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MEDAL OF HONOR



From left to right, the Army, Navy/Marine Corps and Air Force medals

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Kissimmee, FL January 18, 2008
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President's Message

By Compatriot Grant R. Wallin, Jr.



This is my last message to the membership as we will have a new President elected at our Spring Board of Management meeting. I want to thank all of the Compatriots who have worked very hard to make this past year so successful. There are so many of you who have worked at making our Florida Society successful in our many undertakings that I would certainly leave someone out if I attempted to thank them all individually. You all know who you are, and you have my heart-felt thanks for all of your efforts.

This has been a very busy three months and will continue to be busy up until our May meeting. In January, I installed the officers at the Tampa Chapter and attended an organizational meeting of the Lake City Chapter. This chapter should be ready to charter very soon. In February, Pat and I attended the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia along with Lindsey and Billie Brock, Ron and Jane Hamilton and two members from our recently chartered William Dunaway chapter. I presented a wreath on behalf of the Florida Society at this event. On the 18th of February, I installed the officers of the Gainesville chapter; and the next day, Pat and I left for the NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville. We had ten Compatriots representing the Florida Society at the Conference. As you all know, the vote to purchase the Fulton Conway Building was approved with a massive majority.

Among other items of interest were the following:

- 1. Dollars received from the Federal Campaign will be distributed with 50% going to the National Society and 50% going to the chapters who participated in the petition.**
- 2. Our Eagle Scout winner placed third in the National Judging behind Minnesota and Georgia.**
- 3. SAR members can purchase Footnotes for \$49.95 by going to www.footnote.com/SAR and indicating that they are a SAR member.**
- 4. The Knight Essay Contest has been expanded to include Sophmores in high school.**

I will be in attendance at the Last Naval Battle Celebration on March 8th and will be bringing greetings from the Florida Society to the State DAR Conference in Orlando on the 14th. On April 1st, I will be leaving for the South Atlantic District Meeting in Athens, Georgia to report on our Society's past year and to see the election of our own Compatriot Lindsey Brock as the new Vice President General of the South Atlantic District. Lindsey and I will then leave there and drive to Deerfield Beach so I can bring greetings and present two medals and our annual \$1,000 check to the C.A.R. State Society on April 5th. As of this date, I do not have anything else to do except to get ready for our Spring BOM and Annual Meeting in Kissimmee. I hope to see all of you there.

It has been a good year. It has been busy, but I have enjoyed meeting with a number of our chapters all around the state. The state of our Society is sound and with everyone pulling together, our membership should grow, our chapter programs should cause more of our members to be more active, and at least two more chapters should be chartered within the next few months. We are making an impact and it is because our membership is becoming more involved. Let's all get involved and make our next year even more successful. Again, thank you all for your most generous support. It was great!

**Fraternally,
Grant R. Wallin, President**

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From the Editor's Desk

Compatriots and Friends,

Early in March I made a whirlwind tour of Florida, coming in on the heels of a couple of tornados and torrential rainfall. It was great to see all the folks at the *Last Naval Battle* ceremonies in Cape Canaveral, and you can see a lot of the pictures of the ceremonies elsewhere in this magazine.



Dick Fowler

The next week, I went to three schools in Southwest Florida where I gave Benjamin Franklin character portrayals. It was a great experience for me, and the students were most appreciative.

Unfortunately, children are not learning American History in our schools, and as a nation, we get a failing grade in History. We have been trying for three years to get legislation passed in Florida to include Social Studies (which includes history) on the F-Cat tests. This is the crux of the problem, not only in Florida, but in every state I have been in.

In the meantime, the SAR should do all it can to supplement the schools in the teaching of American Revolution History.

Last October, I went to Point Pleasant, WV and gave B. Franklin portrayals to over 500 fourth-graders. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I got back much more than I gave.

You can see more by going to my *Look Like Ben* website at www.looklikeben.com .

Dick Fowler, Editor

**Deadline for submissions for the
Summer edition is July 1, 2008**

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These don't come along too often



As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open. The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car and continued to watch the old gentleman from about twenty-five feet away. I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm, walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too and took a few steps towards him. I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something. The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade and then turn back to the old man and I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying, “You shouldn’t even be allowed to drive a car at your age.” And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her and appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight and as I got near him I said, “Looks like you’re having a problem.” He smiled sheepishly and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around I saw a gas station up the road and told the old gentleman that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside and saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them and related the problem the old man had with his car and offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and help him. The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine) I spoke with the old gentleman. When I shook hands with him earlier he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, “What outfit did you serve with?” He had mentioned that he served with the first Marine Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal .

He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over.

As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me and I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card. He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again and I said my goodbye’s to his wife. I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station I told them that they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me. One of them pulled out a card from his pocket looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then, that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me and I said I would and drove off. For some reason I had gone about two blocks when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long, time. The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name..... “Congressional Medal of Honor Society.”

I sat there motionless looking at the card and reading it over and over.

I looked up from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together, because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage and an honor to have been in his presence.

America is not at war. The U.S. Military is at war. [America is at the Mall.](#)

“A veteran-Whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve- is someone who at one point in his life wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for an amount of “up to and including my life.” That is honor. There are far too many people in this country who don’t understand it.”- Author Unknown

FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED

Early in the Civil War, a medal for individual valor was proposed to General-in-Chief of the Army Winfield Scott. But Scott felt medals smacked of European affectation and killed the idea.

The medal found support in the Navy, however, where it was felt recognition of courage in strife was needed. Public Resolution 82, containing a provision for a Navy medal of valor, was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861. The medal was “to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war.”

Shortly after this, a resolution similar in wording was introduced on behalf of the Army. Signed into law July 12, 1862, the measure provided for awarding a medal of honor “to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldierlike qualities, during the present insurrection.”

Although it was created for the Civil War, Congress made the Medal of Honor a permanent decoration in 1863. 1,520 Medals were awarded during the Civil War, 1,195 to the Army, 308 to the Navy, 17 to the Marines and 4 to civilians. 25 Medals were awarded posthumously.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Established

The first military decoration formally authorized by the American government to be worn as a badge of honor, the Medal of Honor was created by an act of Congress in December 1861. Senator James W Grimes of Iowa, the chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, proposed that a medal of honor, similar to the Victoria Cross of England and the Iron Cross of Germany, be given to naval personnel for acts of bravery in action. His bill was passed by both Houses of Congress and approved by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861. It established a Medal of Honor for enlisted men of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

Two months later, Senator Henry Wilson of Massachusetts introduced a Senate resolution extending eligibility for the medal to enlisted men of the U.S. Army and making eligibility retroactive to the beginning of the war. On March 3, 1863, army officers were made eligible through another act of Congress; naval and marine officers were not included until 1915.

According to the act establishing the army medal, the award was to be given to those members of the armed forces who “shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldierlike qualities.” Because of the act’s vague wording and because the United States gave no other medal to its armed services, the Medal of Honor was awarded liberally during the Civil War to about 1,200 men.

