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Statue at the World Trade Center in New Orleans, Louisiana of General Bernardo de Galvez, hero of the Battle of Pensacola. This will be celebrated in Pensacola on May 7-8, 2009 with a reenactment of the British surrender of Pensacola in 1781. (For story, see pages 3 and 4).

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President's Message

By Compatriot Ronald E. Toops



"The greatest myth about communications, is that it has occurred!"

As we begin a new set of events for the Florida Society, I think about the opportunities which exist for the coming years. We are continuing to establish new chapters. We are assessing the Battle of Pensacola as an opportunity to create another annual recognition for the FLSSAR and NSSAR. We have observed new ways to bring the events of the American Revolution to youth through the Middle School Essay and the efforts associated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. We each have the opportunity to influence our local state legislators to implement legislation which restores the importance of Social Studies Education into our public schools.

After reviewing the membership data for the last eight years, I find that the Florida Society has basically seen no major changes. If we define and focus on numerical objectives over the next several years and then meet them, we can in fact increase our membership. It would be a very positive result if with a little effort, we could get back to 2000 FLSSAR members.

Similar review of the Chapter Challenge data indicates what programs are receiving the most chapter attention and, of course, which programs do not have significant chapter participation. It is my opinion if the chapters make an effort to increase their individual chapter membership, the participation in the various programs will increase. I do believe that the society might be able to make policy which may assist chapters make program participation decisions.

As your newly elected Florida Society President, I had the honor to visit one of the smallest chapters (Maj. John DeVane) and one of the largest (Jacksonville). I was very pleased with each one, not only for the best meals that I have ever experienced, but for the itemized activities in which they each participate. It was, and will be, my objective during my term to not only share the state of the society's activities, but to encourage chapters to participate in our youth and other programs. I noted that one of the easiest programs is the Flag Certificate program, and I challenged each chapter to provide at least one certificate in 2008. I encourage other chapters to also consider this easy challenge for 2008.

My initial efforts have been to work with the webmaster, the secretary and the editor, along with the committee chairmen to define the committees and their associated membership. I also have been encouraging some of the activities associated with making the Battle of Pensacola, visible to the membership through material placed in *The Patriot*. It is my hope, that we can create a strategy similar to the most successful, "Last Battle of the American Revolution".

At this time I want to thank Lindsey Brock, Steve Williams, Dick Fowler and Grant Wallin for guiding me through the minefield of FLSSAR President. I truly appreciate their advice and guidance.

I have my new tuxedo purchased, my registration/airline tickets in hand, the credentials and the Americanism Poster ready to take to the upcoming 118th NSSAR Annual Congress in Sacramento CA (July 4 - July 10th). I am looking forward to the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Fraternally,
Ronald E. Toops, President

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From the Editor's Desk

Compatriots and Friends,

By the time this reaches you, I will have joined fellow-members from all over the country at The NSSAR National Congress in Sacramento, CA. We always learn a lot from each other, and I am anxious to attend the Newsletters & Periodicals committee seminar there. It will be led by Steve Vest, the Editor of NSSAR's *The SAR Magazine*.



Dick Fowler

Steve has vast experience in the publishing field and will help all of us newsletter editors to do a better job.

Thanks to those who have led our own Florida Society seminars by teaching and inspiring us to do better in our activities. This makes our meetings even more meaningful.

Our Pensacola Chapter is getting ready to host a new event in their area in May of 2009 which is expected to be Nationally significant. Not much is known about *Washington's Second Front*, but departed Pensacola Chapter member, Ralph Cramer made a unique and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the Battle of Pensacola which you can see on pages 3 and 4 of this edition. More details will be forthcoming.

Dick Fowler, Editor

**Deadline for submissions for the
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Battle of Pensacola

Part of the American Revolutionary War



Spanish grenadiers and Havana militia pour into Fort George.
Oil on canvas, U.S. Army Center for Military History.

Spanish siege of Pensacola begins

After successfully capturing British positions in Louisiana and Mississippi, Spanish General Bernardo de Galvez, commander of the Spanish forces in North America, turns his attention to the British-occupied city of Pensacola, Florida, on March 9, 1781. General Galvez and a Spanish naval force of more than 40 ships and 3,500 men landed at Santa Rosa Island and began a two-month siege of British occupying forces that becomes known as the Battle of Pensacola.

Galvez's flotilla survived a hurricane in harbor before initiating two months of constant artillery and cannon bombardment of the British forts. By April 23, reinforcements had arrived, increasing Galvez's total force to 7,800 and, on the morning of May 8, 1781, the 18-year British occupation of Pensacola, Florida, ended with a British surrender. The British lost 105 men; the Spanish lost 78. An additional 198 Spaniards were wounded. Spain took 1,113 prisoners and sent 300 Britons to Georgia on the promise that they would not reenter the British military.

Spain never officially signed an alliance with the American revolutionaries, as King Charles III was hesitant about the precedent he might be starting by encouraging the population of another empire to overthrow their monarch. However, Spain also wanted to regain Gibraltar in the Mediterranean and solidify control of its North American holdings, so it allied itself to France in the international war against Britain. As a result, Spain regained West Florida during the fighting and East Florida, which it exchanged for the Bahamas, in the final peace. Though Gibraltar remained in British control, Spain held all the land surrounding the Gulf of Mexico.

From: www.history.net

WASHINGTON'S SECOND FRONT

Credit: Ralph N. Cramer, Sr., President Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution (1995-1996)

[Condensed for inclusion in this edition of *The Florida Patriot*]

Presented at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Florida Society, S.A.R. in Pensacola
March 14, 1996.

Britain controlled all of the vast area of British West Florida, with fortifications and outposts, during the early years of the American Revolution.

George Washington's Second Front consisted of a Northern Campaign and a Southern Campaign. Our main focus will be on the Southern Campaign. It involved the province of British West Florida, a rectangular piece of real estate. The Spanish controlled the west bank of the Mississippi River, and the British controlled the east bank. This made for numerous altercations between them as General Galvez controlled the traffic on the river from New Orleans.

British West Florida extended from the east bank of the Mississippi up to the 31st parallel (above Natchez, Mississippi) then east to the Apalachicola River, then south to the Gulf of Mexico. It was a frontier area and a haven for loyalists who fled the eastern seaboard. It was at peace and remote from the Revolution... but in fear of war. Spain declared war on May 19, 1779 as an ally of France... not to help the American cause, as King Carlos III did not want to appear to be aiding the overthrow of a monarchy... his principal motive was to kick the British lion while he was wounded.

