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The Original Liberty Tavern



Liberty Tavern is reborn in Powell, Ohio. History lives in this *Liberty Tavern*, modeled after the original, where tribute is paid to the Patriots that met under the Liberty Tree and planned the American Revolution. See more on 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 I will start off this message by again defining the two major priorities for the Florida Society for 2008-2009 and beyond: 1) Center for Advancing Americas Heritage (CAAH) Fund Raising and 2) Membership Growth. I have distributed objective ideas to the Sr. Vice President and the Regional Vice Presidents. Hall Reidiger has agreed to be the chairman of this society fund raising effort and we are currently developing a presentation approach(s).

For example, an objective for the CAAH Fund Raising Effort may be 30% member participation/ giving. It is implied, that any giving of any amount will go towards the percentage participation. The results will be tallied and reported throughout the year (2008) but be significant on December 31st of any given year.

Likewise a Membership Growth annual rate of 7% will result in increasing membership to 2000 members in about four years. The data associated with this initiative will be monitored and reported.

It is time for your president to earn his keep. I am about to begin my journey into the vast Florida Territory to visit at least one chapter in every region. In the order that I intend to visit are: St. Lucie River, Deland, Lake-Sumter, Withlacoochee, Brevard, Tallahassee, Lakeland, Palm Beach, Miami, Saramana and Gainesville. Interspersed will be an NSSAR Leadership Meeting, a South Atlantic District Meeting and the Fall BOM. If I have missed your chapter, please give me a call. My message will be consistent with the CAAH and Membership priorities with encouragement on the many other programs we have, including the Flag Certificates, JROTC, Eagle Scout, Veterans, other Youth Programs, etc..

Don't forget the planned events for *The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution* and the *Battle of Pensacola*. We will be presenting to the NSSAR Historic Sites Committee proposals at the Leadership Meeting on the *Battle of Pensacola/ Ft. George*. The information presented, we expect, will result in approval as a NSSAR approved Historic Site, along with an approved medal for the event. Both of these events should draw national society attention and participation. I hope that you can attend these exciting events.

Shortly I will be meeting with the Florida Social Studies Supervisors (FSSS) organization in Orlando. The objective is to again define our legislative goals for the 2008-2009 session of the Florida Legislature. I will note again for the second year, the Florida House has gone the extra mile to support our efforts to get Social Studies (Early American History, Civics, Geography, Economics, etc.) back into importance in our Florida Public Schools. The House has created appropriate supporting legislation, however the Florida Senate again refuses to act. Only you, the citizens of Florida, can impress on your local state senators that this effort is important.

I again want to thank the Withlacoochee Chapter for their fine hosting of the Summer BOM. I also want to express my appreciation for the Maj. John Devane, The Tampa and the Lake-Sumter Chapters for agreeing to jointly host the Fall BOM meeting.

Fraternally,
Ronald E. Toops, President

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From the Editor's Desk

Compatriots and Friends,

In the Summer edition of The Patriot on page 2, I made a reference to "The late Ralph Cramer." Later, I was very happy to receive a phone call from RALPH CRAMER!

As Mark Twain once said about himself, "Rumors of my death have been very much exaggerated." My apologies to Ralph.

Hurricane Ike seems to have affected most of us, even in Ohio. The Weather Bureau reported that the highest winds ever recorded in Columbus, Ohio came during that storm, measuring 75 mph. As a result of the power interruptions, my computer was fried, causing me to have to recreate a lot of files. I am sorry if this caused any delay in getting this magazine to you.

I noted in the Summer SAR Magazine that Florida had more new members reported (45) than any other state society! See page 5 for a very helpful article. Congratulations and thanks to all of you who have made this happen.

Liberty Tree ceremonies create a lot of interest in The SAR, and The Florida Society encourages you to plant them in your area. For more information, you can contact Ben DuBose, Chairman of the Liberty Tree Committee.

Dick Fowler, Editor



Dick Fowler

**Deadline for submissions for the
Winter edition is December 17, 2008**

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THE LIBERTY TREE

from WIKIPEDIA

The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The tree was a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of England over the American colonies. In the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree—a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny.

In 1765 the British government imposed a Stamp Act on the American colonies. It required all legal documents, permits, commercial contracts, newspapers, pamphlets, and playing cards in the American colonies to carry a tax stamp. Because the Act applied to papers, newspapers, advertisements, and other publications and legal documents, it was viewed by the colonists as a means of censorship, or a “knowledge tax,” on the rights of the colonists to write and read freely.

The summer of 1765 in Boston was marked by militant citizens demonstrating against the Stamp Act. On August 14, 1765, a group of men calling themselves the Sons of Liberty gathered in Boston under a large elm tree at the corner of Essex Street and Orange Street near Hanover Square to protest the hated Stamp Act. The Sons of Liberty concluded their protest by hanging two tax collectors in effigy from the tree. From that day forward, the tree became known as the “Liberty Tree.” The tree was often decorated with banners and lanterns. Assemblies were regularly held to express views and vent emotions. A flagstaff or pole was raised within the Tree’s branches and when an ensign (usually yellow) was raised, the Sons of Liberty were to meet.

When the news of the Liberty Tree spread throughout the colonies, local patriots in each of the 13 colonies formed a Sons of Liberty group and identified a large tree to be used as a meeting place. In those times, holding an unauthorized assembly was dangerous business that carried threats of imprisonment or death. The casual appearance of a group chatting beneath a tree was much safer.

Other towns designated their own Liberty Trees as well. The Liberty Tree in Acton, Massachusetts, was an elm tree that lasted until about 1925. In 1915, knowing that the Liberty Tree was getting older, Acton students planted the Peace Tree, a Norway Maple that still stands today.

In the years leading up to the war, the British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule. British soldiers tarred and feathered a man named Ditson, and forced him to march in front of the tree. During the siege of Boston, about the last day of August 1775, a party of Loyalists led by Job Williams defiantly cut the tree down in an act of spite, knowing what it represented to the colonists, and used the tree for firewood. This act only further enraged the colonists. As resistance to the British grew, flags bearing a representation of the Liberty Tree were flown to symbolize the unwavering spirit of liberty. These flags were later a common sight during the battles of the American Revolution.

The Sons of Liberty tarring and feathering a tax collector underneath the Liberty Tree



THE LIBERTY TAVERN IN POWELL, OHIO



Taverns have been intimately intertwined in the lives of Americans throughout history but never more so than in the birth of our nation. In 1765, the British government imposed the Stamp Act on all American colonies, an oppressive censorship tax that required all documents, newspapers, pamphlets and playing cards to carry a British Tax Stamp. Well, the colonists had finally had enough of British oppression and taxation without representation!

On a quiet evening in 1765, very late at night, under a beautiful elm tree in front of Robinson's Tavern in Dorchester, just outside of Boston, a few of our forefathers met and created a secret patriotic society that became known as the "Sons of Liberty". Its purpose was to oppose the Stamp Act, but the group, unintentionally at the time, sowed the seeds of revolution and the ideals of a new nation. They would meet at the tavern as discreetly as possible usually under the cover of darkness to discuss and plan their strategies. As a result, the Tavern was renamed Liberty Tavern and the stately elm tree in front of it, the Liberty Tree! As word spread, Sons of Liberty societies, Liberty Taverns and Liberty Trees sprang up throughout the colonies.