The first to receive medals were the six survivors of [Andrew’s Raid](#). In 1916, Congress considerably tightened the rules for eligibility, requiring that a serviceman come into actual contact with an enemy and perform bravely at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty. Congress also created a board of five retired generals to review all previous award recipients for eligibility and found that about 911-most of them [Civil War](#) veterans did not meet the new standards and thus struck them from the list.

FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Ronald E. Toops

Members: Lauren Bradley, John Cahoon, Robert Danneman, Ron Hamilton and John Tinny.

1. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #1, Author - Bud Bauchspies:

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES, Section 1 – Executive Committee, para. 2, pg 11, line 4

Underlined text were the words which were inserted.

... During intervals between meetings of the BOM, the members of the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the Chairman and to act **for the Board of Management, including utilizing the powers of the Board of Management delineated in Article II Section 2. of these Bylaws**, on any matter that the Chairman deems to be of such urgency and importance that the action must be taken before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the BOM. ...

Recommendation: The Charter & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **adopt** this amendment.

2. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #2, Author Jack Coleman:

Text of Amendment – Indicates Some Affected Articles, Sections ...

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1 - President ...

Insert the following text:

Section 2 President-Elect

President-Elect, Florida Society Presidency Training Oriented; Will join the FLSSAR President in the implementation of all Society activities that are expected of a sitting Florida Society President. He will attend all chapter, state, district and national meetings which the President attends. This position is intended to allow an incumbent President to begin his term with a thorough knowledge of the operation of the Office of Florida Society President. The sitting President may also assign appropriate committee chairmanships to the President-Elect which will enhance the President-Elect's ability to perform his duties when he does take office.

If the President is absent, the President-Elect shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the BOM. He shall succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President and he shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.

Recommendation: The Charter & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **not adopt** this amendment; If approved, the change will impact the position as Sr. Vice President.

3. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #3, Author Frank Hodalski: Insert the following “new” section:

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 7. Endorsement of Candidates for National Office

Candidates who have declared for election to General Offices in the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society. Formal endorsements will not be made by the Florida Society before the Fall Meeting of the Board of Management.

Recommendation: The Charter & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **adopt** this amendment.

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Brevard

10/20/07 - 6 members of the Color Guard, G. Darby, B. DuBose, R. Ryan, B. Shapbell, S. Williams & P. Wright, participated in the induction of our two newest members, Kevin Shaughnessy & Phil Wright.

10/26/07 - 2 members of our Color Guard, B. DuBose & S. Williams joined the FLSSAR Color Guard at the Fall BOM.

11/12/07 - 3 members of the Color Guard, B. DuBose, F. Smith & P. Wright, participated in the Melbourne Veterans Day Parade.

11/17/07 - 6 members of the Color Guard, G. Darby, B. DuBose, R. Ryan, F. Smith, S. Williams & S. Wright participated in the induction of our newest member Raymond Norman, and in making an Eagle Scout presentation

Caloosa

January marks this chapter's 35th anniversary!

1973 charter members still active today are Alvin Frederick Grebey, III and Nevin Edgar Salot Chapter President 1975-1976 and past FLSSAR Regional Vice President.

January 9 Luncheon meeting speaker was Lt. Col. (USA Ret.) Paul N. Yacovich held at the Royal IPalm Yacht Club, Fort Myers. New Caloosa transfer member and FLSSAR Chaplain is Rev. Dr. Randy Moody.

Central Florida

Nov/Dec * Four Resolutions of Regret presented to families of Chapter members. The

Central Florida Chapter would like to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to the Clearwater Chapter for sharing this very meaningful program with us and other Chapters. Also during this period several new member prospects were identified and assistance offered by Registrar Cecil Thompson regarding their applications.

Charlotte

Noon meeting held second Friday each month September thru May at the Port Charlotte Elk's Club, 20225 Kenilworth, Port Charlotte.

Clearwater

On October 17, at their luncheon they honored the Law Enforcement & EMS persons with certificates.

On November 15, at their luncheon they had a speaker Wally Bowman Director of Education at the Safety Harbor Museum.

On December 7th the Fla. State Pres. Grant Wallin installed the Chapter Officers for the year 2008.

Major John DeVane

On Nov. 8th a retired Marine spoke & the West Cen. Regional V.P. presented the SAR programs

Emerald Coast

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Two Trees Restaurant, Fort Walton Beach Golf Course. The chapter participated in the City of Fort Walton Beach Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Flagler

The Chapter project of a Liberty Tree is on schedule. The tree has been planted in the Palm Coast Heroes Park and the plaque has been ordered. Dedication was held on 22 February 2008.

The annual SAR-DAR Christmas luncheon was held on 1 December 2008 at the Halifax Golf Club. Guest Speaker was Robert F Wright, Jr. PhD talking on the subject: "Misadventures of His Majesty's Sloop Otter in Central Florida.

Ft. Lauderdale

The chapter presented a program to the Veterans Home along with serving Ice Cream and cake. The Chapter was also very active with the High School ROTC programs presenting medals and certificates to deserving ROTC personnel. 54 members renewed their membership for the coming year.

Gainesville

Flag certificates were presented to the Santa Fe Community College Veterans Society and to the Board of Trustees. The Color Guard participated in the Univ. of Florida Homecoming Parade. Flag lapel pins were given to 50 new citizens at a Nov. Naturalization Ceremony. A number of patriotic presentations in uniform were given at four different elementary schools as well as at veterans programs at the WW II Memorial and Kanapaha Park in Gainesville, and in Old Town. Also the Chapter put out two editions of the Chapter newsletter, The Broadside, during the quarter.

Jacksonville

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Harvey Clark and Daughter for Compatriot Harvey Clark for his service during World War II. He was a member of the Jacksonville Chapter. A Life Membership pin was presented to Compatriot Jack Coleman during the December meeting. Four new members were recognized during the December meeting

Lakeland

On Nov. 17 the State Pres. Grant Wallin spoke on the SAR programs.

On Dec. 15th their speaker at the luncheon was a 91 year old retired schoolteacher.

Lake-Sumter

The Chapter had 4 new members approved bringing its membership up to 51. In addition it has 7 applications pending. The LS Color Guard was very busy participating in the Veterans Day Ceremony in Clermont, the Leesburg Christmas Parade, and the Ft. Mason Monument Celebration in Umatilla. Talks, especially Flag Talks were given to the Clermont DAR, the Loopers Village Club, and the Villages Singles Club. In addition, 7 members and 3 wives decorated the Lone Oak Cemetery with flags for Veterans Day. President Shukis and his wife, Joanne, represented the Chapter at the CAR Convention and at the St. Augustine Night Watch.