When the news reached (Louisiana) Governor Galvez, he was ready and anxious to move. Unfortunately, his first expedition was hit by a devastating hurricane. However, 10 days after the storm, he advanced on Ft. Bute at Manchac, Louisiana, 90 miles up the Mississippi River from New Orleans. Ft. Bute was captured September 7 and Ft. New Richmond at Baton Rouge on the 21st; shortly thereafter Natchez, Mississippi fell. So, within a month, Galvez had captured 3 forts, 3 smaller outposts, 28 British officers, and 550 troops... his losses—1 killed and 2 wounded.

On March 4, 1780, General Galvez set sail for Mobile with 13 vessels, but on March 6 his forces were hit with another hurricane, thus delaying his offensive. On March 17, 1780, after 4 days of siege, Ft. Charlotte at Mobile fell. Meanwhile, the British thought it would be a great idea to recapture Mobile. In January, 1781, General Campbell sent a force of 600—300 soldiers and 300 Indians—to seize Mobile. The attack was repulsed by the Spaniards, and Mobile was saved.

The British attack on Mobile and its gallant defense gave the Spanish a wake-up call. Galvez marshaled 1,400 regulars, 4 artillerymen, 25 American Volunteers, 32 militiamen, 90 free mulattoes and blacks, and 75 slaves, in total a force of over 3,800. They faced a British force of about 1,000, half of which were Indians and a quarter Waldeckers (German mercenaries) and the rest Englishmen.

The Battle of Pensacola has been labeled by historians as the best documented battle in history. (British) General Campbell kept a ship's log and General Galvez kept a meticulous daily diary, and both were published after the war. A two months' siege of Pensacola began on March 9, 1781 when under cover of darkness he (General Galvez) landed his troops and military impedimenta on Santa Rosa Island. For the next six weeks the Spanish opened trenches at night, extending their lines ever closer to the main fortification. The British, on the other hand, sent their Indians out at night to try to halt the movement, but the attackers moved ever closer. The entrenchments were completed by May 1st, cannon were mounted, and the two adversaries proceeded to shell each other continuously, without much effect on either side.

On the 8th of May, between 8:30 and 9:00 AM, one of the two Spanish howitzers firing from their new position landed a shell in the open doorway of the British main powder magazine while the British soldiers were obtaining fresh powder. A terrific explosion rocked the redoubt and, in an instant, reduced that body of the fort to a heap of rubbish. (General) Campbell reported losing 48 regulars and 27 seamen with that one shot.

Galvez was quick to move into the breach, seizing what was left of the redoubt and opening fire at much closer range. The British returned the fire but the Spanish now held the high ground... 30 more British soldiers (were killed) and General Campbell realized continuing the action was hopeless. The formal surrender took place at 3:00 PM on the afternoon of May 10, 1781, thereby ending British control of the Gulf of Mexico.

Few people, if asked to name the important battles of the American Revolution, would include the Battle of Pensacola. Few, indeed, are even acquainted with the battle... but the struggle between Spain and England for supremacy along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico was one of the most important strategic battles of the Revolution. At the ensuing Peace treaty, Spain ceded not only British West Florida, but East Florida as well. Spain's ownership of Florida facilitated American acquisition of the area later. Had Britain retained West Florida, she would have been an obstacle to American expansion. Under control of Spain and with the presence of large numbers of loyalists, who in time became pro-American.

Spain's involvement in the American Revolution was late and indirect; but the fact that they replaced the English as a factor in the lower Mississippi River Valley and the Gulf of Mexico was indeed significant. We have honored Bernardo de Galvez's victories with the placing of a bronze historical plaque at Ft. George in downtown Pensacola, dedicated to the 25 American Volunteers who served with him in 1781.. See: <http://www.galveston.com/history>; References: Battle of Pensacola, N. Orwin Rush

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Brevard

The Chapter held its second annual Genealogy Fair along with five local chapters of the DAR and four genealogical groups. A recruiting table was set up and nine Chapter members attended. Compatriots B. DuBose and P. Wright, in uniform, presented the Colors at the South Brevard Genealogy Society meeting with about 50 people in attendance. They also did recruiting.

Caloosa

Compatriot Terry Walton has been informed by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter that their Color Guard wishes to participate in the grave marking of his 9th approved patriot ancestor. Col. George Croghan (1720-1782), who fought with Col. George Washington during the French & Indian War, has a new VA headstone at St. Peter's Episcopal Churchyard in Philadelphia's historic district. The event is expected to take place this summer.

Central Florida

Four Resolutions of Regret presented to families of Chapter members. The Chapter would like to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to the Clearwater Chapter for sharing this very meaningful program with other chapters.

Charlotte

The February gather celebrated George Washington's birthday. The March meeting presented Major William Simmons career in the US Marines with a glimpse of his Patriot Ancestry.

Clearwater

On January 8th the speaker spoke and displayed the Revolutionary Era state flags. On February 20th the Past President's pin and Meritorious Service Award were presented to David Kitchen, the Past President for 2006 and 2007. The speaker spoke on the Privateers during the American Revolution. On March 9, three guardsmen attended the 28th Massing of the Colors of the Armed Forces. On March 8 three guardsmen attended the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral. On March 19, the First Vice President presented an informative speech on the one dollar bill.

William Dunaway

President Harry Dunaway presented the NSSAR Membership Certificate and Rosette to the first new member. The March program was presented by Robert and Fletcher Dunaway who had attended the 229th Anniversary observance of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia in uniform. The Chapter voted to sponsor the Blue Springs Society C.A.R. with the Chipola Chapter DAR in Marianna. Four Chapter members delivered a letter to FL Representative Marti Coley (7th District), requesting her support for placing Social Studies under the FCAT assessment system in Florida public schools.

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 presented one Silver ROTC Medal at the University of West Florida, Okaloosa-Walton Campus. Also the Chapter presented Bronze ROTC Medals at Choctawhatchee, Walton and Fort Walton Beach High Schools and delivered a Bronze ROTC Medal to Niceville High School for a later presentation.

Gainesville

Two Compatriots, Bob Reeves & Ray Davis, have been very active representing the Chapter at various events in uniform: (1) handing out 76 flag lapel pins at naturalization ceremonies; (2) making patriotic presentations at Brooker elementary School and the Welborn Masonic Lodge; (3) attending the Last Naval Battle Ceremony and (4) presenting JROTC medals to cadets at Williston and Bell High Schools.

Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Chapter of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted a ceremony on April 26, 2008 at Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville to honor and mark the grave of Harvey Richard Clark. During the ceremony, a Sons of the American Revolution medallion memorializing his membership was placed on Mr. Clark's grave marker. George Lockhart was the recipient of the Patriot Medal at the Spring/Annual BOM meeting in Kissimmee. This is the highest award that the State Society bestows.

Lakeland

Lakeland Chapter President Kenneth G. Wooden, dressed in a Revolutionary War uniform, participated with other veterans in a Memorial Day parade and flag ceremony on May 26 at the Highland Fairways community in Lakeland. Compatriot Wooden rang the bell after each deceased resident's name was read.

