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The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. All submissions will be printed in a timely manner. Chapter News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submission should be original material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.

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Society President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

The importance of representing the NSSAR and the FLSSAR at external events while in uniform cannot be overstated. Among other things that we do, the uniform is a major part of our brand that is readily recognizable by the public in general. It comes of somewhat of a surprise to note that there are chapters who do not possess a color guard. Such an important asset as a color guard is associated with many positive features that can lead to increased membership and support. I underscore this fact by a recent appearance during a 4th of July flag presentation at a local church. After the program that featured a brass-centered concert playing rousing and contemplative patriotic pieces, a woman approached me and asked if she could send a donation. Naturally, I responded in the affirmative and gave her my card. Whether the donation is forthcoming, or not, the encounter gave me the opportunity to present our case.



In the morning, I led the Miami color guard contingent (Thomas Payne Camp) during a commemoration/remembrance ceremony in Coral Gables. Representatives from USSOUTHCOM, the British Consulate, the French and Canadian military, along with South American military, various politicians, and many others, including the DAR graced the gathering. The color guard received high compliments on our presentation and uniforms. This type of community outreach is promoted by the advancing 250th Celebration. Jointly, we can all have a part to play and make a major impact.

And, speaking of major impacts, the FLSSAR Education Outreach Committee has been resurrected under this administration and reopened communication with the Governor's office and the Florida Department of Education. As you are aware, we have been given the opportunity to read and approve text material concerning the colonial period that is used in Florida schools. More recently, we also can provide curricula about the Revolutionary War to our students. Now, the State is requesting that we provide short videos that can be used by instructors in the classroom. These efforts fall into line with the NSSAR PG Davis Wright and is applauded by the NSSAR Education Outreach Chair, Brooks Lyles. We are on the right track with the participation of Charles Butler who has organized much of the effort to make this happen. The Education Outreach Committee will place the FLSSAR into the hands of teachers, students, and parents and our local communities. A state-wide impact will become inevitable.

Another major event occurs in 2023 with the hosting of the 133rd NSSAR Congress. As the Host Congress Chair, I can report that we are about 90% complete with about 20 months left. Most items left to do concern tweaking our plans to accommodate final pricing and securing a couple of contracts that will be presented to the BOM after review by the NSSAR Congress Chair. The Opening Ceremony/Memorial Service location is booked. The Volunteer Recognition Reception and Host Reception is finalized. The long tour location is identified and can hold all who wish to participate. Pricing will be known in the Summer as it has not been factored due to the length of time before the trip occurs. Two shorter tour sites have been visited and should provide interest to the membership. We may also offer an end of Congress escapade to Epcot, depending on interest. Progress reports have been published in each copy of the Proceedings since this process began. You can also gain information at the separate BOMs where I have conducted hour-long updates. More ZOOM meetings

What is an E-Book?

The Florida Society SAR has created and continuing to add to a new, for us, type of publication - an e-Book. The electronic Book, or e-Book, contains articles and content concerning specific subject matter. We have created two e-Books. One based around the military experiences of our Florida compatriots in whichever field of military life they experienced be it WWII, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, or later conflicts. The second is centered on Genealogical and Historical subject matter. It might be information on historical artifacts or people and battles in the Revolutionary War, or genealogical analysis or research reports.

Take advantage of these e-Books and spend a few minutes reading their stories or reports. They can be found on the Florida Website at <http://flssar.org/Forms.htm>.

133rd NSSAR Congress Website

For the latest information regarding the 133rd NSSAR Congress that will be held in Orlando, Florida in July 2023, go to <https://nssar2023congress.org/>

are planned for the Congress Committee and, of course, regular phone calls are made to individual Team Commanders, as needed. As ever, if anyone wishes a personal update, or volunteer their services, I will be pleased to entertain your questions or find you a slot on a Team.

Bernard W. Wolff, MPA

President, 2021-2022

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Information on the NSSAR Congress for 2022

Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I am happy to announce that you may start registering for Hotel Rooms at Congress in Savannah, GA for Jul 10-15 2022. Please remember that the Congress dates have slipped one day because of the contract with the hotel.

EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Saturday, 9 July
Tours and Host Reception will be on Sunday 10 July
Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, Rumbaugh Orations will be on Monday 11 July
Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, and Award Night will be on Tuesday 12 July
Ladies Luncheon and PGs Banquet will be on Wednesday, 13 July
Last tour and Installation Banquet will be on Thursday, 14 July
EXCOM/SAR Foundation will be on Friday, 15 July

The link for the on-line reservations is below.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

Hyatt Regency Hotels do a centralized reservations number so make sure when you call you specify that it is for the Hyatt Regency Savannah,

Use the Group Code G-NSSA

Phone number is 877-803-7534.

If you have any problems with the reservations, please contact me with the issue. I will work them as I can. Thank you and see you in GA.

Paul Callanan
NSSAR National Planning Chair

Information on USS Stark Memorial Award

The Veterans Committee would like to remind all chapters and state societies to submit a report for the USS Stark Memorial Award. If you have not already submitted your USS Stark Memorial report, now would be a good time to start.