Miami

Guardsmen Doug Bridges and Richard Friberg participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On December 29th, Guardsmen Jack Acton, Doug Bridges, Charles Pelton, Donald Pelton and Dr. Robert Liebler carried the Colors during the Annual Junior Orange Bowl Parade in Coral Gables, Florida.

Naples

January was the Chapters Rumbaugh Contest as well as a presentation on Marquis de Lafayette given by DAR speaker Brigitte Van de Hove-Smith. Ms Smith was responsible for the Naples Chapter getting 3 new members, all who live in France!

Ocala

The Ocala Chapter had two applications approved during the quarter bringing its membership up to about 45 members. Primarily due to the efforts of Owen Malcolm, the Chapter Secretary, regular meetings are being rotated between dinners (5:00 PM) at the Perkins Restaurant at Exit 350 off I75 and noon luncheons at the Elks Club, which has increased attendance and participation. In addition a full slate of officers was elected at the Dec. 12 meeting. The following officers will be installed by President Wallin at the Jan. 16 dinner: President-Dale Sutton; 1VP-Peter Fitzpatrick; 2VP-Dave Stormzand; and Sec.-Treas., Owen Malcolm. Jim Partin, the Gainesville Chapter Genealogist is serving as genealogist for the Ocala Chapter as well

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Palm Beach

During the November the Chapter was treated to a thought provoking talk by former U.S. Senator Harry Johnson. He spoke on the oil industry, Oil Production, Worldwide political unrest and how one is affecting the other. During December the Chapter enjoyed the annual luncheon with the Palm Beach Chapter of the DAR and Christmas Music by the King's Academy Chorus. The January 15 meeting featured the presence of President Grant Wallin and his Wife Pat, as guests. President Wallin installed the Chapters new officers for 2008-2009. The new Chapter President is Elwyn Lewis Moore

Panama City

The chapter's Annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 18, 2007. We ask for your continued prayers for our compatriot member 1st Lt. USMC Andrew Macak who is under fire in Iraq.

Pensacola

1st Vice President Grover "Woody" Barnes inducted Steven Ray Simpson and Donald W. Fowler into membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. In addition, the membership application of Robert Langford was approved by NSSAR. Four NSSAR Flag Certificates were presented to Marie's Barber Shop, Mrs. Jane Reid, RADM George "Skip" Furlong, USN, Ret and CDR Terry Sutherland, USN, Ret. in recognition of their patriotic regular and proper display of the American Flag.

Saramana

On February 23, 2008 the Saramana Chapter Board of Governors honored our Veterans with the issuance of the "General George Washington Military Service Award" in observance of the 225th Anniversary of the ending of the Revolutionary War. The award was limited to 100 and on a first to apply basis. The award is for the Veterans who served to protect the freedom of the United States of America. This is a special onetime issue award and only presented to those who attend the Annual SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon. Saramana Chapter is authorized issuance of the award only. We presented Compatriot Willis Wheat, Jr. the 65-year SAR membership medal and Awarded one of the Daughters of the DAR this year's SAR Martha Washington Medal. The Sarasota Military Academy Compatriot and Head Master Dan Kennedy sent his Jr ROTC Cadet Color Guard, Drummers, Bag Pipers, Singers and Bugler to join our Colonial Color Guard unit. They marched with us to present the Colors and participated in our memorial service.

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St. Lucie River

December 2nd six members in uniform participated in the Fort Pierce annual Christmas Parade in downtown Fort Pierce. On Dec. 7th, two members in uniform with the Chapter colors joined the St. Lucie County Veterans Council's annual Pearl Harbor Day service at the WWII Memorial in Port St Lucie. The regular December meeting of the Chapter was held Dec. 8th, 2007.

St. Petersburg

On Nov. 17th the Chapter Pres. Spoke on the Battle of Cowpens. On Dec. 15th they had Dr. Bonez at their luncheon meeting.

Tallahassee

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

Tampa

Since the last BOM they have awarded the Law Enforcement certificate to a Hillsborough County Sheriff. Also had their annual joint meeting with the Fort Brooke Chapter of the C.A.R.

Treasure Coast

All of the things reported in this report were done by Compatriot William R. Stevenson in full uniform.

He gave the TOAST TO THE FLAG for the Canaveral Council No.3566, National Sojourners at Patrick AFB. He gave the TOAST TO THE FLAG at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Chapman Lever at the First United Methodist Church in Vero Beach. He gave the TOAST TO THE FLAG for the Canaveral Council No.3566, National Sojourners at Patrick AFB. He gave the TOAST TO THE FLAG & THE VOICE OF OLD GLORY at the Marine Corps League Detachment's Marine Corps Ball in Vero Beach.

Withlacoochee

John Camillo, who had served as President for four years, resigned as President at the Oct. 13 meeting and Dan Hans was installed as new Chapter President by President Wallin. At that meeting War service Medals with the Viet Nam Bar were given to 12 Viet Nam veterans who are Chapter members. Martha Washington Medals were given to two ladies for their contributions to the Chapter, and framed copies of the Declaration of Independence were given to the Director of the Citrus Co. Library.

Florida Society Charters New Chapter



**Lindsey Cook Brock,
National Trustee
Florida Society**

The Florida Society chartered its 30th chapter, the William Dunaway Chapter, on 5 January 2008. The chartering ceremony and installation of the new officers was conducted by President Grant R. Wallin, Jr. of the Florida Society. The William Dunaway Chapter was chartered in Greenwood, FL, and is named for William Dunaway who fought with the 5th Virginia Regiment during the American Revolution. VPG John R. Wallace of the Southern District and Chairman of the GWEFB Distribution Committee presented the chapter with a podium banner and desk flags and President Grant Wallin presented the chapter's President, Harry W. Dunaway, with U.S., SAR and Florida flags, and a check for \$400.00 from the Florida Society to assist with start-up expenses. The new chapter had eleven charter members, and it has several prospective members that are working on their applications to become members of the SAR.