Lake City

Ron Toops, Lindsey Brock, Grant Wallin and Gordon Greenwood met at the Lake City Public Library for purposes of reorganizing the former Lake City Chapter. This effort was spearheaded by the Chapter Reorganization Committee (Steve Williams, Chair). A nucleus for the Chapter is being formed and looks promising.

Lake-Sumter

In addition to regular meetings, Compatriot Bill Piper gave flag talks in uniform to (1) The Lake City Elks; (2) The Virginia club and (3) The Veterans Club at Stone Crest. Compatriot Ron Toops participated in the FLSSAR Color Guard at the Winter BOM Meeting and teamed with Compatriot Piper to give a Revolutionary War talk at Clermont to a fifth grade class.

Miami

NSSAR President General Bruce A. Wilcox attended the President's Luncheon on February 10 at the Country Club of Coral Gables and gave an informative talk on the relocation of the National Headquarters and a brief overview of the cost advantages, exposure to the public and cost advantages of renovation vs. cost of new construction.

Members of the chapter assisted the Tequesta Chapter, C.A.R. in preparing 24 care/share packages to be sent to our Service Men and Women in the Middle East.

Naples

The Camp Color Guard participated in the Patriotic Moment program, highlighting the service of veterans in all branches with patriotic music and our camp retiring the colors in the heart of downtown Naples. Poster Contest presentations were voted on for selection at the State BOM meeting.

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Ocala

President Dale Sutton presented an Eagle Scout Certificate at Wiersdale High School and Ed Page presented five JROTC awards in May.

Palm Beach

Father Harry Champion was presented a Distinguished Service Award for his aid in helping in the rescue of a companion when he fell in his New York apartment.

Panama City

The chapter awarded five JROTC Medals at area high schools.

Pensacola

Compatriot Ed Young was the recipient of the Patriot Medal at the Spring/Annual BOM meeting in Kissimmee. This is the highest award that the State Society bestows. Mark Kilgore and Ed Young judged exhibits at the Escambia County History Fair, and Mark Kilgore judged at the Santa Rosa History Fair.

Saramana

John Wyman, Jr. was born in Oxford, Worcester Co., Mass on November 27, 1763. He enlisted when he was sixteen years of age. He served at West Point, NY and White Plains, NY. He and his family came to Vinton County, Ohio. He and his wife were buried in the Old Cemetery on East Main Street in McArthur, Ohio. Present at the ceremony were Barbara (a descendant of John Wyman) and her husband Frank Hodalski. They have worked for 16 years to make this grave marking possible. Three generations of John Wyman descendants were present: DAR members Barbara Hodalski and Carol Hodalski Marsh, and her children, Clayton and Ethan Marsh, both C.A.R. members.

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Aaron Snowden

The Installation Ceremony of the Chapter was held on April 26. President Grant Wallin presided, and NW Regional VP Edward Young was the Master of Ceremonies. Chapter Officers are President Nathan Williams, Vice President Carroll France, 2nd. Vice President Lonnie Jones, Secretary/Historian Brandon Caris, Treasurer Charles Williamson, Jr., Chaplain/Registrar Bryan Harper and Sgt. At-Arms Eddie Nelson. Rosa Seymour, Regent, Three Rivers Chapter DAR was presented the NSSAR Daughters of Liberty Medal by President Wallin in recognition of her strong and lasting support of the SAR. The speaker, Gail Allred, spoke about "Aaron Snowden, The Patriot."

St. Lucie River

The St. Lucie River Chapter planted a Liberty Tree at the Veterans Memorial in Okeechobee, FL. on April 19, Patriot's Day. American Legion Post Number 64 assisted, and the Buxton Funeral Home donated the granite marker.

St. Petersburg

Eagle Scout scholarship winner Matt Authment's report won State Competition and placed third in the National contest.

Tallahassee

The Chapter presented ten Bronze JROTC Medals at area high schools and 4 Silver ROTC Medals at area college units.

Tampa

One cadet from each of the High School JROTC and University ROTC programs was honored with an award from the SAR.

Treasure Coast

William Stevenson, in addition to numerous "Toast to the Flag" presentations, represented the Chapter at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new JROTC Center at Sebastian River High School.

Withlacoochee

John Camillo was the recipient of the Patriot Medal at the Spring/Annual BOM meeting in Kissimmee. This is the highest award that the State Society bestows.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS



These soldiers serving with the 10th Mountain Division in Iraq thank "your org..[IE-SAR]" for the care packages they received at this FOB (forward operating base) near Baghdad.

Most SAR's in Florida don't know about the work being done by the Saramana Chapter in general, and Frank and Barbara Hodalski, to collect and ship these packages. Frank found a donor in Sarasota who gave him her personal check for \$500.00 to cover postage [2 times].

Saramana members "carted" items brought to the BOM to deliver to Frank on their return to Sarasota.

Frank Hodalski, Chairman of the Support The Troops Committee asks you to continue making generous donations for care packages for the troops to show them that we really care. Carl Hoffmann

Final Authorization of W3R Legislation Near

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) is the 650-mile trail — from Newport RI and Boston MA to Yorktown VA — that the allied U.S.-French armies followed in 1781 to capture a British army at Yorktown, Va., essentially ending the Revolutionary War.

The W3R-US was formed to identify and mark the route so as to tell the story of this victorious alliance. A six-year study conducted by the National Park Service (at the request of Congress) recommended designating the W3R as a National Historic Trail. Bills to do this are now before Congress. **You can help by expressing your support for these bills.**

Senate: S.3213 is an omnibus bill that includes designating the W3R as a National Historic Trail. This bill was reported favorably out of committee is now awaiting debate and vote by the whole Senate.

House: H.R.1286 designates the W3R as a National Historic Trail. This bill was reported favorably out of committee and the bill is now awaiting debate and vote by the whole House of Representatives.

Please express your support for designating the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route as a National Historic Trail. Go to the W3R-US website at www.w3r-us.org for information on contacting your Representative and (two) Senators. Thank you. Ralph Nelson

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Kissimmee, FL May 2 - 4, 2008

Pictures courtesy Brett Brown (Palm Beach)



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Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Commander Col. Edward D. Young

FLSSAR REPORT

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Commander: Edward D. Young

April 27, 2008

The period of this report is from 20 January 2008 through 3 May 2008. Twenty-five Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Winter BOM on 18-19 January 2008. We welcome to the Brigade, Outpost D at the Caloosa Chapter, Randy Moody, Commander formed on 26 January 2008. 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, Lindsey Brock, Lonnie Jones, Ray Lantz, Price Legg, Steve Williams and Ed Young Presented the Colors for the Institution Ceremony of the new Aaron Snowden Chapter at Milton, FL on 26 April 2008. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 2-4 May 2008 FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. 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 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Compatriots Bauchspies, Lockhart and Owens presented the "History of the Stars and Stripes" program to 125 residents of Fleet Landing Retirement Community in Atlantic Beach on 20 February 2008. On 8 March 2008 Guardsman Brock participated in the Last Battle of the American Revolution Celebration in Cape Canaveral. Compatriots Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur, with other members in "Bravo" uniform, conducted the SAR Grave Marker Dedication Program in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville at the grave site of departed Compatriot Harvey Clark on 26 April 2008.