The deadline to submit is 30 January, 2022. The purpose of this report is to recognize SAR chapters and societies for their support of and service to the Veteran Community. Among the many activities that can be reported are the following:

- 1) Participation in ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, Patriots Day,
- 2) Patriot grave markings,
- 3) Attendance at the funeral of a Veteran,
- 5) Volunteering at a VA hospital,

- 6) Non-monetary donations made to organizations whose primary clients are Veterans,
- 7) Visits to Veterans that are home bound or in the hospital,
- 8) Placing flags or wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

The award recognizes SAR chapters by their membership size in the following categories: 1 to 49; 50 to 99; 100 to 199; and over 200 members. Therefore, all chapters have a competitive opportunity regardless of the size of their membership.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly curtailed many of our service to Veterans activities in 2021, all chapters and societies active in supporting our Veterans are encouraged to submit a report. By doing so, valuable information on the strengths and gaps in the current SAR Veterans support programs can be identified. Ultimately this will aid in the development of a stronger overall Veterans support program.

The report form is available on the National SAR website. It is also attached to this email in PDF form. After logging in, click on MEMBERS then FORMS AND MANUALS. Please ensure the report you submit is Form: USSStark -2021 T. This form must be the one submitted.

The State-level Society Chairman will consolidate all chapter reports to compile a society report, using the same scoring sheet, and submit a report to the SAR Veterans Committee Chairman or NSSAR Headquarters.

If you have any questions related to the USS Stark Memorial Award Report, please let me know at your earliest convenience. I can be reached by email or cell. My number is 941-228-6123. We are aware of the issues in Section 12 of the report. Rest assured that each report submitted is reviewed to ensure the point totals are correct. A new report form will be available for 2022 which corrects the issues in Section 12.

Steve Fields
Chairman, Veterans Affairs Committee, Florida Society SAR
Recording Secretary, Florida Society SAR
Commander, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard
Sons of the American Revolution

Christmas Day, 1776: Victory or Death The Battle of Trenton, NJ

By George F. Smith

On Christmas Day, 1776, a few Americans gave us the first installment of a gift we have all but lost. After the makeshift American army under George Washington's command ousted the redcoats from Boston in early 1776, the British moved to New York City, where they launched an invasion in August. Washington met them head-on and suffered devastating defeats, and survived only by fleeing from the enemy.



During the sleepless nights and hungry days of their retreat across New Jersey, Washington had hoped to pick up support from the locals. But the opposite turned out to be true: In Newark, for instance, only 30 turned out to join the Americans, while on the same day 300 New Jerseyans fell in for the British.

By the time he escaped across the Delaware River into Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Washington had only 3,000 of his original 20,000 troops. Seeing American forces arriving in retreat only twelve miles from where they sat in Philadelphia, Congress exposed their backbone; they panicked, made excuses and fled. They gave Washington dictatorial powers and went into hiding in Baltimore, 110 miles to the south.

“The game is pretty near up”, Washington wrote in a letter to his cousin in Virginia. Even the Buck County militia let him down. Desperate for troops, he had ordered them called out, but they turned Loyalist, and he had to dismiss them.

As winter set in, Washington made headquarters in William McKonkey's three-story house on the west side of Delaware. British commander William Howe had written to his superior in England, Lord Germaine, telling of the severity of the December weather. For that reason he would go into winter quarters until spring, leaving his men spread over numerous New Jersey outposts, ready to march at a moment's notice. He admitted, though, that the chain of outposts was too extensive.

Lord Charles Cornwallis, Howe's field commander, decided to garrison the outposts with Hessian mercenaries and sent the British troops back to New York. He himself was anxious to return to his wife in England, while Howe continued his affair in New York with the wife of one of his officers. Cornwallis left command of New Jersey in the hands of the cocky and thoroughly mediocre General James Grant.

In the 100-house village of Trenton, the outpost closest to Washington, the 1,600 Hessians were under the command of Colonel Johann Gottlieb Rall, a hard-drinking gambler whose troops had a reputation for plundering and rape. Once encamped, they proceeded to demonstrate their reputation. Hessians brutality swung many New Jersey neutrals to the American cause. Instead of tacking red ribbons to their doors indicating their loyalty to the Crown, they formed militia bands to ambush Hessian patrols. In his diary, one Hessian complained, “We

have not slept one night in peace since we came to this place.”

History tells us of the desperate condition of Washington’s men – their ragged clothes, their lack of shoes, their chronic hunger. While this was true, it was also carefully exaggerated. Making excellent use of spies, Washington led the British to believe his condition was completely hopeless. Thus, when Rall complained to General Grant that his position was too much exposed, Grant dismissed it as ludicrous, since Washington was all but decimated. Besides, after December 31 Washington would not even have an army, since the term of service would expire for most of his men.

Perhaps at the suggestion of Benedict Arnold, Washington decided to attack Trenton while the Hessians slept off the effects of their Christmas celebration. It was do or die time; if he didn’t take Trenton, the American cause was dead.

Benjamin Rush, one of the few members of Congress who remained in Philadelphia, paid Washington a visit on the morning of December 24, 1776. Seeing the general depressed, Rush tried to boost his spirits with talk about Congress being behind him, even as they ran like cowards. As they talked, Rush noticed Washington scribbling on scraps of paper, one of which fell to the floor. Rush picked it up and read, “Victory or Death”. It was the watchword for the attack on Trenton.