The Florida Society Celebrates the 225th Anniversary of “The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution”

Lindsey Cook Brock, National Trustee, Florida Society

On Saturday, 8 March 2008, the Florida Society held its second annual celebration of the “*Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution*” at the facilities of the Canaveral Port Authority in Cape Canaveral, FL. This year, 2008, marked the 225th anniversary of this historic naval battle. The battle was fought in American waters south of Cape Canaveral. The battle strategy began on 9 March 1783, when the *Alliance*, Captain John Barry, and the *Duc de Lauzun*, Captain John Green, divided their precious cargo of \$72,000 Spanish silver dollars and other specie that were badly needed by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Off the coast of what would be today, Fort Pierce, they completed the transfer and headed northward along the Florida coast toward Cape Canaveral. At this same time, the British ships, *Alarm*, thirty-two gun frigate, Captain Charles Cotton, *Sybil*, twenty-eight gun frigate, Captain James Vashon, and *Tobago*, eighteen gun sloop-of-war, Captain George Martin, met off of the coast of Cape Canaveral and began cruising southward, looking for the American ships. The British ships were spotted by Captain Barry on the morning of 10 March 1783. Captain Barry decided to head southwest for the protection of the Spanish fleet, which he knew was sailing for a raid on Jamaica. As they tried to escape, the slower ship, the *Duc de Lauzun*, lagged behind. Captain Barry slowed his ship for the *Duc de Lauzun* to come alongside and advised Captain Green to jettison his cannon to lighten his ship. A fourth ship appeared on the horizon and the British ships shifted their positions, one breaking off from the pursuit. Captain Barry decided that the fourth ship was an ally, so he made the daring move to engage the one British ship, *Sybil*, which was closing in, and thus buy sufficient time for the *Duc de Lauzun* to escape to safety. Captain Barry deliberately placed his ship between

the *Duc de Lauzun* and the oncoming *Sybil*. The *Sybil* continued firing her cannon, and the *Alliance* took several shots, one smashed into the captain’s cabin killing a master’s mate and wounding several others. Captain Barry left the quarter deck and personally walked from cannon to cannon, encouraging and cautioning his men to not fire until he gave the order himself. He wanted to lure the enemy in as close as possible, “half a pistol range.” The *Alliance* took a full broadside from the *Sybil* and still did not fire her cannon. At the last moment, Captain Barry ordered the main topsail raised to mast position the *Alliance* directly abreast of the *Sybil*. At the order from Captain Barry the full fury of a broadside from his ship was unleashed upon the *Sybil*. The British guns went silent after forty minutes of close fighting; the *Sybil* lost two sails and had considerable damage to her hull. The *Sybil* quickly broke off from the fight and fled back to the other British vessels. Her casualties were reported to range up to thirty-seven killed and forty wounded. Thanks to the courage and skill of Captain Barry both American ships completed their mission, and on 20 March 1783, the *Alliance* sailed into New Port, RI, abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia given the strong presence of a British patrol. Thus, the last naval battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought and won off the coast of Florida, just south of Cape Canaveral – sealing another American naval victory! Captain William M. Drake, of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Unit of Cape Canaveral was the guest speaker at this year’s 225th anniversary celebration, and the Color Guard Unit from the Naval Ordnance Test Unit of Cape Canaveral presented and posted the Colors. The U. S. Navy Band Southeast, from Jacksonville, under the direction of MU1 (SW) Chief Musician, Kenny Oliver was also in

attendance and played several musical overtures and MU1 (SW) Vocalist James Collins of the Navy Band Southeast sung the National Anthem. Chris Kahl, singer/songwriter from Merritt Island, composed and sung a ballad about this historic naval battle, which was entitled “*The Last Day the Cannonballs Did Fly*.” The Eliza Clark Militia of the Georgia Society fired a volley in memory of the brave men who served aboard the *Alliance* and the Navy Band Southeast played Echo Taps immediately after the volley. There were twelve state societies represented at this year’s celebration and nearly 200 individual participants from various state societies and other organizations participated in The Massed Color Guard Parade. There were approximately 250 other spectators, for a grand total of approximately 450. NSSAR 225th streamers were given to all state societies and 225th lapel pins were given to everyone in attendance. The Massed Color Guard Parade ended with the performance by *The New Young Patriots* of Ft. Lauderdale who presented a medley of all the military songs. *The New Young Patriots* is a colorful marching group of young people, ages ten and up, who perform to promote patriotism among our youth and the general public. The group was recently acknowledged by The White House with a personal phone call and gift for promoting patriotism. There were fifty-three wreaths presented by various individual organizations, including representatives of the NSSAR, NSDAR, F.S.C.A.R. the local Florida Society SAR Chapters and other State Societies of SAR, C.A.R. and DAR. The 225th anniversary celebration of the last naval battle was a resounding success!

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Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Commander Col. Edward D. Young

January 13, 2008

The period of this report is from 28 October 2007 through 19 January 2008. Twenty-three Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Fall BOM on 26-27 October 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, with Guardsmen Oscar Bellamy, Lonnie Jones, Mark Kilgore, Ray Lantz, Price Legg, Grant Wallin and Ed Young, Presented the Colors for the Institution Ceremony of the new William Dunaway Chapter at Marianna, FL on 5 January 2008. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 18-19 January 2008 FLSSAR Winter 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 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. No report received.

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 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen DuBose and Williams participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Ryan, Shapbell, Williams and Wright participated in the induction of new members Kevin Shaughnessy and Phil Wright at a chapter meeting on 20 October 2007. On 12 November 2007, Guardsmen DuBose and Williams participated in the Melbourne Veteran's Day Parade. Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Ryan, Smith, Williams, Wright participated in the induction of our newest member, Raymond Norman and in making an Eagle Scout presentation.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Brown, Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. Guardsmen Honeywell, Jantzen, Kitchen, Tanner and Wallin marched in the Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital Veteran's Day Parade on 12 November 2007 and subsequently in Holiday Parades in Clearwater, Dunedin and New Port Richey.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 11 November 2007, Guardsmen Carr, Eisenhardt, Massey and Riediger participated in the Stuart Veteran's Day Parade, Guardsman Wise participated in the Ceremony at the St. Lucie Veteran's Park in Port St. Lucie and Guardsman North participated in the Memorial Service at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie. On 12 November 2007, Guardsmen Eisenhardt, Massey, North and Wise attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Okeechobee Veteran's Memorial. Guardsmen Eisenhardt, Kraehenbuehl, Massey, North, Riediger and Wise participated in a parade on 2 December 2007. On 7 December 2007, Guardsmen North and Wise participated in the observance of Pearl Harbor Day with local veterans organizations in Port St. Lucie.



Colonel Young

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. Four Guardsmen, under the command of Vice Commander Robert Reeves, participated in the 2007 Veteran's Day Ceremonies at the Kanapaha Veteran's Park where they stood guard at the Revolutionary War Memorial and received the wreath honoring those who sacrificed their lives in the formation of the United States. One Guardsman represented the SAR at the 2007 Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony at Oldtown. Three members in "Bravo" uniforms greeted new citizens at the official swearing-in ceremony in Gainesville.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 25-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. Guardsmen Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors during a Memorial Service conducted by the Three Rivers Chapter DAR at the grave of Aaron Snowden "A Revolutionary War Soldier" in the Milton Cemetery on 11 November 2007. On 14 November 2007, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated in presenting classroom flags to the students of the Bennett Russell Elementary School in Milton. On 5 January 2008, Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Jones, Kilgore, Legg, Lantz and Young marched with the Brigade at the Institution of the new William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna.