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 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen DuBose, Green, Smith and Wright and members Bonnett, Carter, Norman and Richardson manned a recruiting table at the Brevard 2nd Annual Genealogy Fair sponsored by the SAR, five DAR Chapters and four other genealogy groups on 5 January 2008. On 23 January 2008, Guardsman DuBose attended the Central Florida Naturalization Ceremony in Melbourne. Guardsmen DuBose and Wright Presented the Colors at the South Brevard Genealogy Society meeting and did recruiting on 13 February 2008. Also on 13 February 2008, Guardsman DuBose spoke on the "Last Naval Battle" at the South Brevard Genealogy Society in Melbourne. Guardsmen DuBose and Williams spoke on the "Last Naval Battle" at the Local History Club in Satellite Beach on 16 February 2008. On 18 February 2008, Guardsman DuBose spoke on "The Last Naval Battle" to the AARP of North Brevard and recruited. Guardsman DuBose gave an historical talk to the Annapolis Alumni of Brevard and



Colonel Young

recruited on 20 February 2008. 2008, Guardsman DuBose gave an historical talk to the David McCampbell Sea Cadets and the Sea Cadets of the Training Ship "Lassen." Compatriots DuBose and Williams attended the dedication of the Korean War Monument in the Veteran's Garden on Merritt Island on 13 April 2008.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. On 8 March 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 9 March 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Tanner and Wallin attended the 28th Massing of the Colors honoring the Armed Forces.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 3 February 2008, Guardsmen North and Wise joined the United Veterans of St. Lucie County in the annual memorial service of the Four Chaplains Service held at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie. Fifteen Veterans organizations attended.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. No report received.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Lantz and Young attended the Ft. Pickens Chapter DAR Lineage Workshop and recruited on 2 February 2008. On 16 February 2008, Guardsmen Bellamy, Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter DAR George Washington Tea. Guardsmen Jones and Young marched with the Brigade at the Last Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 9 April 2008, Young in Class "B" uniform, presented the Silver RORC Medal to Army Cadet Nicole Herndon at the University of West Florida. Young, in Class "B" uniform, presented the Silver ROTC Medal to an Air Force Cadet at the University of West Florida on 19 April 2008. On 26 April, Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors with the Brigade at the Institution Ceremony of the new Aaron Snowden Chapter in Milton.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Crapo, Miller, Riegle and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Ashcraft, Barrette, Barry, Cradle and Regime Presented the Colors at the Joint DAR - SAR George Washington Birthday Celebration.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Bridges,

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Friberg and Pelton participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Bridges, Miller, C. Pelton and D. Pelton marched with the Brigade at The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Hamilton, Little, MacLean, Murray and Myers participated with the Brigade at the Last Battle Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. Guardsmen Hamilton, Little and Murray Presented and Posted the Colors during the Orlando Chapters DAR Monument Dedication for their original 13 founders in 1906 at Greenwood Cemetery.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Sumner participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend participated with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 17 March 2008, Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend marched in the Clover Leaf Farm Community St. Patrick's Day Parade. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend Presented and Posted the Colors at a Chapter meeting honoring recipients of Public Service Awards on 22 March 2008.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade at the Winter BOM. Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Lady Lakes' Elks Club #728 on 28 January 2008. On 2 February 2008, Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Villages VA Club. Guardsmen London, Moody, Piper and Schukis participated in the Eustis George Washington Day Parade on 23 February 2008. On 3 March 2008, Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Stonecrest Veterans Club. Guardsmen Piper and Toops presented a Revolutionary War Talk for the Clermont Elementary School on 5 March 2008. On 8 March 2008, Guardsmen Moody, Nelson, Piper and Toops marched with the Brigade at the Cape Canaveral Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War Celebration. Guardsmen London, Piper and Toops participated in the service commemorating the Etching of the 1776 Patriotic Spirit at Spruce Creek Del Web on 18 April 2008. On 30 April 2008, Guardsmen Piper and Toops presented Good Citizenship Certificates at the Mt. Verdi Elementary School.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen D. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. The Camp Color Guard performed the Flag Retreat Ceremony at the 'Patriotic Moment on 5th Avenue' in Naples on 27 January 2008. On 7 March 2008, Guardsmen Applegate, Ballou, D. Cahill, S. Cahill, Lopez and McCullough participated in the Naples Chapter Charter Day.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. No report received.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 5 January 2008, Guardsman Stevenson

gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the chartering of the William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna, FL. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" to the Cape Canaveral Sojourners Chapter 366 on 8 January, 5 February and 4 March 2008. On 12 January and 9 February 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" to the Heroes meetings - Merritt Island Masonic Lodge. Guardsman Stevenson represented the Chapter at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new JROTC Center at Sebastian River High School on 15 January 2008. On 25 March 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Build the Flag" program at the MOWW "Youth Leadership Conference" at Patrick Air Force Base.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Chapter Color Guard was not active during this reporting period.

R. Outpost D. (Caloosa). Randy Moody, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman R. Moody participated with the Brigade at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen P. Moody and R. Moody marched with the Brigade at the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution in Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 12 March 2008, P. Moody and R. Moody Posted the Colors for the Caloosa Chapter meeting.

New Members 3/25/08 - 6/26/08

Member Name	Chapter	Ancestor Name	
Applegate, Jr. James	Naples	Daniel	Applegate
Atkins James	Clearwater	Jesse	Powers
Bagozzi Mark	Central Fl.	William	Peacher
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Boller Paul	Clearwater	John	Blackburn
Brooke Chase	Naples	Joseph	Pettes
Bruyere, Jr. Paul	Clearwater	Andrew	Witham
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Dunaway, III Roger	Dunaway	William	Dunaway
Dunaway, Jr. Roger	Dunaway	William	Dunaway
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Lewis James	Clearwater	Thomas	Hutchcraft
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Williams, Jr. William	Gainesville	Patrick	McGriff
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Spring/Annual Board of Management Meeting

May 2 - 4, 2008 Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Wallin at 9:08 p.m. Friday, May 02, 2008.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Randy Moody. President Wallin then led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the SAR, and the American Creed. National officers present were then introduced, and the Secretary General, David Appleby, brought greetings from PG Bruce Wilcox.