Many other actions that furthered the cause of liberty and revolution have their origins at Liberty Tavern. And so it is that the original Liberty Tavern in Boston is referred to by historians as the place "Where America Was Born!"

And so it is that this humble establishment in Powell, Ohio was named, "**Liberty Tavern**," located on Liberty Street (named for the same reasons), after the original *Liberty Tavern* in honor of our forefathers and their sacrifices for the cause of liberty. [see <http://www.libertytavernpowell.com/>].

On August 14, 2008, Paul Revere and Benjamin Franklin paid a visit to the Liberty Tavern and dedicated a Liberty Tree in honor of the Patriots who fought for and won our liberty.



NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

By Douglas Little (Daytona-Ormond Chapter)

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In a recent telephone call with Lindsey Brock, past Florida President, we had a discussion of New Member Recruiting: in particular how the Daytona-Ormond Chapter is handling their new member applications.

As we all know, handing a prospective member a worksheet and the pamphlet on how to fill out his lineage and then prove it usually means that it's the last ever heard from that prospect.

The Daytona-Ormond Chapter, FLSSAR has evolved a procedure that seems to work, at least for us. We man a desk at the Daytona City Island Library each Friday afternoon to provide a contact point for prospective members. Three Chapter Members are in this group of SAR volunteers, including the Chapter Registrar and Genealogist with at least one being present each Friday and, more usually, all three. We have been doing this for some years now, with the result that the Library Staff feels very comfortable in referring anyone who inquires about the SAR (or DAR, Mayflower, etc.) to stop by the Genealogy Room on Friday afternoon. In addition the Library permits us to have racks with SAR brochures along with Mayflower, DAR and other lineage Societies – we all work together. Fairly often we have a “newbie” just starting out in genealogy overhear our conversation and inquire about membership.

Once a prospective member shows up, we start with the usual basic information: name, address, telephone number and, very important, his e-mail address. We have found that, as a practical matter, if a person does not have an e-mail address they tend to be more difficult to work with, particularly as we use a computer based approach. We don't push these men out the door, but the success ratio is far lower. On the other hand we find a lot of men (those with e-mail addresses) come in expecting that all the information they have found on the Web is the gospel truth and is therefore all the documentation they need.

The first step is to establish whether the prospective member has a blood relative that was ever in the SAR or DAR. If so, that is the obvious place to start; although many, if not most, applicants would like to trace back to a Patriot Ancestor with their own surname. We work hard to encourage them to start with an established line and then add their direct lineage as a Supplemental. If they don't have a SAR or DAR blood relative, we find that they usually have some idea of who their Patriot Ancestor may be – it may not be the right one, but it is usually a good clue.

The next step we take (other than the applicant who is the son or grandson of an existing SAR or DAR member where all that is needed is a birth certificate or two) is to create a lineage on our computer using one of the various SAR Application computer programs. We happen to use Bill Bristor's Word Template, but there are a number of others. By starting with the filling out of the application form, with the prospect looking over our shoulder supplying the information, he gets a feeling of immediate involvement rather than the turnoff of being handed a worksheet with instructions to fill it in.

The application is completed as far as possible with very little talk of documentation – that comes later! The applicant can usually take us back to his grandparents although with lots of dates and locations missing. The next step is to go on-line to Ancestry.com (available at the library) and check the US Census for his immediate ancestors. The censuses provide dates, locations, etc. and allows us to talk in an unthreatening way about documentation. (We print out the census pages for “documentation”). Usually we can get the applicant back to the 1850s using various censuses.

At this point we shift to RootsWeb.com, searching on the name of the oldest person we have entered on the application. In most cases this provides a “framework” lineage on which we can start building proof. We are fortunate in having a fair sized genealogy section in our Library (to which our Chapter regularly contributes additional books each year that will help with applications). These library books are our first step in documentation, with the second step being accessing HeritageQuest.com on-line. Heritage Quest claims over 20,000 books in their on-line library, the search is fairly easy and appropriate pages may be printed to accompany the application as proof.

Along the way we have indicated to the applicant that he will need to get birth/baptism, death, marriage certificates for the first three generations. Not all are needed but enough to prove his blood line. Much of our approach here is that the applicant should have them for “his records” in any case. Here we help with the “where to write for” books that are available in the library or on-line.

In those cases where an applicant has no good leads to a Patriot Ancestor we use a slightly different approach. Rather than start by filling out the actual SAR application, we open a new PAF computer file. We use PAF because it is easy to explain and, when we are done, we can give the file to the applicant with instructions on how to download PAF for free so he can continue his genealogy (obviously any of the many genealogy programs can be used). Opening the PAF file permits us to easily research multiple branches. Many times we can check names in the 1850 era to the SAR Patriot Index CD and find a proven Patriot Ancestor.

This approach is a far cry from the time that a lot of us came into SAR. Then we did all the work ourselves or we didn't get in, or we were lucky enough to find someone to guide us through the process. Why does our Chapter go this way? Mainly because new applicants have more and more generations between themselves and their Patriot Ancestor. Gone are the days when an applicant's Patriot Ancestor was great-grandfather Jones! Now an application with the Patriot Ancestor being the 9th or 10th generation is not unusual! In addition, there is the current desire for instant gratification – people are no longer willing to work for a couple of years to assemble all the data needed for an application and, with the advent of computers and the Web, that's no longer necessary. In addition, most applicants do not have the necessary genealogy knowledge or Web skill to put together the lineage and proof needed for an SAR Application, so it is up to the local Chapter to provide it.

The following is a brief synopsis of what the Daytona-Ormond Chapter has put up on the Web at
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fldocsar/ResearchingNewApp.htm>

This is a tough URL to copy from this article – a simpler way is to Google “Daytona Ormond SAR Researching” (don't include the quote marks). We refer our members to it for help with Supplementals, but we don't necessarily point prospective members to it unless they are pretty deep into genealogy. We feel doing so would be like giving the prospect a worksheet and telling him to come back when he has all the work done!

FLSSAR CHAPTER NEWS (Continued on page 7)

Brevard

New member Carrol Lord was inducted at a Chapter meeting.

Caloosa

The Chapter came in first place in the statewide Chapter Challenge. The Executive Committee members and their wives were guests of President Albert Myers at Shell Point on July 25th. Four Flag awards were presented. The Chapter arranged for a Constitution Week Proclamation that will be presented to The Lee county Commission and the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon by County commissioner and Chapter member Frank Mann.

Central Florida

Six Flag Certificates were presented to neighborhood residents by Compatriot Robert Murray. Special Plaques of Appreciation were presented to *The Observer* News and to the Manager of the Altamonte Springs Wal-Mart Store. The Chapter Color Guard has attended five special performances in uniform this year. One of the appearances was the swearing in of 1000 new citizens from 98 countries as U.S. Citizens.