H. Nathaniel Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Miller, Riegle and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. No report received.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Bridges, Friberg and Pelton participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On 12 November 2007, Guardsman Bridges rode in the Homestead Veteran's Day Parade. Guardsmen Acton, C. Pelton, D. Pelton and Mitchell Posted the Colors at the 79th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon of the Coral Gables DAR Chapter on 17 November 2007. Guardsman Bridges spoke before the Golden Anchor DAR Chapter Meeting on 24 November 2007. On 29 December 2007, Guardsmen Acton, Bridges, C. Pelton, D. Pelton and Liebler carried the colors in the Annual Junior Orange Bowl Parade in Coral Gables. A brief history of the SAR and the Miami Chapter was announced at the parade and recorded for TV coverage.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 26-27 October, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color at the Fall BOM. Guardsmen Gaines, Hamilton, Little, Murray, Myers and Worsham Presented the Colors during two programs at the Lake Highland Preparatory School's Salute to Veterans on 9 November 2007, Guardsmen Gaines, Hamilton, Little, Murray and Myers Presented the Colors during the Mayflower Retirement Center's program to Veterans. Guardsmen Gaines, Little, Showen and Worsham marched as the second unit in the Orlando Veteran's

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Day Parade on 10 November 2007. On 11 November 2007, Guardsmen Gaines, Little, Murray, Showen and Worsham marched in the Celebration Veteran's Day Parade. Guardsmen Gaines, Little, Murray, Showen and Worsham participated in the City of Celebration Flag Retirement at the city flag pole on 11 November 2007. On 3 December 2007, Guardsmen Gaines, Hamilton, Little and Myers Presented and Posted the Colors at the William P. Duval DAR Chapter's Veterans Day Recognition meeting in Winter Park. Guardsmen Gaines, Hamilton, Little, Myers and Worsham Presented and Posted the Colors at the Orlando DAR Chapter 101st Anniversary and Christmas Celebration on 15 December 2007.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 13 October 2007, Guardsmen Craig, Nadolny, J. Pardee and P. Pardee Posted the Colors at the monthly chapter meeting to honor our Viet Nam Service members. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner, Townsend and Tucker marched in the Inverness Veteran's Day Parade on 10 November 2007. On 11 November 2007, Guardsman Sumner led the Massing of the Colors with the chapter's Betsy Ross Flag and J. and P. Pardee carried the American and SAR Flags at the First Methodist Church in Homosassa. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Rawson and Sumner rode in a float depicting George Washington Crossing the Delaware in the Brooksville Christmas Parade on 8 December 2007.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsmen Shukis and Toops participated with the Brigade at the Fall BOM. No report received.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsman D. Cahill participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. The Camp has posted Guardsmen for the Flag Detail at each chapter meeting during this reporting period. Guardsmen Applegate, Ballou, D. Cahill, S. Cahill, Lopus, McCarity and McCullough plan to participate in the Naples Patriotic Moment, an evening Flag Retirement and Program honoring the Armed Services of the United States on 27 January 2008.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period. No report received.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 26-27 October 2007, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Fall BOM. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" at the National Sojourners Canaveral Council No. 3566 at Patrick AFB on 1 October, 5 November and 3 December 2007, the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Chapman Lever at the First United Methodist Church in Vero Beach on 15 October 2007, the Viet Nam Moving Wall in Ft. Pierce on 1 December 2007, the Pearl Harbor Program at Memorial Island in Vero Beach on 7 December 2007, at the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge No. 250 Installation of Officers on 28 December 2007 and at the Institution Ceremony of the new William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna on 5 January 2008. Guardsman Stevenson also performed the "Toast to the Flag" and "The Voice of Old Glory" at the Marine Corps Ball in Vero Beach on 19 November 2007 and at the Community College's Massing of the Colors in Cocoa on 11 November 2007.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Outpost participated in the City of Fort Walton Beach's Veterans Day Ceremony and presented a wreath in honor of departed veterans.



2008 - 2009 FLSSAR NOMINATIONS

Nominated as South Atlantic District VPG
Lindsey Cook Brock, Jacksonville

President - Ronald E. Toops, Lake-Sumter

Senior Vice President - William R. Stevenson, Treasure Coast

RVP Northwest - Edward D. Young, Pensacola

RVP NorthCentral - Dr. Gordon E. Greenwood, Gainesville

RVP Northeast - David R. Ramseur, Jacksonville

RVP East Central - Hermann Hall Riediger, St. Lucie River

RVP West Central - Nelson W. Jantzen, Clearwater

RVP Southeast - Gerald E. Meeks, Palm Beach

RVP Southwest - Donald B. Cahill, Caloosa

Secretary - Kevin A. Yarnell, Tampa

Treasurer - Leon R. Hammock, Sr., Clearwater

Recording Secretary - Terrence M. Walton, Caloosa

Registrar - Theodore M. Duay, III, Ft. Lauderdale

Chancellor - Carl K. Hoffmann, Saramana

Chaplain - Dr. Randy D. Moody, Caloosa

Genealogist - Gerald E. Meeks, Palm Beach

Editor, *The Florida Patriot* - Richard Q. Fowler, St. Lucie River

Historian - Robert G. Murray, Central Florida

Member-At-Large, Executive Committee

John E. Cahoon, Jr., Emerald Coast

Sergeant-At-Arms—Phillip H. Tarpley, Saramana

The 2008 - 2009 Nominating Committee members are: Lindsey Brock, Jacksonville, Chairman; John E. Cahoon, Emerald Coast; Alvie Davidson, Lakeland; Fred F. Gaines, Jr., Central Florida and Frank X. Hodalski, Saramana.

Winter Board of Management Meeting

January 18 - 19, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Wallin at 8:56 p.m., 18 January 2008. The invocation was given by Jack Coleman, substituting for Chaplain Randy Moody, who was otherwise engaged in Rumbaugh oration contest matters. Grant Wallin then led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the SAR, and the American Creed. Secretary Yarnell circulated an attendance sheet, with various members present from the following chapters: Brevard, Caloosa, Central Florida, Clearwater, Emerald Coast, Flagler, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Lake-Sumter, Miami, Naples, Palm Beach, Pensacola, Saramana, St. Lucie River, Tampa, Treasure Coast, and Withlacoochee which constituted a quorum. President Wallin requested reports, if any, from national officers and committee chairs; there were none.

The report of the National Trustee, Lindsey Brock, appears on p.7 of the Quarterly Reports of the Florida Officers and Committee Chairmen, Winter Board of Management Meeting, Kissimmee, January 18-19, 2008 (*BLUE BOOK*), a publication that is an integral part of the official minutes. Page numbers cited in these minutes refer to the Blue Book. A copy of the BLUE BOOK is available through all local chapters. State officers were then asked for reports. The seven RVP reports appear in the Blue Book (pp.9-14), with the exception of the Southwestern RVP, Don Cahill, who gave his report orally. Other state officer reports appear on pp.14-18 of the Blue Book; Frank Hodalski, Parliamentarian, requested permission to give his *Support the Troops* report, summarizing recent activity (33 boxes sent), and various correspondence and photos, as well as a detailed financial report. Other members offered various ideas for contributing to the *Support the Troops* effort. Alvie Davidson announced that he would be stepping down as Genealogist after ten years of service, offering high praise for the nomination of Gerald Meeks as his successor.