Secretary Yarnell circulated an attendance sheet, and a quorum was established.

President Wallin made a motion that the winter, 2008 Minutes be accepted and approved.

The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved, with a correction requested by Bud Bauchspies, who was serving as parliamentarian pro tem in the absence of Frank Hodalski. The correction relates to the last section of the minutes which had been inadvertently omitted from *The Florida Patriot*. The omitted page will appear in the summer issue of *The Florida Patriot*, as addenda to the Spring 2008 Minutes.

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, Spring Board of Management Meeting, Kissimmee, May 2-3, 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 reports of Pres. Wallin and Senior VP Toops appear on pp.8-9, and the RVP reports appear on pp.10-17. Secretary Kevin Yarnell reported on State Society membership data on p.17.

Leon Hammock reminded all chapters to file their IRS 990 form to maintain their tax exempt status. Registrar Stevenson's report appears on p.20. Chaplain Moody reminded all chapters of the procedure to follow in reporting compatriot deaths for the record.

Out-going Genealogist Alvie Davidson reminded everyone that he would continue to be available in a professional capacity and would be happy to provide help to anyone. Pres. Wallin noted that Alvie would be sorely missed by the Ladies Auxiliary, especially as a mainstay for ticket sales. Adding to the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Pres. Wallin noted that an additional streamer for Kettle Creek would be added to the State Colors.

Florida Patriot Editor Dick Fowler stressed that the new non-profit mailing category will require making the cut-off date two weeks earlier (the submission date for the Summer Issue will be the end of June).

There was nothing to add to the statutory committee reports which appear on pp.23-27, with the exception of the Executive Committee which will be delivered orally on May 3rd.

Trust Fund Development officer Jack Coleman described a proposed fundraising brochure for a Florida Society general "Friends" group that would provide brief background information, tax-deduction data, donation categories (\$18 individual, \$25 family, \$50 business), chapter contact information, etc.

Pres. Wallin requested that 1st time attendees be recognized: Ken Wiggins, VP, Lakeland Chapter; Ed Spenser, VP, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter; Hal Marvin, Chaplain, Withlacoochee Chapter. Standing committee reports appear on pp. 28-39 of the Blue Book. Chapter Challenge Chairman Nelson Jantzen announced that 25 of 30 chapters responded. Both he and Pres. Wallin suggested that all chapters take the time to familiarize themselves with the 2008 form and decide, with their membership, which activities to stress during the coming year.

Chapter Charter & Bylaws Chairman Ron Toops reported that 2008 amendments would be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 3rd. Future amendment proposals need to be submitted by the Fall BOM. The Education Committee's report, chaired by Ron Toops, appears on pp.31-32. The main thrust of the committee for a number of years has been to modify the FCAT to include a meaningful Social Studies/American History component. The House passed a bill this year which was stalled in the Senate, ostensibly for cost reasons (adding more Social Studies teachers). However, more progress was made this past year than in previous sessions. Lobbying efforts will continue until there is a satisfactory legislative outcome.

The Knight Essay Contest Committee report (p.32) recommends that the Society take a fresh look at this and other youth contests in order to judge their effectiveness as it relates to the best use of resources.

Meeting Arrangements Chairman Lindsey Brock reported on the BOM schedule and price structure with Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway, Kissimmee, for 2008-2009: Summer BOM, August 15-16, 2008; Fall BOM, October

31-November 1, 2008; Winter BOM, January 30-31, 2009; Spring/Annual, April 24-26, 2009. Room rates will remain the same for 2008, increasing by \$2.00 for 2009, with the exception of the Plaza Tower one-bedroom suites which will remain the same (\$99.00 + taxes) for the entire year. Meal prices will be essentially in the same price range. The big news from the Meeting Arrangements Committee was that Steve Williams (Brevard) has volunteered to handle registration functions for the host chapters of all future BOM meetings until/unless "he is six feet under," effective with the Summer BOM 2008 (Withlacoochee will be Summer BOM host chapter).

Steve distributed and spoke to a BOM evaluation survey that will hopefully make the BOM attendance experience more meaningful to more members.

Membership Promotion & Retention Chairman Ron Toops reported (pp.34-35) on a successful meeting with the RVP's in which a number of initiatives and chapter/regional incentives were explored. He expects to be able to announce major developments during the year.

NSSAR Library Committee Chairman Terry Walton (p.35) had the unenviable task of reporting the most recent score in the Florida-Georgia Library Friends rivalry: Georgia beat Florida for the first time, 59 to 55, to become SAR's largest library supporter. 40 of Florida's 55 library friends hail from a single chapter, Miami. We can all help spread the support statewide by sending a check for \$25 to **Friends of the SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203. Checks can be earmarked for CAAH, Library Materials, Digital Preservation,** or just left unmarked for operating expenses.

Hal Miller, Jr. reported for the Patriotic Activities Committee (pp.35-36). He urged that FLSSAR appoint a Flag Committee that would coordinate and report to the NSSAR Flag Committee all Flag Certificate Awards made by local chapters during any given calendar year. He also urged local chapters to appoint Flag Committees for the purpose of awarding flag certificates to local entities that display the flag 24/7. Chapters that have presented flag certificates during the first half of 2008 include: Brevard, Caloosa, Central Florida, Clearwater, Flagler, Panama City, and Saramana.

Patriotic Education Co-Chair Ben DuBose requested that Hermann Hall Riediger be added to this committee.

A discussion ensued on communication

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gaps and the need to complete and submit reports on chapter and state activities in a timely, efficient manner. Redesigning the chapter challenge form would be a help. Sec. Gen. Appleby described an Excel spreadsheet that could be a start.

Ad hoc Committee reports appear on pp. 40-42. Advancing America's Heritage Committee generated considerable discussion in light of the decision to purchase the Fulton Conway Building in Louisville, with much of the information available in the recent issue of *The SAR Magazine*. National officers David Appleby and George Thurmond provided "backstory" insights into fund-raising strategies, most of it targeting corporate and civic sponsors. Sec. Gen. Appleby provided additional details at the Annual Meeting Banquet on May 3rd.

Kevin Yarnell, while reporting for the American History Teacher Award Committee (p.40), requested floor time to deliver an oral report for the History Fair Committee chaired by Frank Hodalski. FLSSAR sponsored the Colonial American History Awards which were presented in Tallahassee on May 3rd. Frank noted that because of politicians on both sides of the aisle, augmented by school administrators at all levels, American History continues to be relegated to the rear of Florida's educational bus.

The Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds report (Ted Duay III, chairman) appears on pp.43-46 of the Blue Book, followed by the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements and Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade reports (pp.47-49), chaired by Ed Young. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m., May 2, 2008. The BOM Spring meeting reconvened at 9:47 a.m., May 3, 2008.