Charlotte

The Chapter recognized Charlotte County Deputy Kevin Bordner with the Law enforcement medal in April and conferred ROTC medals on Zack Lee of Port Charlotte and Paul Morriner of Punta Gorda. The May Chapter meeting featured new member, Larry Hurley, recalling his Patriot ancestor and personal military record.

Clearwater

The Color Guard attended a memorial service on May 26 and posted the colors. Chapter members attended the funeral of our Chapter 2nd VP and the funeral of Beth Shafer, Charles Shafer's wife.

Maj. John DeVane

The Chapter held a Memorial Day service on May 26.

William Dunaway

Chapter President Harry Dunaway presented Dr. Perry Shield the Membership Certificate and Rosette. The Chapter plans to participate in the JROTC program. Membership certificates have been received for Davis Argus Dunaway, Roger Ware Dunaway, Jr. and Roger Ware. Plans for a Constitution Day program have been completed and DAR and SAR chapters have been invited to attend.

Emerald Coast

The Chapter Color Guard was in the City of Fort Walton Beach Memorial Day Ceremony and presented a wreath at Beal Cemetery in honor of our fallen veterans. The Chapter has planted a magnolia tree in Mercer Park on Okaloosa Island and is planning on getting a plaque made. When this is completed the Chapter will designate the tree as a *Liberty Tree* with an appropriate ceremony.

Flagler

An SAR Law Enforcement Certificate and medal was presented to Jonathan Dopp, Flagler County Sheriff's Dept. A lineal descendant of a Patriot who fought at Lexington and Concord was presented a JROTC medal. A Fire-Safety medal was presented to Capt. Steve Palmer, Flagler County Fire Rescue. Trustee David Kelsey was our representative at the Winter and Spring 2008 BOM's. A Liberty Tree (live oak) and bronze plaque were dedicated in Heoes Memorial Park at Palm Coast. For 2008, all Compatriots renewed their SAR membership. Two new members added recently, Compatriots Ted St. Pierere and James Rhoades. Two JOTC medals were presented to local area high school students.

Ft. Lauderdale

The Chapter presented 29 medals and certificates to deserving students. Six Good Citizenship awards were presented in addition to over 300 Good Citizenships that were presented.

Gainesville

The Chapter held a joint informal Summer Salad Social with the Gainesville DAR. The Chapter has increased its membership to 70. Nine new members were added during the quarter. Our President attended a DAR meeting in April. 1st VP Ray Davis U Chaplain Charles Rinek attended a naturalization ceremony at the Court House in uniform on April 17 and gave flag pins to 41 new citizens. Medals were presented to 26 ROTC and JROTC units. 1st VP Ray Davis did the Toast to the Flag in uniform at the Flag Day Program in Ocala and at Lotton HS and presented flag pins in uniform to 30 new citizens at the Court House on June 19. The Veterans Comm. Chair hosted a birthday party at the Veterans View Home at the VA hospital, presenting "I Proudly Served" baseball caps to all residents.

Jacksonville

Seven members (4 in uniform, 3 in Bravo uniform) participated in our annual salute to our fallen military at the Jacksonville Veterans Wall. Seven members, wives and DAR and C.A.R. members participated in the unveiling of a famous painting of George Washington at the Cummer Gallery of Art in Jacksonville. Lindsey and Billie Brock and David and Marjorie Ramseur participated in the wreath laying at the Revolutionary War Battle of Ramsour's mill. On July 9, Lindsey Brock was installed as VP General of the South Atlantic District at the Annual congress in Sacramento, CA. He is also the new Chairman of the council of all SAR Vice President Generals.

Lake City This chapter continues to reorganized under the leadership of Compatriot Joe Thrasher, the 2nd VP of the Gainesville Chapter.

Lakeland

Two guardsmen attended a Memorial Service on May 26.

Lake-Sumter

The Color Guard was present at the presentation of a 20 foot mosaic of *THE SPIRIT OF 76* at the Community Club House. CG Compatriots Ron Toops and Bill Piper presented an essay certificate to a member of the Mt. Verde Academy graduating class. Bill Piper presented two Flag Talks to The Villages clubs. The Chapter along with one WOSAR and DAR members placed flags on all of the grave sites at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg. Two new members were initiated bringing our total membership up to sixty-one.

Naples

On the 4th of July Color Guard members participated in the Naples parade through downtown main streets. this year participants included Dr. Philip Balou, James and Joanne Applegate, John Mccullough and Don and Sam Cahill. The Chapter adopted a voting precinct as a fundraiser bringing in about \$1500 per election. Our eight workers are already trained on the new paper ballot machines for the August 26, 2008 election.

Ocala

President Dale Sutton presented an Eagle Scout award. On Memorial Day the Chapter gave out flags at the Avenue of Flags event at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery where about 150 veterans flags are flown each year.

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Palm Beach

Two members attended the DAR Conference in Orlando. The Secretary prepared, engraved and mailed Flag Certificates to 30 citizens in the area. A \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Ms. Beeth Williams, a history major at Palm Beach Atlantic University. In support of the Eagle Scout program certificates for Leadership and Outstanding Citizenship were presented. The Chapter participated in the wreath ceremony at the county-wide Memorial Day Service. Attending were 4 Chapter officers and the color guard. In support of the Liberty Tree program two schools in the area were contacted for possible Liberty Tree Plantings in the coming months. Three new members have been admitted into the Chapter during the Quarter.

Panama City

One Flag Certificate was presented in June.

Pensacola

One NSSAR Flag Certificate was presented in June. As part of the year-long celebration of the 450th Anniversary of the first attempted colonization of Pensacola, the Chapter is planning the celebration of the 228th Anniversary of the Battle of Pensacola. Twenty-one new member applications are being processed. Our Color Guard presented the Colors at the Flag Day Ceremony at the Scottish Rite Temple in Pensacola and before 3689 attendees before a baseball game of the Pensacola Pelicans at Pelican Park. The Color Guard Presented the Colors at the Organizational Meeting of the Santa Maria de Galvez Chapter, C.A.R. in Milton and the 218th Anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard at Pelican Park before 1548 attendees.

Sarasota

The September 27, luncheon meeting is hosted by the DAR as the Constitution Day Luncheon. President Tarpley has been working on a project to have our members in uniform visit elementary schools. At this point they seem to be most receptive to our history lesson visits. Treasurer Victor McMurry completed the assigned work of putting our chapter files on a master spreadsheet, working with the FLSSAR Secretary to verify member's information.

Aaron Snowden

President Nathan Williams brought greetings to the Santa Maria de Galvez Society, C.A.R. at their Organizing Meeting in Milton and attended the Flag Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Milton. The Chapter provided 250 Good Citizenship Certificates to the schools of Santa Rosa County and presented JROTC Medals at four county high schools. Guardsman Jones marched with the Pensacola Chapter Color Guard to Present the colors for the Memorial Day program in Pensacola and the Coast Guard 218th Anniversary Celebration at Pelican Park.