The following afternoon, Christmas Day, Washington gave his officers their marching orders. They included a special oratory they would read to their men, in an attempt to boost their morale. Earlier that month, Tom Paine had written a new essay on a drumhead in General Nathaniel Greene’s tent as the American army retreated across New Jersey. Called the American crisis, Paine had it printed in Philadelphia on December 19. As the troops prepared to climb aboard the boats and cross the Delaware, with a winter storm kicking up, they heard Paine’s opening words: “These are the times that try men’s souls”. They would not forget them.

Under the direction of Marblehead ship captain John Glover, the first boat pushed off from McKonkey’s Ferry at two in the afternoon. It took fourteen hours to transport men, horses, and artillery across the river. Ice foes crunched against the sides of the 60-foot Durham iron-ore barges as the boatmen, sleet slashing their eyes, poled the crafts over and back.

Meanwhile, in Trenton, Rall had eaten a hearty meal and retired for a game of cards with a few of his aides and his host, a man named Abraham Hunt. Shortly after midnight a shivering Loyalist from Bucks County showed up at the door with a written message, handing it to a servant. Rall refused to be disturbed and tucked the note into his waistcoat pocket without reading it.

At 4:00 AM, the American troops began their ten-mile march to Trenton along River Road. Washington, from his tall chestnut horse, urged his men to keep moving and stay with their officers. Two men stopped to rest and froze to death. At Birmingham, the force split into two divisions. One, led by Nathaniel Greene, swung off to the east to skirt the town, while the other, under John Sullivan’s command, headed straight for the main Hessian barracks on King Street.

At 8:00 AM, Sullivan’s advance guard rushed the ten Hessians pickets outside the barracks. Three minutes later, Washington ordered the rest of the men to storm the town. As they fell upon the enemy, many of them shouted, “This is the time to try men’s souls!” With their gunpowder soaked and useless, Sullivan’s men relied on

the bayonet to roust the Hessians out of the houses. Earlier in New York, Rall’s men had mercilessly slaughtered Americans as they tried to surrender. It was a gratifying sight to see the Hessians turning and running. Sodden from the previous night’s celebrations, some Hessians units threw on their coats and tried to form ranks in the streets. As they did, they were cut down by Henry Knox’s six-pounders firing from the ends of Trenton’s two main streets.

Rall finally broke from the Hunt house, jumped on his horse and galloped toward his regiment, who were marching down King Street to the sounds of fifes, bugles, & drums while being showered with grapeshot. “Lord, Lord, what is it, what is it?” he kept shouting in German. As he tried unsuccessfully to organize a bayonet charge, he was hit twice and assisted into the Queen Street Methodist Church. While he lay dying, someone noticed the unread note in his pocket: the American army was marching on Trenton.

Minutes later the remaining Hessian officers put their hats on their swords, the corporals lowered their flags, and the infantry men grounded their arms. The Battle of Trenton was over. The Americans had suffered four casualties to the two hundred Hessians killed and wounded. Some of the Hessians had escaped and would alert the Hessian unit at Princeton. After a brief council with his officers, Washington decided his men were in no shape to take on more Hessians that day, so they headed back to McKonkey’s Ferry with captured weapons, supplies, and 948 prisoners.

It took them twelve hours to re-cross the Delaware. The weather had gotten so cold Americans and Hessians had to stamp their feet in time in the boats to break up the new ice that was slowing their passage. When the Continental troops finally collapsed in their tents, they had gone 48 hours without sleep, and had marched 25 miles in freezing weather.

They also won a critical victory for independence and liberty. While no war is good, defensive wars are sometimes necessary. Our forefathers knew this. That is why some of them went marching, 228 years ago.

George F. Smith is a freelance writer and public speaker. He is currently writing a screenplay about Thomas Paine and the American Revolution.

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Dabney C. T. Davis Jr. 1929 – 2021

It is with deep regret that the Central Florida SAR Chapter announce the passing of Dabney C. T. Davis. He served as speaker of our chapter many times over the years and provided many displays for our annual Patriots Dinner event that was held every year in April. He is one of the few in the chapter that was awarded the Patriot Medal which is highest recognition that can be done at the state level. He received it on April 25, 2009. Below is the write up of his obituary.