President Wallin gave the Executive Committee report, noting that it was the fastest meeting on record – 29 minutes. Discussion items were of a housekeeping, informational nature, with only one vote taken – to approve the previous minutes. Sr. VP Ron Toops requested that an Ad hoc Information Technology Study Committee be appointed, to be chaired by Kevin Yarnell. Other members include Ted Duay III (Ft. Lauderdale), Leon Hammock (Clearwater), Terry Walton (Caloosa), and Phil Wright (Brevard).

The ITS committee expects to present a report at the Summer BOM meeting. New guidelines for the Earl Marlin award and the Publicity Committee, which will take

into account media changes and new dissemination strategies, are under development.

Pres. Wallin also announced that a new Hospitality Room Management form is being drafted that will improve beverage inventory controls for incoming and outgoing host chapters. He also stressed that all members should make donations to the beverage jar that will cover costs (suggested: \$2.00 per drink). A Thank You letter was received from C.A.R. expressing appreciation for the recent gift of \$1,000.

The issue of Florida solicitation licenses and sales tax exemptions was raised once again. In light of the diverse opinions that were expressed, Treasurer Leon Hammock was requested to clarify whether a State Society Solicitation License and the State Society Sales Tax Exemption Certificate would cover the 30 chapters. Many local chapters are presently using the State Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. Treasurer Hammock will report back as soon as possible.

It was also reported that funds will be available from the GWEF to cover partial expenses for youth awards candidates for travel to the National Congress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phil Tarpley raised the issue of "rogue" members who also happen to be life members, and what recourse that local chapters may have in dealing with them. It was pointed out that Roberts Rules of Order has relevant provisions, but that ultimately it is a State Society responsibility. David Appleby noted that no one is a member of the National Society, other than by virtue of their membership in a State Society. The National Society membership consists of all of the State Societies as organizations. Grievance precedents do exist at the national level, primarily by referring cases to the National Chancellor, who would make a disposition or refer to the Ethics Committee. Since it appears to be primarily a State Society issue, Pres. Wallin suggested that the Executive Committee take it under advisement. Carl Hoffman raised the issue of state and local school funding for JROTC programs and a particular issue that arose in Sarasota because of position cutbacks. It was noted that DOD provides 50% of instructor salaries, and that local chapters and the State Society should go on record with local school districts urging support for the programs.

Phil Carr noted that May 15th is Peace

Officers Memorial Day mandated by Federal law.

Flags should be displayed at half-mast in memory of the more than 18,000 peace officers who have died in the line of duty.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil Tarpley described recent Saramana Chapter initiatives involving their new school superintendent – (disappointing since the school history fairs will be discontinued), their highly successful George Washington Birthday banquet, and their improved media relations. A local reporter who was invited as a guest exclaimed afterwards that "I tell you true, by the time the meeting was over, I was pumped. If the armed forces recruiters had been out front, I'd have joined them all!" Over 80 George Washington Military Service Awards were given to both chapter veterans and non-chapter veterans, together with a copy of a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States (Lindsey Brock, Jacksonville, and Terry Walton, Caloosa, were among the recipients).

Leslie Odom, Pensacola, gave members a heads-up on the Pensacola reenactment next year of the British surrender of Pensacola in 1781, prior to Florida being ceded to Spain.

The event will be held at Fort George in downtown Pensacola on May 7-8, 2009, and will involve Loyalists, Patriots, and Indians. FLSSAR will support the event. A Certificate for Distinguished Services was presented to Leslie Odom and the Pensacola Chapter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m., May 3rd, 2008..

Minutes of the 112th Annual Meeting

President Wallin called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m., May 3rd, 2008.

Chaplain Randy Moody gave the invocation, and President Wallin led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. A motion was made to approve the April 7th, 2007 minutes, which was seconded and passed.

Last Naval Battle and C.A.R. pins were made available for sale.

George Thurmond, V.P. General for the South Atlantic District brought greetings from the NSSAR. He noted that he has visited all four state societies in the district, that membership was up in all four societies, and the district as a whole had grown by 8 new chapters, including two in Florida. He spoke to the need for members to get involved with the George Washington Endowment Fund, and other activities at the national level. As Newsletters & Periodicals Committee chairman, he noted that there will be newsletter

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chapter editor workshops at upcoming meetings in Sacramento and Louisville, as well as the presentation of awards in Sacramento.

Ron Toops reviewed the proposed three bylaw changes (pp. 28-29, Blue Book). Ballots were distributed, and the floor opened to discussion of all three proposed amendments.

Albert Myers (Caloosa) proposed a wording change to Amendment # 2 (Duties of Officers – President Elect) to delete text between the first and second commas; after further discussion it was also agreed to substitute the word “may” for “will” wherever it occurs. The amendment to the amendment was seconded and passed by a vote of 23-16.

Amendment voting results: Amendment 1 passed 38-9; Amendment 2 failed 37-10;

Amendment 3 passed 40-7.

Nominating Committee Chairman Lindsey Brock presented the slate of officers for 2008-2009. After requesting nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the slate which was then seconded; the slate of officers was then elected by acclamation.

President – Ronald E. Toops, Lake Sumter

Senior Vice President – William R.

Stevenson, Treasure Coast.

RVP Northwest –Edward D. Young, Pensacola

RVP North Central – 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 SE – Gerald E. Meeks, Palm Beach

RVP Southwest – Donald B. Cahill, Naples

Secretary – Kevin A. Yarnell, Tampa

Treasurer – Leon R. Hammock, Sr.,

Clearwater

Recording Secretary – Terence M. Walton, Caloosa

Registrar – Theodore M. Duay, III, Fort

Lauderdale

Chancellor – Carl K. Hoffmann, Saramana

Chaplain – Rev. 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

Motions were made and seconded to nominate Reynaldo Hamilton as National Trustee, and Phil Carr as Alternate Trustee. Their appointments were affirmed by acclamation.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m., May 3rd, 2008.

Addendum to Winter 2008 Minutes:

New Business was inadvertently omitted from the Winter BOM minutes in the spring edition of *The Florida Patriot*, and should have read as follows:

NEW BUSINESS: Chancellor Carl Hoffmann requested time to discuss the proposed relocation of national headquarters to Main Street. He recounted the recent history of the NSSAR and the backstory for the move from Washington to Louisville some 30 years ago. His analysis and observations were not supportive of the proposed move. He feels that at this stage the process has not been subjected to sufficient due diligence, and the proposed relocation should not be approved until due diligence has been assured. Dick Cardell, Dan Shepherd, Don Cahill, and Frank Hodalski raised a number of pointed questions and observations that provided an added dimension with differing viewpoints to the discussion. Frank Hodalski, a member of NSSAR’s Strategic Planning Committee, observed that he sat in on a 5 ½ hour meeting of a subcommittee that addressed this issue at the last Leadership meeting. He left the meeting with the realization that after 8-10 years of fundraising if nothing is done now it would never be done. He noted that the present building is in a red-lined district, that some teachers will not bring their students into the neighborhood, that the building is subject to flooding, and that the proposed expansion across the street would have the same location deficits. His bottom line was that nothing be done without due diligence and everything be done to maximize our position.