St. Augustine

An SAR burial marker was placed on the headstone of Compatriot Joseph D. Williams, a long time Compatriot and former Vice President of the Northern Region. Cadet David Towle, NJROTC, Nease High School, won the Florida State Outstanding Cadet Award for 2008. He received the Bronze JROTC Medal, the State Silver Outstanding Cadet medal with a check for \$1,000 along with \$300 from the Ladies Auxiliary. Eight other Bronze JROTC Medals were awarded along with seven Law Enforcement medals. Eagle Scout George Alden Chearning II received the Chapter Eagle Scout Award.

St. Lucie River

The Chapter presented JROTC medals and certificates and Good Citizenship Certificates to 22 schools, 9 being presented to the students by a chapter member in Colonial uniform. 9 JROTC medals and certificates and 4 Eagle Scout certificates were presented by Doug North. The Chapter entry in the Americanism Poster Contest won First Place in the State Contest. 3 Chapter color guardsmen marched in the Stuart Memorial Day Parade. One Color Guardsman presented the Colors at the Memorial Day Service in Port St. Lucie. Compatriot Hall Riediger placed flags on graves at Forrest Hill Cemetery while visiting the grave of Reidar Waaler, Medal of Honor recipient in WWI.

St. Petersburg

Law Enforcement Certificates were awarded at the May meeting.

Tallahassee

At the May 15, 2008 meeting the following agreed to serve as chapter officers for the remainder of 2008: President Don Wilham, VP Bill Gladwin, Secretary Leon Corbett III, Treasurer Kevin Vistlocky, director Jerry Raymond and Roy Wilham and Jerry Raymond volunteered to be in charge of the ROTC program. Laura Lee Corbett, wife of Leon Corbett and member of the Carolyn Brevard DAR Chapter volunteered to assist with scheduling joint meetings with the local DAR chapters.

Tampa

Three members participated in the Lutz 4th of July parade in uniform. They carried Betsy Ross and SAR flags.

Treasure Coast

Chapter member and Florida Society Senior Vice President, Steve Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" at seven meetings across the state. He represented the Chapter and the SAR and spoke at meetings of nine other organizations including the presentation of ROTC and JROTC medals and the Installation of Officers at the St. Lucie River Chapter.

Withlacoochee

Seven members attended the Spring BOM, and the Chapter was awarded 1st place for Veterans Affairs, 2nd place for Chapter Challenge and 2nd place for Chapter newsletters. The Chapter presented 250 Good Citizenship Certificates, 6 plaques of appreciation, 4 certificates of appreciation, 2 Daughters of Liberty Medals, 2 Martha Washington medals, 1 Law Enforcement medal, 1 Hero medal, 5 Flag Certificates and 6 JROTC Medals. Keyhole To History CD's were distributed to seven schools. Flags were placed on veterans graves at the Brooksville cemetery on Memorial Day. Chapter Color Guards posted the colors at the SE Conference of the WWII Submarine Veterans Association and at televised events, one at Forest Hill cemetery on Memorial Day and the dedication of the new Veterans Cemetery in Sarasota. 11 members went to the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes and treated the 115 veterans to a pizza party and gifts exceeding \$1,500 in value.

CAAH Semi-Annual Report Fall 2008 Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

The following is taken from the CAAH Semi-Annual reports for the Fall Leadership meeting. This is Sam Powell's report:

How much money do we need?

Our projections are that we will need \$8 - \$10 M to complete the renovation of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage building on West Main Street in Louisville and provide an endowment that will allow for the operation of the Center For Advancing America's Heritage.

The Fulton Conway Building was purchased on March 27, 2008. The multilevel structure contains approximately 40,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Renovation will consist of rehabilitating the exterior and doing extensive structural support work and build-out of the interior walls and spaces required for administrative offices, meeting rooms, library, merchandising, galleries and other special purpose areas. The preliminary estimate for the cost of the structural renovation is \$5 M. Additional dollars will be needed for the finish work including trim, floor coverings, cabinets, door facings, display structures, library and office furniture, etc.

In addition to the cost of the build-out of The CAAH, we also need funds for an endowment to support the operations and outreach education programs we hope to offer through The Center. We would like to have at least \$2M to start, and hope to continue annual fund-raising efforts to build a significant and meaningful endowment.

How much cash and investments for the CAAH do we have on hand?

As of June 30, 2008, we had \$1,221,094 in cash and investment dedicated for The CAAH. In addition, we have \$373,467 in pledges for a total approximately \$1.6 M.

During the Sacramento Congress this year, we received cash and pledges amounting to over \$125,000. More recently, we have received notice that the SAR Foundation will be the beneficiary of one million dollars from an estate settlement. This gift will be formally announced later this year.

We also have investments in real estate. The sale of our current headquarters building on 4th street, when no longer needed, should yield \$2M or more. It is also important to note that we have invested \$1.45 M in the cash purchase of the Fulton Conway Building, now known as The Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

How do we plan to raise \$8 Million or more in our Phase II Effort?

A five-year Phase II Capital Campaign (2008 - 2013) is planned for raising funds. Existing programs for recognition of gifts in Phase I will continue. It is important for our membership to continue to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage so that we can show Foundations and other potential donors that our membership is in support of the Center. The donor benefits, recognition, and naming opportunities already established will be honored going forward.

*Naming rights already sold will be honored by transferring those completed pledges from the prior 5th Street site to naming rights at the West Main Street site. Additional naming rights will be considered as will the establishment of special named endowments.

*Recognition with lapel pins and certificates of appreciation will continue.

*Donor recognition for significant gifts will be made by placing the names of individual donors on a special plaque in the Center.

*The State Recognition Challenge Campaign will continue under the Chairmanship of Compatriot George Thurmond. When donations from a state equal an average \$250 per society member and at least 20% at that state's members have made a contribution; the State Society name will be placed on a plaque prominently placed in The Center. Quarterly reports showing our progress will be distributed.

Historic and Federal tax credits will be sought. It is anticipated that an added benefit of our renovation efforts in the Louisville historic district will be the receipt of one million or more dollars from the sale of tax credits.

We are planning a five-year capital campaign which, already in the early stages, promises to raise several million dollars with the help of Whitney Jones, Inc., our fund-raising counsel. The capital campaign will seek to obtain donations from foundations, corporations, and philanthropists, as well as individuals, the Louisville community, and local, state and federal governments, which are all interested in the future of our Outreach Education Program. This campaign will consist of three phases. The survey phase was completed April to June, 2008. We are now in the silent phase of the campaign, in which we hope to obtain commitments and identify our fund-raising goal. The final and public phase of the campaign should be concluded by the end of 2009, with pledges paid over the five year period 2009 - 2013.

All gifts to The Center for Advancing America's's Heritage are important, no matter the amount. Multi-year pledges are also important in helping to reach our goal. Please also consider donations of appreciated stock, life insurance, real estate, charitable bequests, and planned giving. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Laurie Anne Roberts, our Foundation Development Director, at laroberts@sar.org or by calling (502) 589-1775x31.

Will we be successful?