After receiving three responses from printers, Grant Wallin reported that the Executive Committee decided to stay with the current *Florida Patriot* printer, but recommended that submission deadlines be moved up two weeks beyond the present requirement to prevent future publication delays. The publication submission deadlines will be available on the website.

The Finance Committee report, given by Treasurer Leon Hammock, appears on

pp.19-20. Ted Duay requested a clarification of several accounts: 503, Donations Received, should be changed to Operating Budget Trust Fund to distinguish it from other gifts; 604, Secretary's Expense, is for the rental of a room to house Society records and other items; 608, Editor's Expense, is for *Florida Patriot* printing and mailing expenses; 857, Support the Troops, is for mailing expenses. Ben Dubose asked that account 847 be changed to Patriotic Education Committee. President Wallin made a motion to approve the two account name changes; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Members attending BOM for the first time introduced themselves: Carl Brown, Jacksonville; Daniel Hans, Withlacoochee; and Weymouth Reed, Jacksonville.

Lindsey Brock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Lindsey Brock, John Cahoon, Alvie Davidson, Fred Gaines, and Frank Hodalski), reported the following nominations for 2008-2009 officers: President: Ron Toops; Sr. Vice President: William Stevenson; Northwest Regional Vice President: Ed Young, North Central Regional Vice President: Gordon Greenwood; West Central Regional Vice President: Nelson Jantzen; North East Regional Vice President: David Ramseur; East Central Regional Vice President: Hall Reidiger, South East Regional Vice President: Gerald Meeks; Southwest Regional Vice President: Don Cahill; Secretary: Kevin Yarnell; Treasurer: Leon Hammock; Registrar: Ted Duay, III; Genealogist: Gerald Meeks; Chaplain: Randy Moody; Recording Secretary: Terry Walton; Chancellor: Carl Hoffmann; Sergeant-at-Arms: Phil Tarpley; Historian: Bob Murray, Editor: Dick Fowler; Executive Committee Member-at-Large: John Cahoon, Jr. The election will be held May 3, 2008, at the annual meeting, which coincides with the Spring BOM meeting, May 2-4, 2008. All eligible FLSSAR members can vote and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

President Wallin discussed the bylaws pertaining to BOM voting eligibility, pointing out the need and difficulty of making changes to the bylaws. He requested the Secretary to determine the voting eligibility of BOM registrants and to verify them later in the meeting. Chairman Nelson Jantzen, Chapter Challenge Committee, reported that the 2007 forms must be in the hands of the RVP's by March 1st, and that the

Executive Committee had approved revisions to the 2008 form to be submitted in 2009. Both forms will be on the website. There was discussion of the Earl Marlin award, and the cash incentives associated with that award. Ron Toops, Chairman of the Charter and Bylaws Committee, reported on the three proposed amendments (pp.22-23) submitted at the Fall BOM. The Committee voted to adopt amendment 1, to not adopt amendment 2, and to adopt amendment 3. The amendments will be formally put to a membership vote at the annual meeting on May 3rd.

President Wallin reported that John Little has resigned as chair of the Commemorative Historic Sites Committee, and requested Lindsey Brock to report. Lindsey recapped recent developments relating to the Last Naval Battle (related in recent SARTALK/FLATALK communications, and the *Florida Patriot*. The highlights include the presence of the *USS Barry* and the US Naval Band, as well as the approval of NSSAR large and small commemorative medals.

Committee, under the aegis of the Last Naval Battle Committee, until such time as a chairman is appointed.

President Wallin received the voting eligibility verification from Secretary Yarnell, indicating that all members present were eligible to vote (57). He then explained that nominations for the position of Vice President General South Atlantic District, NSSAR, would be requested.

Ron Hamilton nominated Frank Hodalski and described his background and qualifications for the specified three minutes.

Jack Coleman then nominated Lindsey C. Brock and described his background and qualifications for the position. Both candidates spoke for the stipulated three minutes.

Tellers were then appointed: David Kelsey for Lindsey Brock, Ron Hamilton for Frank Hodalski, and John Cahoon as Head Teller. Ballots were then distributed. Reports for the Credentials and DAR Liaison Committees appear on p. 24. Chairman David Ramseur updated his Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee report which appears on p.25. Eight applications were received, with three scholarships awarded: 1st place went to Tampa (\$1,000), 2nd place to Brevard (\$500), and 3rd place to Clearwater (\$250). The Ladies Auxiliary will also be awarding additional scholarship funds to the three outstanding scouts. The

Winter Board of Management Meeting (continued)

January 18-19, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

1st place winner and his parents will be recognized and awarded at the Spring/Annual BOM meeting on May 2nd.

Ted Duay, III reported that the Genealogy Committee workshop held on 18 January 2008 had 30 participants, and that another workshop will be hosted at the Spring/Annual meeting.

The Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest Committee chairman, Randy Moody, reported that the three entrants were judged on 18 January 2008, and the winners were: 1st Place: Jinan Martiuk, Saramana Chapter; 2nd Place, Matthew Berning; 3rd Place: Arash Nasajpour. Cash awards were \$500, \$250, and \$100 respectively, plus additional awards from the Ladies Auxiliary. The 1st Place contestant, Jinan Martiuk, will be going to National. Judges were Dick Cardell, Gordon Greenwood, and Terry Walton. Doorkeeper was Lonnie Jones.

President Wallin announced that the ballots had been counted and the next Vice President General, South Atlantic District, will be Lindsey C. Brock. Since Florida is next in rotation for the position, his actual election will be a formality.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 p.m., 18 January 2008.

The BOM reconvened at 8:30 a.m., 19 January 2008.

Education Committee Chairman Ron Toops's report is on p.25. He added that our dinner speaker, Jason Caros, was right on target with his assessment of the lack of current legislation promoting Social Studies, Civics & Government, American History, and History in general.

President Wallin reported for the Executive Committee. He noted that the combined federal campaign reports were due on December 31, and that the information gathered should benefit the SAR at all levels. The Treasurer will keep chapters informed of IRS reporting requirements as they are updated. There was a discussion of the possible move to a new location for NSSAR HQ, which will be discussed here at a later point. There was a discussion of ETF distribution of funds. The rules will remain the same (25% contribution by chapters, 50% initial distribution of the reimbursement amount), and that there will be adequate funds to cover the year-end shortfall. A motion to leave the rules in place and to approve payment of the final installment to chapters was made. It was seconded and passed.

The Last Naval Battle Committee chairman, Ben Dubose, reported on arrangements made so far for the March

8th event. He requested that chapters email him with the number of attendees they expect to have. Registration & reservation details are available on the website.