Dabney C. T. Davis, Jr., age 91, passed away on January 10, 2021 in Rockledge, FL. He was born on March 3, 1929 in Elizabeth City, NC son of the late Dabney C. T. and Mariam Elizabeth (Odom) Davis, Sr. Graduate of old Orlando High School, class of 1947. Attended the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg for one year. Post secondary education includes University of Florida (Gainesville) AA degree 1952, Florida Southern College (Lakeland) BS degree 1954, University of Colorado (Boulder) MA degree 1964. Post graduate work in Guidance and School Administration at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC and Boston University (Boston, MA). Mr. Davis served as a 1st LT in the US Army serving overseas as Provost Marshal in the 793rd Military Police BN, during the Occupation of Germany following WWII. Also, served a total of 10 years in the Army Active Reserve and Florida National Guard. He was an educator in the Public Schools of Brevard County, FL for 30 years. Seasonal Park Ranger for 16 summers with the National Park Service on George Washington Parkway in Northern Virginia. Special Agent with the Defense Investigative Service, Department of Defense in Northern Virginia and Kennedy Space Center for 9 years. Retired in August of 1993. He was a member of Central Florida Sons of American Revolution, Central Florida Phi Delta Theta fraternity alumni, Guardian Ad Litem Brevard Juvenile Court, Vestryman and usher for 50 years at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Volunteer Brevard Sharing Center, and a member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Post 4534 Rockledge. Survivors include his brother Richard T. (Beverly) Davis, Sr., 3 nieces and 2 nephews. Summing up his work career he often stated "he did it all and enjoyed every minute of it." His motto in life was "FREQUENTLY WRONG"



It's Coming!

THE 2023 NSSAR CONGRESS

Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida



YOU CAN WIN A REPRODUCTION

PENNSYLVANIA LONG RIFLE

As host state for the 2023 Congress, Florida needs to begin raising funds to cover the costs of hosting this prestigious event. Instead of raising member dues, the Board of Management and the 2023 Congress Planning Committee have devised a number of fundraising activities. The first of which is a drawing for a beautiful musket.

This Pennsylvania Long Rifle is faithful to the original in functionality and form. By Davide Pedersoli, this extra-long rifle, is finished with a rust brown color barrel and the walnut completes the one-piece oil finished stock. This model is provided with adjustable double set trigger. Front and rear sights are made of steel and rear sight is vertically adjustable.

Only 300 tickets are available!!! Suggested donation is \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100. Make checks payable to: FLSSAR

Send to: FLSSAR, c/o Steve Fields, Recording Secretary
5515 Alta Vista Street, Sarasota, FL 34232
(Tickets will also be available at FLSSAR Board of Management Meetings)

You need not be present to win. Pennsylvania Long Rifle drawing to benefit the Florida SAR 2023 Congress Fund will take place at the first FLSSAR or NSSAR event after the sale of the 300th ticket, but no later than the Awards Banquet at the 2023 Orlando Congress. Proceeds will go to the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (2023 Congress Fund). 501©(3).
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Also, don't forget to order your 2023 FLSSAR Congress Medal. This uniquely designed medal commemorates the 133rd Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution being hosted by the Florida SAR Society. This exclusive set contains one full-sized medal and one in miniature (see photo). To get yours, please send a separate check for \$47.75 (includes shipping) payable to the FLSSAR to the address above. Proceeds will go to the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (2023 Congress Fund). 501©(3).

Medals will also be available for sale at FLSSAR Board of Management Meetings.

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter

For this quarter, the Brevard Chapter is happy to announce that they received the NSSAR Stark Memorial Award. This award is given in relation to service to Veterans.

For September, the chapter participated in the 9-11 Commission at the Merritt Island Veterans Center. They also participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the same location.

The chapter has been having in-person meetings at The Tide Collocated Club located at Patrick Space Force Base, FL on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

The September speaker was Ed Baronowski who spoke on the past, present, and future banking industry and how Alexander Hamilton contributed to it. The speaker for the October meeting was Michael Frost and Kevin Lang.

Please refer further in this publication in detail about the Last Naval Battle Ceremony that will take place on March 22, 2022. The chapter still has available the Last Naval Battle Medal Sets if anyone is interest in obtaining a set.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida Chapter held an in-person meeting in September at the Racquetball Club located in Maitland, Florida to celebrate the chapter's 60th Anniversary.



Then for the month of October, the chapter held a joint meeting with the Orlando DAR Chapter to celebrate Constitution Week and this meeting was held at the Orlando Country Club. Then for the month of November, the chapter participated in the Veterans Day Parade that was held in downtown Orlando.

For the first quarter of 2022, the chapter will go back to having in-person monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month and will meet at the Longwood VFW location.



Chapter Phil Markoe was instrumental in arranging and providing items in which he and the chapter has provided an American Revolution display at the Museum of Military History that is located in Kissimmee, Florida near Poinciana Blvd and West US192.



Clearwater Chapter

For the September meeting, the Clearwater Chapter held an in person General Membership meeting on September 15, 2021 at the Dunedin Golf Club at noon. The chapter resumed the regular monthly meeting schedule in September after a Summer hiatus. The chapter normally



holds its meetings every third Wednesday of each month, except for a summer break between June to August. Thirty-two members and guests attended the meeting and a Zoom viewing option was provided to those members who were unable to attend in person. The main speaker was Chapter First Vice President Michael LaVeau who gave a presentation about the Battle of Pelham and Colonel John Glover who was in charge of American forces that delayed British forces in what today is the Bronx in New York City.

For the October Meeting, Clearwater Chapter held an in person General Membership meeting on October 20, 2021 at the Dunedin Golf Club at noon. The chapter normally holds its meetings every third Wednesday of each



month, except for a summer break between June to August. Thirty-four members and guests attended the meeting and a Zoom viewing option was provided to those members who were unable to attend in person. The guest speaker via Zoom was Thomas Gilmore, Chief Land Preservation Officer of the American Battlefield Trust, which is a charitable organization whose focus is the preservation of American battlefields from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Gilmore spoke about the many historical preservation activities and educational programs supported by the organization.