It is time to take advantage of our recent momentum from the purchase of the Fulton Conway building. If you have traveled to Louisville recently, you have seen that it is no longer portrayed by this name. The Fulton Conway sign has come off the building. We have made the commitment and own this property on West Main Street in "Museum Row" of Louisville, which is now known as the future home of The Center For Advancing America's Heritage and all that it entails.

We have never been more ready. Many of our compatriots are involved in planning and fund-raising efforts. I am excited about the positive attitude of our membership and truly believe that we can be successful. It is my hope that we can obtain the commitments required to start construction on the CAAH within the next few months. The success of this project depends on a continued high level of commitment from our leadership and members. With everyone pitching in however they can, we can make it happen.

Please join us in doing your part for our new home, and the Center For Advancing America's Heritage. Make your pledge today.

Respectfully,

Samuel C. Powell, Ph. D.
Capital Campaign Chairman

SUMMER 2008 BOM MEETING

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Pictures above taken by Doug Bridges
 Picture following and pictures below
 taken by Dick Cardell



Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Commander Col. Edward D. Young

August 10, 2008

The period of this report is from 4 May 2008 through 15 August 2008. Twenty-one Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual Meeting on 2-4 May 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 Lindsey Brock, Lonnie Jones, Mark Kilgore, Ray Lantz and Ed Young Presented the Colors for the Organizing Meeting of the new Santa Maria de Galvez Society, Children of the American Revolution at Milton, FL on 26 July 2008. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 14-15 August 2008 FLSSAR Summer BOM. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform.)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Four Guardsmen, three members in "Bravo" uniform and two CAR members participated in the annual City of Jacksonville program at the Veteran's Memorial Park on 29 May 2008. Steve Owens had his picture in uniform appear in the Florida Times-Union. During June 2008, Lindsey and Billie Brock, grandchildren with David and Marjorie Ramseur participated in a wreath laying program to commemorate the Revolutionary War Battle at Ramseur's Mill, NC. Guardsman Lindsey Brock Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard at the Organizing Meeting of the Santa Maria de Galvez Society CAR in Milton on 26 July 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 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsman Green attended the SAR Grave Marker Dedication for Jeremiah Green in North Carolina on 18 May 2008. On 19 May 2008, Guardsman Wright attended the "Court of Honor" for BSA Troop 509 and presented four SAR Certificates and Cannon Medals to those who assisted us on 26 April 2008. On 25 May 2008, Guardsman Dunagan attended the Veteran's Day activities held by the Cocoa Beach VFW Post. Guardsmen Williams and Wright, along with his daughter Kate, in colonial dress, attended the Veteran's Day activities at the Liberty Bell Museum in Melbourne on 26 May 2008. On 7 June 2008, Guardsman DuBose presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Award to PO2 Elliot Robinson of the Davis McCambell Sea Scouts. He is the 1st Cadet in that unit to qualify for this SAR honor. Guardsmen Dibble, DuBose, Green, Ryan, Smith, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at the joint DAR/SAR Flag Day luncheon with 98 people in attendance on 14 June 2008. At this meeting President Williams presented Compatriot Jonah B. Compton the SAR War Service Medal for his recent deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. On 14 June 2008, Guardsman Wright spoke at a joint meeting of the South Brevard Historical Society and the Genealogy



Colonel Young

Society of South Brevard about Chapter activities. Guardsmen Williams and Wright, along with his daughter Kate in colonial dress, joined the Color Guard for the Flag Day ceremonies at the Liberty Bell Museum on 14 June 2008 on 14 June 2008. On 27 June 2008, at Satellite Beach Hall, Guardsmen DuBose, Ryan, Williams and Wright, and Wright's wife Jo Ann and daughter Kate and 2 DAR members from the Rufus Fairbanks chapter FLSDAR, assisted in removing the annual display of 53 flags which represent the number of days between Flag Day and July 4. Guardsman Corman was the guest speaker at the 4th of July celebrations at the Indian River Colony Club in Viera. Guardsmen DuBose, Dunnigan, Smith and Wright (with his daughter Kate) joined the City of Melbourne July 4th Parade. The Boy Scouts presented our Colors. On 4 July 2008, Guardsmen Ryan Presented the Colors and gave a talk about the SAR at Wickham Park. Guardsman DuBose gave a historical talk for the Pittsburg Club in Melbourne and did recruiting on 2 July 2008. During this period, Guardsman Ryan attended 13 ROTC award ceremonies and presenter SAR Awards and Medals. He also attended 2 Sea Scout Award Ceremonies and presented SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen and Kitchen participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen, Schaffer and Wallin participated in the Memorial Day Service at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Large. On 12 July 2008, Camp Commander Jantzen attended the funeral of Beth Schafer, DAR, wife of Compatriot Charles Schaffer, Past FLSSAR Chaplain at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsman Riediger participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. On 26 May 2008, Guardsman Eisenhardt, Hall, Massey and Riediger attended the Martin County Memorial Day Service in Stuart. Also, Guardsman Riediger went to the Forest Hill Cemetery and placed 18 small flags on veterans' graves, including the grave of a WW I Medal of Honor recipient. Further, Guardsman North participated in the Veterans' Program with the United Veterans of St. Lucie County. Guardsman North participated in the First Congregational Church of Port St. Lucie service on 25 May 2008. On 8 June 2008, Guardsman North participated in the Flag Program at the Elks Lodge (East) of Port St. Lucie. Guardsman North led the Responsive Reading in the Fourth of July Service at the First Congregational Church of Port St. Lucie on 6 July 2008.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. C. Rinek and R. Davis wearing "Bravo" uniforms attended two Naturalization Ceremonies where they presented a brief overview of the SAR and presented 71 new citizens with U.S. Flag Pins. Eight JROTC Cadets were presented awards at the Chapter ceremonial dinner by Guardsman

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Chapter President R. Reeves. Guardsman R. Davis presented "The Toast to the Flag" at the Ocala Flag Day program and at Lofton High School. Guardsman W.E. Page marched in the Micanopy Fourth of July Parade and he and his son and daughter in colonial attire rang the Micanopy Church bell 13 times in recognition of the original 13 colonies.