Ben Dubose also went on to make the Liberty Tree Committee report. The Committee is proposing that Liberty Tree reimbursement requests be increased by \$100 to a total of \$350 per chapter. They will formally submit this proposal to the Executive Committee for approval.

Lindsey Brock confirmed that a contract will be signed with the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway for the 2008-2009 period. His report appears on p.28.

The NSSAR Library Committee report appears on p.29. Chairman Terry Walton urged all FLSSAR members and chapters to show their commitment and involvement by becoming a Friend of the SAR Library by sending a \$25 check to SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203, Att'n: Friends of the Library. Grant Wallin noted that there is a national contest for societies with the greatest percentage of membership increase that we can win if we can increase our membership this year. Terry Walton added that although we remain first in the nation in FOL membership, we are rapidly being overtaken by other societies.

Patriotic Activities Chairman Hal Miller's report appears on pp.29-30. He urged all chapters to become involved in the Flag Program, and to report their chapter flag activities by email to Frank Hodalski (fhodalski@msn.com) by April 1st, the date set by the NSSAR Flag Committee. The Florida Society will compete for the Rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award based on their statewide Flag Program activities.

The ROTC Committee report appears on pp.32-33. Chairman Lonnie Jones clarified the distinction between Bronze JROTC Program and the Enhanced Program. JROTC Enhanced Program packages (includes Nomination Form, 500-700 word essay, recommendation letters from both the senior instructor and school principal stating that the candidate meets the requirements of class standing and GPA) are due to the chairman before April 1, 2008.

Chairman Ron Toops's Advancing America's Heritage Committee report appears on p.33 and focuses exclusively on the issue of relocation options for the national headquarters, which was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

The Americanism Elementary Poster

Contest report appears on p.34. Ed Young noted that the chapters should be in contact with their schools, presenting the requirements of the contest, and establishing the guidelines/procedures for judging any submissions. The chapter's winning poster should be brought (not mailed) to the BOM on May 2nd where each will be displayed. NSSAR Constitution & Bylaws Review Committee Chairman Carl Hoffmann noted that the only development that came out of the last Leadership meeting was the suggestion that a new national officer be created: "Inspector General." The reaction of BOM members present was uniformly jocular.

The New Chapter Development Committee, chaired by Steve Williams (not to be confused with William Stevenson), is reported on pp.33-34. Both Steve and Grant Wallin were happy to report that the Florida Society now has 30 chapters, the latest being the William Dunaway Chapter of Greenwood, FL, which was chartered at a January 5th meeting.

FLSSAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds, including the ETF and OTF Trust Funds status, was reported by Chairman Ted Duay. Ted asked if members would prefer an abbreviated report at the quarterly meetings with a detailed summarization at the annual meeting; member response was affirmative. Ted was once again complimented on the terrific job he and his committee are doing.

Trust Fund Development Committee Chairman Jack Coleman delivered an unusually restrained but inspiring appeal to the collective consciences (and wallets) of those present.

Commander Ed Young's report for the Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade appears on pp.56-58. It was also noted by a BOM member that the new Dunaway Chapter may qualify as an Outpost. With the transfer of two Brigade members to the Caloosa Chapter (Moody father and son), Caloosa Chapter has been approved as Outpost D.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A lengthy dialog ensued between a dozen members on ideas and techniques for recruiting and retaining members. 192 members failed to renew this year, of which, Kevin Yarnell estimates, probably half will return.

FLORIDA SOCIETY DECEASED AND NEW MEMBERS

New Members

Last Name	First Name	Chapter	Ancestor First	Ancestor Last	Membership Type
Baird, Sr.	Larry	Pensacola	Joseph	Randolph	Regular
Baker	Aaron	Brevard	Silas	Baker, Sr.	Youth
Baker	Kurtis	Brevard	Silas	Baker, Sr.	Regular
Baker	Barry	Brevard	Silas	Baker, Sr.	Regular
Brown	Corbett	Lake-Sumter	Brinkley	Corbitt	Regular
Brown	Ryan	Jacksonville	Daniel	Grant	Regular
Bushnell	Earle	Lake-Sumter	Handley	Bushnell	Regular
Caris	Brandon	Pensacola	Reuben	Ard	Regular
Covan	James	Pensacola	Lazare	Couvain	Regular
Covan, Jr.	James	Pensacola	Lazare	Couvain	Regular
Crapo, II	Harold	Saramana	Francis	Crapo	Regular
Entwistle	William	Saramana	Samuel	McCampbell	Regular
Gaskins	Taylor	Jacksonville	Hezekiah	Wade	Youth
Gaskins	Bennett	Jacksonville	Hezekiah	Wade	Youth
Holland	Daniel	Pensacola	Reuben	Ard	Regular
Krey	Robert	Lake-Sumter	Charles	Yelton	Regular
Lee	Lendel	Pensacola	Plyer	Barbour	Regular
Lee	Jason	Pensacola	Plyer	Barbour	Regular
Leisner	Anthony	Clearwater	John	Potterf	Regular
Leisner	William	Clearwater	John	Potterf	Regular
Lord	Carroll	Brevard	James	Alexander	Regular
Morrison	Richard	Lake-Sumter	Francis	Morrison, Sr.	Regular
Moulton	Nathaniel	Treasure Coast	David	Moulton	Youth
Moulton	Richard	Treasure Coast	David	Moulton	Regular
Moulton	David	Treasure Coast	David	Moulton	Regular
Nelson, Jr.	Eddie	Pensacola	Reuben	Ard	Regular
Phillips	Carroll	Caloosa	Charles	Carroll	Regular
Riegle	Oliver	Saramana	John	Riegel	Youth
Riegle	Coleman	Saramana	John	Riegel	Youth
Riegle	Evan	Saramana	John	Riegel	Youth
Schulke	John	Caloosa	Samuel	Farmer	Regular
Selsor	Harry	Jacksonville	James	Kelley	Regular
Serio, Jr.	Charle	Brevard	Daniel	Bankston	Regular
Stoltz	Gary	Jacksonville	Joseph	Wells	Regular
Walker	Pual	Pensacola	Joseph	Caswell	Regular
Warner, Jr.	Justin	Daytona-Ormond	Solomon	Brewer	Regular
Wilkinson	Stephen	Ft. Lauderdale	Silas	Wolcott	Regular
Wilson	Joshua	Central Florida	Josiah	Daniels	Regular

Deceased members

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	Chapter
Bushong	Russell	3/16/2008	Lakeland
Burnette	Virgil	3/10/2008	Brevard
Warden	Rex	12/22/2007	Charlotte
Simmons, III	Robert	12/19/2007	Jacksonville
Reed	Montford	12/15/2007	Jacksonville
Krais, Jr.	Frederick	12/14/2007	Palm Beach
Reed	A.	11/14/2007	Palm Beach
Sheppard	William	11/04/2007	Jacksonville
Fuller	Scott	10/23/2007	Palm Beach
Meade, Jr.	Everard	10/11/2007	Palm Beach