Registrar Parks Honeywell was presented the Liberty Medal and three oak leaf clusters for the over forty new members he recruited and sponsored. The Liberty Medal and each oak leaf cluster is awarded by the Sons of

the American Revolution for every ten new members a Compatriot recruits and sponsors. Robert Pierro was inducted as a new member.

Flagler Chapter



At the Flagler Chapter meeting held on May 19, 2021, Compatriot Flynn Edmonson (R) received his supplemental certificate for Great-5th-Grandfather William Edmondson. MAJ William Edmondson (later a LTC) was the second in command of the Continental Army under COL William Campbell, overall battlefield commander at the Battle of Kings Mountain. The first significant victory for the Patriots in the Southern Campaign, “The Battle of King’s Mountain” is considered the turning point for independence during the American Revolutionary War. Several militia units referred to as “The Overmountain Men” joined with Campbell’s Continentals to overwhelm the Loyalists led by British Major Patrick Ferguson during the battle. Militia leaders among the Overmountain men who would gain fame in post-war years included John Sevier (first governor of Tennessee) and Isaac Shelby (first governor of Kentucky). William Edmondson would go on to become the sheriff of Washington County, Virginia after the Revolutionary War.



On September 23rd, 2021, Compatriot Randall Morris presented a program entitled “Founding Fathers Generally Left Out of the History Books” at the Military Officers Association of America’s monthly meeting held in Palm Coast, Florida. History has credited Thomas Jefferson for writing the Declaration of Independence and James Madison for writing the U.S. Constitution. However, a number of the other Founding Fathers made significant contributions to our fundamental documents. Compatriot Morris pointed out the contributions made by ten of the other Founding Fathers. Compatriot Morris is a member and former President of the Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. He was attired in the uniform of his Patriot ancestor, a 4th great grandfather, Andrew Putnam, a Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Continental Line. On Left, John Morris, President of MOAA. On Right, Randall Morris, SAR. In the Background, is the MOAA Flag, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution.

Gainesville Chapter



On December 8 2021, Chapter President, Dave Thomas, and Sean Tonnelier attended the Gainesville chapter DAR meeting. The Florida state vice regent, Cindy Addison is in the center with white cap. To her left is Nancy Briles, current regent for the Gainesville DAR. Cindy gave a wonderful speech on "a Colonial Christmas".



On September 18th, 2021, the Palm Coast Historical Society and the Sons of the American Revolution Flagler Chapter celebrated the 234th year anniversary of the September 17, 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Palm Coast Historical Society, through the efforts of President Elaine Studnicki and Vice President Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, collaborated with the Flagler Chapter SAR to present a program featuring Flagler County Judge, the Honorable Andrea K. Totten. Judge Totten analyzed and discussed the Eighth Amendment: “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.” A large enthusiastic audience at the Palm Coast Community Center, including twelve Flagler Chapter SAR Compatriots and several spouses, attended this extraordinary presentation. Left to Right: Compatriot Richard Lyon, Judge Andrea K. Totten, Judicial Assistant Martina Wolfe, President Elaine Studnicki, Palm Coast Historical Society, Flagler Chapter SAR Flag, David Kelsey, Sons of the American Revolution.



On December 18, 2021, the chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America. This event was held at Forest meadows East memorial cemetery and mausoleum in Gainesville Florida. Sean Tonnelier participated in the ceremony laying a wreath at the plaque for the Air Force with a formal salute.



Lakeland Chapter



On November 20, 2021, Lakeland Chapter SAR elected and inducted officers for the 2022-2023 term. Left to Right: 1st Vice President Bill Thompson; President Jarrell Burchett; Secretary-Treasurer John Snapp; Registrar-Genealogist Alvie Davidson; Historian Thomas Williamson; Sergeant at Arms Mike Girard. 2nd Vice President Chris Thompson and Chaplain Jonathan Thornhill were absent and will be inducted at a later date.

Lake-Sumter Chapter



This past spring, our chapter decided to plant another Liberty Tree – our fourth – at a high school that had several students participate in our youth programs. So we placed our order with the Liberty Tree Society. We had hoped to make the dedication on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at 11 AM. Mid-summer we find out the teacher has left that school and we were not getting any replies to our questions. So we decided to change schools, to Imagine South Lake Charter in Clermont, a charter school. This is where our past president, Allan Lane's grandchildren attended. They were the unveilers at a previous dedication. School opened and approved our offer. We chose a location in the front where it would be seen as students arrived for school. We chose the wording for the plaque only to find out the Liberty Tree Society was hit by COVID and so was the company that made the

plaques. Now our plaque would not be ready before January. And it would be just the bronze plaque, not on the granite base we had before. We did get the tree and it got planted on Monday the 8th. This tree was smaller than the ones we had before, no branches.

We had recently participated with the Mary Ellen Robertson DAR Chapter in a program on the battle at Ram-sour's Mill and invited them to join us for the Liberty Tree dedication. They did as well as the Regent of the Tomoka DAR Chapter, Betty Battersly. We also had some scheduling difficulties, first the school would not be in session on Veterans Day so we chose the day before.