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 Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Kilgore and Legg Presented the Colors at the Memorial Day Program held at the Azalea Trace Retirement Community in Pensacola for 150 residents on 30 May 2008. On 14 June 2008, Guardsmen Bellamy, Bowers, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the Flag Day Ceremony held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Pensacola. On 3 July 2008, Guardsmen Bellamy, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Fourth of July Celebration held at Pelican Park on the campus of the University of West Florida before a home baseball game played by the Pensacola Pelicans. Guardsmen Lantz and Legg performed a Musket Salute immediately after the Colors were presented. Guardsmen Jones, Lantz, Kilgore and Young Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard at the Organizing Meeting of the Santa Maria de Galvez Society CAR in Milton on 26 July 2008. On 6 August 2008, Guardsmen Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the 218th Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Celebration at Pelican Park on the campus of the University of West Florida, Pensacola.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen Crapo, Miller and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Barrett, Bradley, Crapo, Cushing, Miller, Riegle and Tarpley marched in the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade and Presented the Colors for the official ceremonies on 26 May 2008. On 1 June 2008, Guardsmen Ashcroft, Barrett, Bradley, Crapo, Cushing, Miller, Riegle and Tarpley Presented the Colors during Massing the Colors for ground breaking ceremonies of the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery. Guardsmen Ashcroft, Barrett, Bradley, Cushing, Millman and Hodalski Presented the Colors for the DAR Flag Day Luncheon on 14 June 2008. On 19 July Guardsmen Bradley, Crapo, Cushing and Riegle Presented the Colors for the minor league baseball game in Sarasota.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen Bridges participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Montes-Bradley and Tuttle Posted the Colors at the Scottish Rite Temple Flag Day Ceremony on 18 June 2008. Guardsmen Bridges and Friberg, Scottish Rite Officials were in attendance. Color Guard Commander David Mitchell was the Guest Speaker. On 26 May 2008, Guardsmen Liebler, Miller and Williams Posted the Colors for the John McDonald DAR Chapter's Memorial Day Celebration held at the Circle in Miami Springs.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Little, Myers, Murray and Hamilton Presented and Posted the Colors at the Orlando Chapter DAR Flag Retirement meeting. On 14 June 2008, Color Guard members Little, McLean, Myers and Murray in "Bravo"

uniforms attended the Shiners' Flag Retirement Ceremony. Guardsmen Little, Myers and Murray Presented the Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony held at the Orlando Convention Center for 1000 new citizens from 98 countries on 2 July 2008. Color Guard members posed for pictures with the new citizens and were shown on television news. There was a large article about the Central Florida Chapter Color Guard in the "Orlando Sentinel" newspaper on 3 July 2008.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On May 8 2008, Guardsmen Nelson, Sumner, Townsend and Tucker Posted the Colors for a WW II Sub-Vets Meeting in Crystal River. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee and Tucker Posted the Colors at the Chapter Meeting honoring JROTC Cadet Award recipients on 8 May 2008. On 30 May 2008, Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend Presented and Posted the Colors for the Hernando County Memorial Day Service in Spring Hill. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Tucker Presented the Colors at the Dedication of the new National Cemetery in Sarasota on 1 June 2008. On 3 July 2008, Guardsmen J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend Presented the Colors for the Freedom Festival in Brooksville.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bob Krey, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk to The Villages Rio Grande Club before 25 attendees on 12 May 2008. On 19 May 2008, Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk to The Villages Chula Vista Club before 40 attendees. Guardsmen Piper and Toops Presented the Colors at The Villages' Independence Day Celebration before 500-600 attendees.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsmen D. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen Applegate, Ballou, D. Cahill, S. Cahill and McCullough participated in the Naples Fourth of July Parade marching with the Colors and riding in a 1976 red Cadillac convertible preceded by the Big Cypress DAR Chapter.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. On 4 July 2008, Guardsmen Bell and Yarnell marched with the local CAR Chapter in the Lutz Fourth of July Parade.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 6 May 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" to the National Sojourners Canaveral Chapter 366 at Patrick Air Force Base. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" and presented the National Sojourners JROTC Medal at Okeechobee High School on 11 May 2008. On 17 May 2008, Guardsman Stevenson spoke to the Brevard Chapter about FLSSAR programs. Guardsman Stevenson presented the SAR and National Sojourners JROTC Medals at Sebastian River High School on 30 May 2008. On 2 June 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" for the National Sojourners Canaveral Chapter 366 at Patrick Air Force Base. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the Oceanside Businessmen's Saturday Evening Concert in Vero Beach on 6 June 2008. Later in June 2008,

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Summer Board of Management Meeting

August 15 - 16, 2008, Kissimmee

By Terry Walton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Toops at 9:10 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2008.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Randy Moody. Pres. Toops then led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the SAR, and the American Creed. Frank Hodalski took the opportunity to explain the background to his recent SAR Meritorious Service award, commending that it was partially based on the Keyholes to History initiative, and would not have been possible without the contribution of Ben DuBose. Candidates for national office were then introduced by Pres. Toops, including Lindsey Brock, who is a candidate for Historian General. In addition to his background/platform statement Lindsey announced the news that Cmdr Doug Edson, commander of the USS Barry, will be the speaker the Last Naval Battle commemoration in 2009. David Sympton, Registrar General, announced his candidacy and background for Treasurer General in 2009. Larry Guzy, of the Georgia Society, announced his candidacy for Treasurer General, and gave a background talk on the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

President Toops requested that VPG Brock install Phil Carr as Alternate Trustee, which was accordingly done. The secretary established that a quorum was present, and Pres. Toops requested corrections and approval of the previous BOM Minutes.

Compatriot Duay noted that there was a minor language amendment to Amendment One to the Bylaws that was not reflected in the published minutes. Secretary Yarnell noted that the actual language change had been incorporated into the revised official Bylaws of the Society (available online at the website). The Spring/Annual 2008 BOM Minutes were accordingly approved.

Pres. Toops recognized two first time attendees, John Quinn and Richard Hagerman from Lakeland Chapter.

Pres. Toops reported for the executive committee (see also Blue Book, p.8). A resolution was passed by the committee supporting the Society's goals and objectives for the current year promoting financial support for the build-out of the new CAAH/HQ building, and expanding membership growth. He also reported on Steve Williams' proposed bylaw changes which would impact the frequency and nature of BOM meetings, as well as a bylaw change that would allow the bylaws to be amended more expeditiously. Phil Carr made a motion that the Society make a \$500 donation to Lindsey Brock for his Historian General campaign. The money would be found

within the operating budget. Frank Hodalski pointed out that the donation would not constitute a formal endorsement which cannot be done legally until the Fall BOM meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

Lindsey noted that the \$500 would be used to partially offset the cost of an ad in the SAR Magazine.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 a.m., Saturday, August 16th, 2008. President Toops continued the executive committee report. Although the bylaws clearly state that endorsements of candidates for national office cannot be made before the Fall BOM meeting, it was agreed that a motion to "present" Lindsey Brock as a candidate for Historian General be brought to BOM for a discussion and a vote. The form will state that "The Florida Society proudly presents Lindsey C. Brock as a candidate for Historian General" and will go on to state his background and qualifications and would then be sent to national. The motion was made, seconded, and passed by acclamation. Senior VP Stevenson reported briefly, reiterating support for the goals and objectives that were outlined previously. The RVP reports were submitted as printed in the Blue Book, with nothing to add. The registrar suggested that in future years this position should be divided because of the workload involved. Registrar Duay also suggested reviewing fees in order to reflect actual costs. Chaplain Randy Moody once again urged chapters to submit obituary forms for inclusion in his report and so that condolences may be sent to the families of deceased members. President Toops, on behalf of the medals & awards committee, introduced a motion to pass a resolution to NSSAR to designate Pensacola as an historic (revolutionary war) site and to create a medal for the commemoration that begins in May, 2009. The motion was made, seconded, and passed by acclamation.