SAMPLE OF A RESOLUTION OF REGRET AND RESPECT (From the Clearwater Chapter)

RESOLUTION OF REGRET AND RESPECT

WHEREAS: God, our loving Father, in the light of His wisdom, has taken from our chain of fellowship and association a shining link, and thus added it to the company of grace in His Kingdom, and WHEREAS: Compatriot _____, a loyal and active member of the _____ Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, whose departure we so deeply feel, and whose life has been an example of benevolence and patriotic fortitude both to his family and his friends, and WHEREAS: That while we regret that the earthly association with Compatriot _____ has been severed, we realize that Compatriot _____ has gone to a brighter presence and greater field of service. We feel that to grieve over his passing is to sorrow over his advancement, and WHEREAS: That while the _____ Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution has lost a valued member, officer and citizen, as well as a strong defender of the faith and principals of freedom and democracy, his beloved family has lost a husband and father. Let us resolve to offer his family our deep love and sincere appreciation of his worth and faithful stewardship these many years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2008 that we present this resolution to his family and that we place a copy in the Chapter records, to better enshrine the memory of our fallen Compatriot within our hearts. Signed the __ Day of _____, 2008 at _____, Florida

_____ President, _____ Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

ATTEST: _____ Secretary, _____ Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

REGISTRATION FORM

FLORIDA SOCIETY

Sons Of The American Revolution

Spring/Annual Board of Management Meeting

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

May 2-4, 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: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

I will be attending:

Genealogy Workshop

Webmaster Workshop

EVENTS	MEAL CHOICES	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
May 2nd - Friday Evening Awards Banquet	Grilled Fish or	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Baked Vegetable Lasagna or	\$23.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Home Style Meatloaf	\$22.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Dessert: Pecan Pie	-		
May 3rd - Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or	\$17.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Club Croissant	\$17.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Dessert - Yellow Cake w/ Chocolate Icing			
May 3rd - Saturday Evening Annual Banquet	Chicken Normandy or	\$23.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Pasta Primavera or	\$22.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Smokehouse Grilled Pork	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Dessert - Chocolate Cake with Icing			
	Registration Fee - SAR Members Only	\$8.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Total			\$ _____

The above meals include Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE April 24, 2008

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any dietary requirements.

Send your check (Payable to "Treasurer FLSSAR") to:

Compatriot David Kitchen
230 Milwaukee Ave.
Dunedin, FL 34698-8011
Email: 2kitchen1@verizon.net
Phone: 727-733-5383

The Clearwater Chapter Welcomes You
To the Spring/Annual 2008

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
Kissimmee, FL : May 2-4, 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

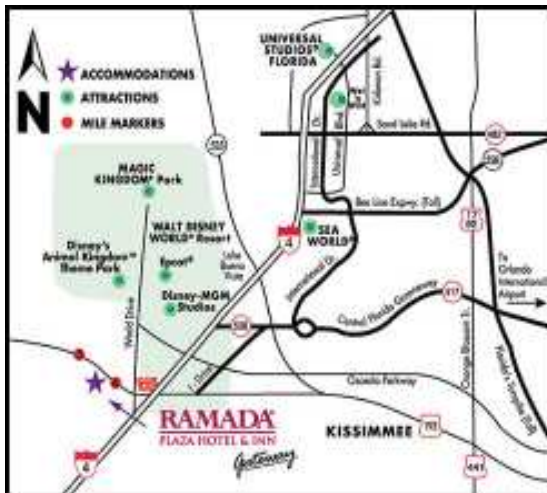
Check out time 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with
RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

Room Rates: \$65.00, plus current 13% tax.

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

The block of rooms will be held until April 26, 2008. After
that, rooms will be "if available" and with FLSSAR price.



If you are attending the Spring/Annual 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, May 2

1:00PM - 4:30P.M. Registration – Hotel Lobby
1:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M. - Executive Committee Meeting - Board Room 260
2:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M. - Regional VP Meeting Room 260
2:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room 254
3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. - Website Workshop- Salon 3
4:00 P.M.- 4:30 P.M. - Color Guard Mount Flags- Salon 4 & 5
4:30 PM - 5:15 :PM - Color Guard Practice - Salon 4 & 5
5:15 P.M.- 6:00 P.M - Gathering - Cash Bar - Salon 4 & 5
6:00 P.M.- 8:30 P.M. - Awards Banquet - Salon 4 & 5.
8:30 P.M.- 10:00 P.M.- BOM Meeting - Salon 3
8:30 P.M.- 11:00 P.M.- Hospitality Room Open 254

Saturday, May 3

8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Ladies Continental Breakfast and Hospitality Room Open Room 254
8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. BOM Meeting Salon 3
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Genealogy Workshop Salon 3
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Youth Awards Luncheon - Salon 4 & 5
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. FLSSAR Annual Meeting - Salon 3
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Salon 2
2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Hospitality Room Open - Room 254
4:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. Color Guard Practice
5:15 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Cash Bar
6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. Installation Banquet - [Speaker David Appleby, Secretary General, NSSAR](#)
9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, May 4

8:30 A.M. New Officers 2008-2009 Dutch Treat Breakfast in the Hotel Restaurant

Upcoming FLSSAR Events:

Summer BOM Meeting August 15-16, 2008

Fall BOM Meeting Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2008

Winter BOM Meeting January 30 - 31, 2009

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Kissimmee, FL 1-800 327-9170

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution
Cape Canaveral, Florida, February 27 - 28, 2009

Upcoming NSSAR Events

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:
March 5 -6, 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 Spring/Annual BOM meeting is the Clearwater Chapte. David Kitchen of the Clearwater Chapter is the Chairman of the Host Committee and is handling Registration.

Other Florida Society Activities



Above is a photo taken by member Howard Reed at the Installation of the new officers for the Palm Beach Chapter, conducted on 15 Jan 2008 at the Sailfish Club, Palm Beach. From the left are Florida Society President Grant Wallin, Past President and Acting Treasurer Ed Buckley, President Elwyn Moore, 1st Vice-President Brett Brown, 2nd Vice-President Michael Johnson, Recording Secretary Howard Morton, Chaplain Father Gregory Champion, Genealogist/Registrar Austin Hardy and Sergeant-at-Arms Eugene Wagner. Absent was Membership Secretary Hos Morse. These gentleman were elected for their respective positions for 2008-2010.



Compatriots Chaplain Rev. Randy Moody, Saramana Chapter President Phillip Tarpley and Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman Peter Douglas with Jinan Martiuk, Rumbaugh winner.

BOM MEETING PICTURES

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Kissimmee, FL - January 18, 2008



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In the spotlight

At the Last Naval Battle ceremonies on March 8, 2008, Dr. Rick Price, representing Alabama and Ohio and Dick Fowler, representing Ohio and Florida presented a wreath honoring the Heroes of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution which occurred off Cape Canaveral, Florida on March 10, 1783.



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