Then we found out there was a field trip planned for the 5th graders, the main participants on the 10th so we moved to the 11th. Needless to say that is not the end of the woes. Friday morning Allan's son Stuart who was going to tell the story of the Liberty Tree had a fever as well as his son who was going to unveil the plaque (which now was a picture of the plaque in a frame). Allan had spent the day before with them and was concerned but luckily had a test kit and home and tested negative. So he still attended and did both a presentation on Veterans Day as well as the Liberty Tree. The school's 5th grade choir sang the Star Spangled Banner and This Land is Your Land during the ceremony. We were very pleased that Dave Thomas, Regional VP joined us.

We managed to get through under threatening skies for rain – but it held off. It was a challenge!

Miami Chapter

Here are a few pictures from Miami during the Veterans Day/Remembrance Day memorial celebrated by the SAR/British/Canadians/French contingents (first four) in Coral Gables, FL. A Memorial Service at Epiphany Church in South Miami also took place later in the evening. The flag presentation is led by Commander David Mitchell. The Colors are carried by FLSSAR President Bernard W. Wolff. Chapter President William Wicks and Chapter Vice President William Replogle (in the leather tricorne) also pictured herein.

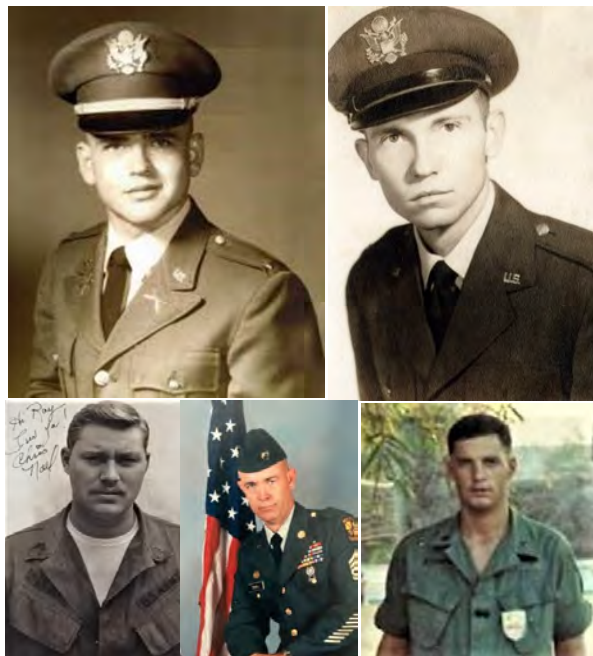


Palm Beach Chapter

The first in-person meeting *October 19* was most successful including 51 *Compatriots* and *DAR Daughters*, and featuring special guest speaker *Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw* along with 3 other Law Enforcement Officers 2 *Firefighters* and *EMT* professionals who were honored with *SAR Commendation Medals* for their selfless service.



In November also know to the chapter as *Veterans Month*, we thanked all of Chapter Veterans, and all serving Military with a special tribute in recognition of their service to our great Nation. We heard from these *Compatriot Veterans* as they shared stories from their military service in a special *Veterans Voice* program during the meeting. The following pictures are some of our *Compatriot Veterans* while in Service.



The Chapter voted on the 2022 slate of Officers including President, Donald Lanman, Vice President, David Bird, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, John Workman, Chaplain Ben Tidwell, Historian Open, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officers @ Large, Bill Richards and TK Krumenaker. 2022 Officers will be inducted at the January meeting. The Chapter also added 3 new Compatriots in bringing the total membership to 171, plus 10 member applications in process.

Palm Beach Chapter Compatriots will join local DAR Daughters in its ongoing dedication to Veterans Service programs including providing Volunteers at the annual Wreaths Across America Project placing hundreds of Wreaths before Veteran Tombstones at the South Florida National Cemetery. Chapter Compatriots, VA Executives and 150 well-wishers in a special "Drive-By Tribute Parade" honoring Veterans at the Hospital.

Saramana Chapter



The summer saw Saramana members at the Sara Desoto Regents Council Flag Day celebration, the Independence Day Parade in Sarasota, a Veterans Recognition ceremony for a compatriot in hospice, three new compatriots were awarded Certificates of Patriotism for their service in the military, former Saramana First Lady Mrs. Debbie McMurry was presented the Daughters of Liberty medal for long and faithful service to the SAR, and the first ever Saramana Freedom Award Contest kicked off.

Saramana returned from the summer with a bang. Our luncheon in October was highlighted by the amazing George Robertson Burnett. He is a well-known speaker who tells a great tale of how the Scots fit into the history of the United Kingdom, how his own ancestors came and left North America, and how he finally chose to take the years-long road to becoming a full-fledged American citizen. It is a heartwarming tale with tons of facts and humor and not a little bit of Scottish common sense. (He is also an aficionado of the fine beverages of his homeland). The nominating committee also emerged from their bunker to reveal the slate of officers for the upcoming year. By this time, almost 200 high school students had indicated that they would compete for the \$10,000 Freedom award. An amazing response.

