left of the website.

Traveling south on I-95 take exit 205 east to Cape Canaveral.

While in the area you may wish to visit/tour the *USS Barry*, Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral or *Disney World* in Orlando.

Please complete the below information and return to: Compatriot Ben DuBose, 950 Falls Trail, Malabar, FL 32950, or send the following information to Compatriot DuBose via email at: brevardsar@cfl.r.com.

For additional information please call Lindsey Brock, 904-251-9226 or Ben DuBose, 321-952-2928.

Name of society/chapter/ individual and phone or email contact information:

We need the name of your unit for the Official Program.

Lay at wreath at the ceremony? Yes ___ No ___ Name of Presenter: _____

Wreath dedicated to: _____

Bringing unit/chapter flag? Yes ___ No ___

Color Guard? Yes ___ No ___

Number of members expected to attend: _____

Number in Uniform or Colonial Dress: _____

The Country Inns & Suites, 9009 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL, 32920, 321-784-8500, will block 110 rooms. All rooms include two queen beds at a rate of \$99.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Breakfast is included. **The block of rooms will be held until March 3, 2008. Reservations must be made on or before March 3, 2008 and you must mention Sons of the American Revolution to get the special rate of \$99.00. After March 3, 2008 the room rate will be the same only if rooms are available.**

We will have dinner at the Radisson Resort, 8701 Astronaut Blvd. If you wish to attend the dinner please let Ben DuBose know, and he will send you that information. Last year we had over 100 at the dinner, so get your reservations in early.

LAST NAVAL BATTLE CEREMONIES 2007

Cape Canaveral, Florida - March 10, 2007



Official State of Florida Marker Dedicated On This Date



NSSAR Executive Director Joe Harris



St. Lucie River Chapter Compatriots



Florida Compatriots Hal Miller (L) & Ron Hamilton (R)



Charles de Leusomme 1783 French Uniform



Coast Guard Color Guard Leads a Parade of 200 People



Florida Society Color Guard With 7 Other State Color Guards Florida Society Organized This Event.



The Seventy Color Guardsmen Represent Hundreds of Patriot Ancestors, Some At This Battle



Daughters of the American Revolution Featuring Ladies In Colonial Dress



Children of the American Revolution Honor Their Patriot Ancestors



A Local Unit of Sea Cadets



Guest Speaker Captain James Watson Receives Certificate of Appreciation



Historian BenDubose and FLSSAR President Lindsey Brock Honored by Mayor Rocky Randels



Unveiling The Cannon Are Steve Williams, FLSSAR, Kurt Robinson, Navy League & Maura McLeod, FLS DAR



The Thirty-five wreaths Presented and Many Flags Made a Colorful Setting for the Marker and Cannon

In the spotlight

The finest of Patriots gathered at the *Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution* ceremonies last March in Cape Canaveral. This year's ceremonies will be on March 8, 2008.

Contact Ben DuBose at bdubose@cfl.rr.com for details.



Send your unusual or special pictures for this section to fowlersar@yahoo.com or to *Patriot Spotlight*, 5395 Mink St. SW, Pataskala, OH 43062

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