Compatriot Toops presented a slate of five names for the 2009-2010 nominations committee: Hal Miller, Grant Wallin, George Lockhart, Ed Young, and Ben DuBose. A motion was made to elect the slate, which passed by acclamation. Grant Wallin was elected chairman at the first meeting.

The Chapter Challenge chairman, Nelson Jantzen, reminded everyone to check the Florida Society website for the current form and guidelines. Frank Hodalski reported on Support the Troops, displaying a flag, photo, and letters received from Lt. Vickers and others in Iraq.

The Last Naval Battle committee reported that the dinner next year will be catered at the Country Inn on Friday February 28th, and will accommodate about 85 people. Prospective attendees are urged to get their reservations in early.

Larry Guzy announced that the Congress next year will be the last one held on the 4th of July weekend. Full info is available on the SAR website.

The NSSAR Library Committee announced that the Miami Chapter was the recipient of a special award presented by Pres. Toops at the banquet. The award recognizes the unsurpassed efforts of Miami members in supporting the National Library of the SAR. In addition to the chapter itself, Miami has 39 individual members of the Friends of the Library.

There was a discussion centering on the need for specific promotional ideas for the CAAH – ideas that would provide some substance for fundraising. It was pointed out that there is a great deal in the offing that should be available in the foreseeable future.

Frank Hodalski was appointed chair of the NSSAR Constitution & Bylaws Review committee, formerly chaired by Carl Hoffmann.

The issue of perceived time-lags in processing new and supplemental applications was raised at several points. The present application cycle is approximately 60-90 days. A number of cogent observations and suggestions were made, but nothing concrete emerged to positively address the problem.

The Information Technology Review Committee (also referred to as the Website and Electronic Technology Review Committee) presented a preliminary outline of issues related to the society's website, magazine, historical/archival records, and other technology items. This ad hoc committee had a very productive meeting in May, and would appreciate feedback from the general membership. The report appears on p.34 of the Summer, 2008 BOM Blue Book, and a DRAFT Privacy Policy of the FLSSAR

appears on p.35. Both documents should be accessible on the FLSSAR website.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None

BOM Stats (thanks to Steve Williams):

* 85 Attendees, including 56 compatriots.

* 20 of 31 chapters were represented.

* Current membership stands at 1,704.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2008

FLSSAR Committee Report, Summer 2008 BOM
Newsletters & Periodicals Committee
Chairman: Terry Walton

The Newsletters & Periodicals Committee wishes to express appreciation to Bud Casey, former chairman, for his invaluable advice and assistance, and to Steve Williams for assisting the committee in accessing chapter newsletters online. We are looking forward to a very constructive year.

The “Best of FLSSAR Newsletters” Contest will be revived for 2008-2009. Contest guidelines and instructions will be sent to all chapter presidents and newsletter editors in the Fall. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards based on any two issues submitted to the Committee by December 31st. To assure total objectivity, contest judges will recuse themselves if a chapter submission poses a conflict (temporarily replaced).

All chapters are encouraged to participate in both the state and national newsletter awards contests. More details to come!

Committee Members: Dick Fowler, Phil Tarpley, Terry Walton, Kevin Yarnell

The Florida Society newsletter, *The Patriot*, received Honorable Mention at the National Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Sacramento, California in July.

Along with the citation, The Florida Society also received a check for \$100.

Accepting was Editor, Dick Fowler

Battle of Pensacola (May 8-9, 2009)

The Pensacola Chapter cordially invites folks to attend this first-ever event for all ages. Children’s activities include brickmaking, camp cooking and sampling, musketball and cartridge making, tomahawk throwing (plastic), and drill with live fire demos. Adult activities include an evening walking tour (Torches in the Night) with re-enactors at different stations, period music demos, a pass and review of the scores of re-enactors with a public commentator, a battle re-enactment, and a five course luncheon with re-enactors rotating tables after each course. There also may be a tall ship participating. Special motel rates have been secured at the Days Inn, which borders the battlefield. Call 850-438-4922 and reserve your room under the Group ID: Battle of Pensacola. For more information or to inquire about volunteer or donation opportunities, contact Compatriot Wesley Odom at wesley.s.odom@rssmb.com.

FLORIDA SOCIETY DECEASED AND NEW MEMBERS

New members 7/11/2008 – 8/26/2008

Last Name	First Name	Chapter	AncestorFirst	AncestorLast	MembershipStatus
Bailey	Richard	Aaron Snowden	Oliver	Bailey	Regular
Brown	Joseph	Withlacoochee	Samuel	Salter	Regular
Craig	James	Gainesville	Mosses	Pearson	Regular
Dall	Daniel	Central Florida	Jacob	Buttermore	Regular
Donnahoo	Ian	St. Lucie River	Watson	John	Junior
Donnahoo, III	Robert	St. Lucie River	Watson	John	Regular
Doughlas	Graham	Saramana	Joseph	Douglass, II	Youth
Downs	Lynn	Withlacoochee	John	Downs, Jr.	Regular
Gastfield	George	Central Florida	Arthur	Davis	Regular
Geishert	Philip	Jacksonville	Abraham	Stoner	Regular
George	David	Clearwater	Joseph	Cummings	Regular
Harper	Benjamin	Aaron Snowden	John	Caffey	Regular
Hemerick	Frederick	Clearwater	Seymour	Felix	Regular
Holland	Jeremy	Ft. Lauderdale	Robert	Wright	Regular
Koehler	Robert	Tampa	Edward	Eldredge	Regular
Martin	Samuel	Gainesville	Nathan	Talley	Youth
Martin, Jr.	Roy	Gainesville	Nathan	Talley	Regular
Matteo	Christopher	St. Lucie River	Watson	John	Junior
Matthews	John	Pensacola	Shows	John	Regular
McCormick	Dean	Gainesville	McGriff	Patrick	Regular
McCormick	Scott	Gainesville	McGriff	Patrick	Regular
Riegle	Warren	Saramana	John	Riegel	Memorial
Schultz	Richard A.	St. Petersburg	Atwater	David	Regular
Schultz	Richard J.	St. Petersburg	Atwater	David	Regular
Sprague	David	St. Petersburg	John	Matson	Regular
Vicker	Homer	Lakeland	John	Carlton	Regular
Vickers	Max	Lakeland	John	Carlton	Regular
Ware	James	St. Petersburg	Horner	David	Regular
Williams, Jr.	Malcolm	Jacksonville	George	Agnew	Regular
Withey	Robert	Naples	Hugh	King	Regular

Deceased Members

LastName	FirstName	Date of death	Chapter
Wheeler	Murray	9/6/2008	At-Large
Horning	Alvin	9/1/2008	Withlacoochee
Crandall	Ira	8/21/2008	Deland
Hollien	Kevin	8/17/2008	Gainesville
Barrett	Albert	8/15/2008	Jacksonville
Knouse	Melvin	7/8/2008	St. Lucie River
Monroe	Donald	6/20/2008	Clearwater
Fisher	Carlton	6/8/2008	Clearwater

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Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Build the Flag" program to the senior adults at the United Methodist Church in Vero Beach. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Build the Flag" program at the MOWW Youth Leadership Conference at Florida Technical College in Palm Bay on 25 July 2008. On 30 July 2008, Guardsman Stevenson represented President Toops at the Children of the American Revolution 58th Southeast Regional Conference at Ponte Vedra Beach.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. On 26 May 2008, Guardsmen Doan and Bonham participated in the City of Fort Walton Beach's Memorial Day Ceremony and presented a wreath in honor of departed veterans.