In November, Saramana once again participated in the

Sarasota Veteran's Day parade and related commemorations. At the luncheon, FLSSAR Southwest Region Vice President Lt. Bob McGuire, US Army (Ret.) gave a rousing presentation on the Honor Flight program honoring our WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans. He was accompanied by his lovely wife Anne. We are looking forward to the resumption of the program in the coming months. Also at this luncheon, two new members were inducted (Dr. Stephen Sanford and Paul Michael Morton), Ed Perkins and his wife Ave joined us at luncheon and have become dual members with Saramana, and author/playwright Compatriot Calvin Ramsey of Tampa was a guest. Many members that slipped away up north for the summer have now returned and were happily seen at the meeting. To top off the great day, we also elected new officers for next year.

December is shaping up to be a banner month as well. FLSSAR President Bernard Wolff is scheduled to attend and swear in next year's officers and governors. Also, the final 38 candidates in the 2021 Freedom Award contest have gone through judging. The finalists will attend luncheon to see who has won the \$10,000. In addition, Wreaths Across America will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery on December 18th. Saramana will have a contingent there to make sure that our compatriots interred there are remembered in person.



Lastly, Saramana is saddened to announce the passing of former Camp Nathaniel Green Color Guard Commander Vince Panissidi. He was a passionate guardsman who travelled the country displaying the best face of the SAR. Among his awards are the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals and multiple awards of the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. He is survived by his lovely wife Mrs. Margarita Panissidi.

St. Petersburg Chapter



For the month of September, Saint Petersburg Chapter held a general membership meeting on September 18th at 11:30 am via Zoom. The chapter normally holds meetings every third Saturday of each month at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club at 11:00 am, except for a Summer break between June to August. However, most recent general membership meetings have been via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The chapter is anticipating a return to in person meetings in October. Persons interested in attending future meetings should contact the Chapter for updated information.

The guest speaker was Doctor Matthew Keagle, Curator at the Fort Ticonderoga National Historic Landmark. Keagle gave an overview of the history, military operations and strategic importance of Fort Ticonderoga from the time of the French and Indian War to the Revolutionary War. Keagle mentioned the cannon captured at Fort Ticonderoga that were transported to the Siege of Boston by American forces commanded by Henry Knox. Keagle also noted that the property around the remains of Fort Ticonderoga was purchased by William Ferris Pell in 1820 who desired to restore it, making the area one of the earliest historical preservation locations in the United States.

For the month of October, Saint Petersburg Chapter held a General Membership in person meeting on Saturday, October 16th at 9:00am at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club.

This was the first in person meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chapter normally held meetings every third Saturday of each month at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club at 11:00am, except for a Summer break between June to August. The Chapter has moved the meeting time to 9:00am to take advantage of the breakfast buffet available at the Club. Thirteen members and guests attended. Persons interested in attending future meetings should contact the Chapter for updated information.

The guest speaker was former Chapter President Charles Butler, who gave a presentation about the efforts to improve civics education in Florida through the efforts of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Education Outreach Committee. Butler also gave the same presentation at the recent Fall State Society Board of Managers meeting.



Fort Morris Ceremony

On November 21, 2021, the Florida Society was represented at the Fort Morris, Georgia Ceremony by Dave Thomas and Sean Tonnelier as pictured herein. Both are from the Gainesville Chapter



New Members

The Florida Society SAR would like to welcome the following new members that have joined our organization since September 2021.

Mausteller, Dale Eugene
 Gardner, Douglas Doran
 Owens, Ronald Wayne
 Leidel III, George David
 Roach, Phillip Anthony
 Wagner-Hart, William Allison
 Cook, Andre Bernard
 Sagan, James Daniel
 Barie, Mark Leonard
 Estes Sr, Stephen Stanford
 Mulford, Timothy Steven
 Maddox Jr, Douglas Rodger
 Ashby, Raymond Douglas
 Ashby, Steven Douglas
 Roberts, Clifton Charles
 Kauffman, Lisle J
 Rutherford, John Henry
 Jenkins, John Austin
 Hurter, Thomas MacLeod
 Renard, Robert Wayne
 Burch, Lester William

In Our Memory

It is with deep regret that the Florida Society announce the passing of the following members over the past year.

Thomas, George Phillips
Wilkins, Wilburn Paul
Riegle, Charles W
Thomson, Edward Lee
Erb, Douglas Everett
Dunaway, Harry Wilson
Jordan, Charles Richard
Cancro, George Francis
Brotherton, Robert Harding
Miller, Jack Ward
Cloughly, William Harold
Fehrenbaker Sr, Larry
Coles, Charles Marius
Timberman, Norman Walter
Barrett Jr, Clarence Austin
Hans, Daniel Wood
Harrer, Lee John
Raffaelli, Justin Michael
Farmer Jr, Thomas Breckenridge
Johnson, Christopher Lee
Scott II, Lawrence Clarke
Dittmar Jr, Rabun Hood
Miller, Harold Vernon
Bartruff, James Kent
Irvin, Jack Harmon
Chab, Donald Eugene
Roberts, William Albert
Cox, Roger Lawrence
Glare, Louis William
Weidemeyer, Kurt Lloyd
Weaver, Marcus Lawrence
Paul, Albert William
Marshall, Joe Donald
Baine V, Thomas William