Carl Hoffmann introduced a motion that would instruct the National Trustee to “withhold his vote to purchase this building until he is satisfied that due diligence has been done.” The motion was seconded, and passed by a majority vote of members present.

A question was raised about the changes to the National bylaws that would affect the Vice Presidents General. Frank Hodalski feels the measure should be tabled until the subcommittee studying the issue makes its report.

The 50/50 drawing was exactly \$200 and was won by David Ramseur, who donated \$100 to the general fund and \$100 to support the troops.

Chaplain Moody gave the benediction, the recessional was recited, and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., 19 January 2008.

CORRECTION!

In the Winter 2008 Minutes, which were posted in the Spring 2008 edition of *The Florida Patriot*, NEW BUSINESS was inadvertently omitted.

This has been corrected (see the adjoining column on the left).

The Editor is very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

Deceased Members

We mourn the loss of the following:

Last Name	First Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Robbins	Donald	Saramana	5/15/2008
Duffield	Arthur	St. Lucie River	5/10/2008
Massey	James	Clearwater	4/23/2008
Hardiman	Joe	Withlacoochee	4/5/2008
Beal	Bruce	St. Augustine	3/30/2008

REGISTRATION FORM
FLORIDA SOCIETY
Sons Of The American Revolution

Summer Board of Management Meeting

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

August 15-16, 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentary <input type="checkbox"/> Earl Marlin Publicity
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EVENTS	MEAL CHOICES	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
August 15 - Friday Evening Banquet	Smokehouse Grilled Pork or	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Grilled Fish or	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Pasta Primavera	\$23.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Dessert: Pecan Pie	-		
	Registration Fee - SAR Members Only	8.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Total			

If you are attending the Summer 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 above meals include Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE August 8, 2008

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any dietary requirements.

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

Compatriot Steve Williams

3402 Caraway St.

Cocoa, FL 32926

Email: swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Phone: 321-632-5663

Summer 2008

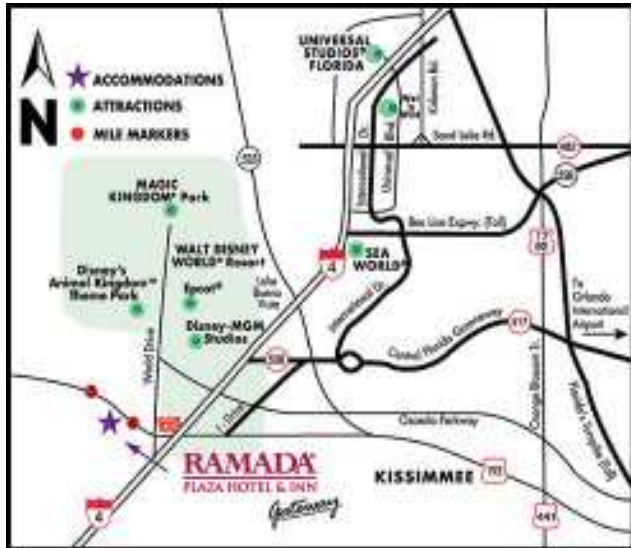
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Fall 2008 Leadership (Trustees) Meeting:
Sep 25-27, 2008 * Details to be announced

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

Steve Williams of the Broward Chapter is handling Registration for all upcoming BOM meetings.

*** Summer 2008 BOM schedule**

BOM Registration 1:00 to 5:00 in Hotel Lobby

Day	Hospitality Rm 260	Salon 1	Salon 2	Bd Rm 254	Banquet Salon	
Friday						
1:00-1:30				Executive Committee Meeting		1:00-1:30
1:30-2:00						1:30-2:00
2:00-2:30	Hospitality Room		Genealogy Workshop	Regional VP Meeting		2:00-2:30
2:30-3:00			Earl Marlin Publicity Workshop			2:30-3:00
3:00-3:30						3:00-3:30
3:30-4:00						3:30-4:00
4:00-4:30				Parliamentarian Session **		4:00-4:30
4:30-5:00					Color Guard	4:30-5:00
5:00-5:30						5:00-5:30
5:30-6:30					Social	5:30-6:30
6:30-8:30					Banquet	6:30-8:30
8:30-9:30	Hospitality Room	Ladies Auxiliary	BOM			8:30-9:30
9:30-10:00						9:30-10:00
10:00-11:00						
Saturday						
8:30-9:00	Ladies Auxiliary		BOM			8:30-9:00
9:00-9:30	Breakfast					9:00-9:30
9:30-10:00						9:30-10:00
10:00-10:30						10:00-10:30
11:00	Checkout					11:00

** - Parliamentary Procedures based on Robert's Rule. This will contain some of the common procedures related to running the meeting, offering a motion, seconds, discussion(s), question(s), etc.

2008 KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

Winning Entry

JOHN HANCOCK'S RISE TO POWER

By Lauryn Walter, Ocala, Florida

The signing of the Declaration of Independence was a major event that sculpted American history. One cannot read a history book without the mention of the Declaration of Independence or one of its signers. If the fifty-four signatures found on the bill were to be examined, one would be inclined to view the largest and most prominent name on the document. That signature belongs to the brilliant and cunning John Hancock. During his life, he overcame many obstacles in order to achieve a great amount of political power.

A little boy was born in the quaint town of Quincy, Massachusetts on January 12, 1737 (Klos). He was the first son of John Hancock and Mary Hawke. In order to carry on the family name, he was dubbed John Hancock (Unger 13). When young John was only seven, his father passed away suddenly. This horrific event impacted the boy's life significantly. After his father's death, the family became financially unstable and rapidly fell into poverty. They were forced to move to Lexington in order to escape financial hardships (Fowler 18). They took refuge with John's grandfather, John Hancock, Senior. In Lexington, John met his wealthy uncle, Thomas Hancock, who proposed the family an offer they could not deny; he proposed to adopt young John. Mary agreed that Uncle Thomas would provide a better standard of living for John than she could and he hastily packed his belongings (Unger 16). At his new home, he was not allowed to attend school for a year. He was tutored at his uncle's house, which was a great luxury. Once he was eight, he began school; he was much older than his classmates whom were six (Allan 31-32).