R. Outpost D. (Caloosa). Randy Moody, Commander. On 2-4 May 2008, Guardsman R. Moody participated with the Brigade at the Spring BOM and FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Guardsmen P. Moody and R. Moody Posted the Colors at the Caloosa Chapter meeting on 14 May 2008.

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

October 31 - November 1, 2008

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

Email Address for Confirmation Reply _____ @ _____

Phone No. _____

Guest(s) name(s) _____

I will be attending:

__CAAH

__Web 1 on 1 appt(s)

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section 1 FLSSAR Bylaws (Select 1})

FLSSAR Officer _____ Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer

FLSSAR Committee Chair _____ Patriot Medal

Past FLSSAR President FL National Trustee

Chapter: President Past President Delegate*

*** Delegate names must be submitted to FLSSAR Secretary prior to BOM.**

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend may name, in writing, a member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead, provided, however that no person may have more than one vote.

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone No. _____

EVENTS	Choice of Meals	Price	Number	Amount
Oct. 31st - Friday Evening Banquet	Smokehouse Grilled Pork or	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Grilled Fish or	\$24.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Pasta Primavera	\$23.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Dessert: Chocolate Cake			
	Registration Fee - SAR Members Only	\$10.00	X _____	\$ _____
	Total	\$		\$ _____

The above meals include Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

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

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any dietary requirements.

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

FLSSAR Meeting Arrangements Committee
C/O Steve Williams
3403 Caraway Street
Cocoa, FL 32926

Phone 321 -632-5663
Email: swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

**Fall Board of Management Meeting
Florida Society SAR
Kissimmee, Florida
October 31 - November 1, 2008**

The William DeVane and Lakeland chapters are the host chapters for the Fall BOM meeting.

Committee reports are due by October 26, 2008.

**RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE
7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64B off I-4)
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400**

NOTE: ABOVE PHONES ARE THE ONES TO USE. They connect directly to hotel.

Fax: 407-396-4320

Check in time 4:00 pm

Check out time 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

Room Rates: \$63.00, plus current 13% tax.

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

All rooms will be held until date to be determined. After that all rooms will be “if available” and with FLSSAR price.

Rooms may be upgraded to the Tower Plaza for \$75.00 plus tax, and one bedroom Tower Plaza suites are \$99.00 plus tax.

The hotel is pleased to extend to SAR the group rates for the period plus or minus 5 days of the actual meeting dates to allow for early arrivals and stayovers.

Fall 2008 BOM schedule

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

Day/Time	Hospitality Rm 260	Salon 1	Salon 2	Bd Rm 254	Banquet Salon	Day/Time	
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			Regional VP Meeting		2:00 – 2:30	
2:30 – 3:00						2:30 – 3:00	
3:00 – 3:30				CAAH-Ron Toops			3:00 – 3:30
3:30 – 4:00							3:30 – 4:00
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4:30 – 5:00					Color Guard	4:30 – 5:00	
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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							10:00 – 11:00
Saturday							
8:30 – 9:00	Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast		BOM			8:30 – 9:00	
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10:00 – 10:30						10:00 – 10:30	
11:00	Checkout					11:00	

* At this time, Web Consultations One-on-One sessions will be adjacent to Registration Table.

** - Speaker is Brig. General Balskus on the Florida National Guard's participation in Iraq and Afghanistan and how the it supports the state of Florida.

**The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
Cordially invites you to the 2009 Celebration of the
“Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution”
at
The Canaveral Port Authority
445 Challenger Road
Cape Canaveral, FL 32290
Saturday, 28 February 2009 at 10:00 a. m.**

Our Guest Speaker will be Commander Douglas L. Edson USN
Commanding Officer, USS BARRY (DDG-52)

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

DINNER BUFFET AT THE COUNTRY INN & SUITES ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

The Complimentary Social Hour will be held in Room 432 from 5PM to 6PM

A Traditional Southern Style Dinner Buffet will be served at 6:30PM in the Celebration Room on the first floor of the Country Inn & Suites. The dinner will include: **salads** - potato salad, macaroni salad and coleslaw; **meats** - barbeque pulled pork, barbeque chicken and barbeque pulled beef brisket; **vegetables** - baked beans, green beans; **breads** - corn bread stuffing, tex-mex bread; **desserts** - fruit cobbler and short bread pudding; **drinks** - coffee, water and tea. The total cost of the Dinner Buffet is \$22.00.

Please send your meal reservations to Compatriot Ben DuBose with check for \$22.00 per person, payable to “Treasurer, FLSSAR.” The Banquet Room at the Country Inn and Suites will accommodate only 85 so get your meal reservations in ASAP.

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

If you need additional information please call Lindsey Brock, 904-251-9226 or you can call Ben DuBose, 321-952-2928.

Name of society/chapter/ individual: _____

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

Wreath dedicated to:

Bringing unit/chapter flag? Yes ___ No ___ Color Guard? Yes ___ No ___

Number of members expected to attend: _____ Number in Uniform or Colonial Dress: _____

Please Note: All Color Guard Units are welcomed to participate. SAR State Society Color Guard Units will be presented a Flag Streamer.

The Country Inns & Suites, 9009 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL, 32920, 321-784-8500, will block **65 rooms**. All rooms include two queen beds at a rate of \$99.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Breakfast is included. **The block of rooms will be held until February 1, 2009. Reservations must be made on or before 1 February 2009 and you must mention Sons of the American Revolution to get the special rate of \$99.00. Room reservations may be cancelled on or before 21 February 2009.**

Remember, make your reservations on or before 1 February 2009 since only 65 rooms have been blocked. So, make your reservations ASAP, before block of rooms is sold out.

Traveling on I-95 take exit 205 east to Cape Canaveral. While in the area you may wish to visit the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, or Disney World in Orlando, FL.

Directions to ceremonies at 445 Challenger Rd.

From hotel, go northwest on Astronaut Blvd. - A1A. Turn slight right onto ramp. Go .2 miles and keep right to go to George J. King Blvd. After .3 miles, turn right onto Columbia Rd. Go .1 miles and turn left into Challenger Rd. End at 445 Challenger Rd. Total distance is less than one mile.

The Florida Society Celebrates Constitution Week



Typical was this Celebration of Constution Week with the securing of a proclamation from government officials by the Caloosa Chapter. Left to right, Fred Learned (Secretary); Nevin Salot (President Emeritus); Terry Walton (Vice President); rear: Lee County Commisioners.

In the spotlight

Hall Riediger (St. Lucie River) at the 2008 Last Naval Battle of The American Revolution ceremonies. Next year's ceremonies take place on February 28, 2009.



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