In his youth, he attended a local school where he met John Adams. The two never became good friends but did have a decent relationship (Fowler 9). At Boston Latin School, his peers did not always accept him since he was about two years their senior. They were told to sit in order of age, which presented the obvious gap between John and his fellow students. They followed a rigorous curriculum, which was not subject to change. Virtues were focused upon heavily and those with poor work ethics were punished. Young Hancock learned quickly through punishment how a young gentleman was supposed to present himself. He also was taught calligraphy from Holbrook, a man skilled in the art. Holbrook can be credited with sculpting Hancock's writing into the beautiful signature that is found on the Declaration of Independence (Fowler 21). After his formal education at the Latin school, he attended the prestigious Harvard University. He graduated with a degree in business when he was only seventeen years of age (Kindig).

After graduation, he assisted his uncle by being a clerk. He worked very diligently and his efforts were always praiseworthy. Due to his ability in being a clerk, he was sent to England in 1760 on official business. Sadly, in 1763, he faced yet another tragic loss in his young life; his beloved uncle passed away. He, however, was left with Thomas's tremendous fortune as well as the business (Kindig). Amazingly, after the death of his uncle, Mr. Hancock rapidly began to rise in society. In 1766, he was chosen along with James Otis, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Cushing to serve as representatives of Boston, in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. This was the first event, in a series of many, which led John to become a well-known citizen. At the meeting,

he presented a series of arguments against King George III's newly imposed taxes upon the colonies. This ignited fury among those who disliked the Declaratory Act and they rioted in approval (Klos). The Townshend Revenue Acts were implemented in 1767 as a way for Britain to gain money from the colonies. The citizens of the colonies were outraged so Hancock, along with other men, assembled a town meeting at Faneuil Hall on September 23, 1768. John wrote the reasons for which the meeting was held. It addressed many issues that the colonies had with the British government, focusing on the problem of taxes being "imposed upon the People, without their Consent" (Klos). This issue of taxation without representation, as it would later be called, enraged the British Crown. Fearing possible revolt in the colonies, they released troops into Boston (Klos). 1774, Hancock and John Adams were chosen to attend the Provincial Congress, which was held at Concord, Massachusetts. Soon after, he was made president of the congress. In 1775, the Battle of Lexington began and both Adams and Hancock were able to escape from the British, with the aid of Paul Revere. In the same year, Hancock attended the Continental Congress as a delegate from Massachusetts. Also, in the same year, a Second Continental Congress was started with Peyton Randolph as the president. Soon after the congress began, Randolph was called to Virginia on official business and had to give up his duty as president (Klos). John Hancock was unanimously selected to fill the presidential void (Allan 190). However, many claimed that John used his position poorly and did not accomplish as much as was desired for Massachusetts. Many were angered even more when he resisted in giving up his position once Randolph returned.

Desiring to rise higher on the political ladder, John requested that his fellow delegates encourage his appointment to the position of Commander-in-Chief of Continental forces. George Washington was given the position instead of Hancock because he had greater experience in the military (Klos).

In May 1776, a proclamation was created discussing ideas of Paine and was signed by Hancock. As suggested in the document, a Declaration of Independence was drafted by Thomas Jefferson and then critiqued by a committee of four others. The twelve colonies voted on the Declaration of Independence on July 2, 1776 and it was decided that it would be implemented. On that peaceful day, the land once known as the United Colonies of America adopted the name the United States of America. A few more changes were made to the Declaration and on July fourth, twelve of the thirteen colonies agreed to sign it. Hancock ordered that copies of the document be printed and sent to specific conventions and committees. Among the locations where the document was sent were the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania and the Convention of New York. New York refused to give consent to the new document. In an attempt to gain support from New York, Hancock sent a document to the New York Provincial Congress on July sixth. New York accepted the document three days later. John Hancock as well as other delegates signed the document on July 4, 1776. That original document signed by Hancock and Thomson has since been lost. (Klos).

John Hancock started from humble beginnings but managed to overcome many unfortunate events in order to become a great historical figure. Every event that occurred in his life shaped his character and allowed him to better himself. One can learn a great deal from this noble man who used his knowledge to achieve greatness. His story is proof that one can rise in society if they truly desire it.

Other Florida Society Activities



Photo taken by Claire Timm at the Florida History Fair Awards Ceremony, depicting students receiving the American Colonial Heritage Award. The recipients were (left to right) Sila Lott and Kate Schofield. The prizes were presented by Don Wilham of the Tallahassee chapter. On the right is Jeana Brunson, director of the Museum of Florida History at Tallahassee. Frank Hodalski



5 May 2007 - Jacksonville FL The Junior ROTC unit at Ribault is the only Marine Corp ROTC in northeast Florida and one of the few in the state. Dick Cardell presented the Bronze Medal to cadet Timothy Birdwell. Also pictured is Col. John Watson USMC (Ret.). Dick Cardell



Palm Beach County Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Steve Jerauld (left) and award recipient Lieut. Doug McGlynn with First Vice-President Brett Brown. Brett Brown



Seated (left to right): Paramedic George Bailey, Polk County EMS, EMS Commendation Medal; Paramedic Angela Tourtellot, Polk County EMS, EMS Commendation Medal; Paramedic Joseph Andrews, Polk County EMS, EMS Commendation Medal. Standing (left to right): Chapter President Donald F. Winslow; Sgt Robert B. Rist, Lakeland Police Department, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal; Officer Michael D. Cardin, Lakeland Police Department, Medal For Heroism; Deputy Sheriff John Escobar, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal; Firefighter/Paramedic Bill Mulvaney, Lakeland Fire Department, Medal For Heroism. Melvin Sellers



The Withlacoochee Chapter presented young Adam York with the SAR Medal for Heroism. Adam was playing with his younger sister and 2 year old cousin. Suddenly, Adam saw an animal running toward his small cousin. In a moment, Adam quickly moved into position to protect his cousin. Adam suffered the brunt of the animal's attack and suffered a severe laceration on his mouth that required stitches and scratches and puncture wounds to his arms. Adam's shouting caused the animal to run out of his backyard. The animal proved to be a rabid fox. The wounds inflicted on Adam by the fox required him to have to immediately begin a series of rabies vaccination shots. Adam's heroic deed certainly followed in the footsteps of his heroic distant cousin, Sergeant Alvin York of World War I fame. On Adam's left is Chaplain Harold Marvin and on his right is Chapter Treasurer Jack Townsend. John Camillo



Central Florida Chapter Patriot Day Dinner
L to R: John Little, Bob Murray, Fred MacLean, Attorney General Bill McCollum, Norm Myers, Ron Hamilton and Fred Gaines. Norm Myers

In the spotlight

William (Steve) Stevenson conducting a Genealogy Workshop at the 2008 Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Spring/Annual meeting.



Photo Courtesy Brett Brown (Palm Beach)

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