Upcoming Meetings & Events

NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting
 (3/3/2022)
 Last Naval Battle Ceremony – Merritt Island, FL
 (3/12/2022)
 Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony – Jacksonville,
 FL (3/26/2022)
 FLSSAR Spring BOM/Annual Meeting – Kis-
 simmee, FL (May 6-7, 2022)
 132rd NSSAR Congress – Savannah, GA
 (July 2022)
 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
 (9/29/2022)

FLSSAR Affirms Commitment to Statewide Education Program

Charles R Butler
Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee

Following more than two years of development the Florida Society's Education Outreach Committee is now prepared to implement an exciting new statewide Education program in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education. A report and PowerPoint presentation provided to the BOM on October 2 by Planning Committee Chairman Charles Butler outlined the development and evolution of the State Society's Education Committee and its forthcoming implementation plans.

"Consistent with NSSAR policy, the distinctive competency and top priority of the Florida Society is now Early American History, and Civics education," said President Bernard Wolff at the October Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee. "Every student in Florida is entitled to an accurate and patriotic representation of our nation's founding, its leaders, and its defining documents. The Florida Society SAR has a unique responsibility to ensure this occurs in Florida. We are committed to making it happen, and to making it the best in the nation."

"Dr. Roger Smith of the St. Augustine Chapter is the chairman of the Education Committee. Holding a doctorate in history with an emphasis on Florida, he is eminently qualified to lead this vital effort. He is a prolific author and speaker and is an acknowledged scholar on the topic of Florida's untold role in the American Revolution," President Wolff added.

The rationale supporting the Education Outreach program is simple: there is a difference between *celebrating* the institutions of American freedom and *perpetuating* them. The SAR's Federal charter directs the Society to "*extend* the institutions of American Freedom and to *foster* true patriotism."

The most essential component of our membership in the Florida Society lies in its ability to perpetuate the institutions of American freedom and true Patriotism. Education Outreach is the most effective pathway to achieving these objectives.

The initial SAR outreach effort began in early 2019 when the St. Petersburg and Tampa Chapters collaborated to form the Tampa Bay SAR Education Initiative, chaired by John Stewart. Members included Vice Chairman Charles Butler, Dr. John Goolsby of the Tampa Chapter, Roger Smith, Ph.D., Bob Rogers and Peter Ford of the St. Petersburg Chapter.

On May 29, 2019, Committee Chairman John Stewart, Dr. Roger Smith, and Charles Butler traveled to the Department of Education in Tallahassee and met with Florida's Chancellor of Public Schools K-12 Dr. Jacob Oliva, Florida's Chancellor for Education Innovation, Dr. Kevin Hoeft, Florida's Director of Education Policy Development Dr. Eric Hall, Senior Chancellor, and Florida's Social Studies Curriculum Director Michael DiPierro.

The SAR delegation was warmly received and during a nearly 90-minute, wide-ranging discussion, a comprehensive plan document with five specific recommendations was presented to the Chancellors.

The Department of Education offered suggestions as to how the FLSSAR could support and assist the Department and encouraged the delegation to develop a portfolio of Florida Society SAR resources and reference materials. Additionally, the Chancellors expressed support for SAR classroom participation in such areas as historical topic presentations and historical figure interpretations in period dress.

The Department's Social Studies Education Specialist Michael DiPierro specifically requested an inventory of SAR capabilities, talent, services, support material, and other statewide resources available through the Florida Society SAR. Compatriots are encouraged to complete the Member Skills Profile on the FLSSAR website for themselves and for their chapters.

Without exception, the Chancellors and senior leaders of the Florida Department of Education welcomed our Society's support and encouraged further input. The SAR delegation was impressed with the professionalism, enthusiasm, knowledge and patriotic vision of Florida's Department of Education leadership team and extended the Society's commitment to assist and support its mission.

The Florida Society SAR has an exceptional number of qualified Compatriots who possess special expertise in Early American history, the Revolutionary War, Florida's vital role in the Revolutionary War, and a wide variety of individual topics within those categories.

Utilizing Compatriot expertise as well as participants from other lineage societies, The Education Committee's first initiative will be developing and producing a series of on-demand audio-visual content programs for classroom and distance learning viewing by students. Topics will include authoritative lectures on such topics as Florida's role in the American Revolution, The Battle of Thomas Creek, historical in-character presentations in period dress and narrated video tours of historically significant locations.

These materials will be provided to teachers and students through a special access website and will be available at no cost. The Committee will also accept special topic production requests from the Florida Department of Education and classroom teachers as needed.

The Education Committee will be acquiring professional grade video production equipment soon and expects to begin production of initial segments before December. Compatriot participation in the areas of talent, research, and technical production support are welcome, for more information contact Charles Butler at cbutler@stpetesar.org.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR or SAR) was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. Its membership consists of direct descendants of proven Revolutionary War soldiers, members of government and Patriots who actively supported the cause of independence. SAR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to our future generations.

Land of the Free - Because of the Brave! A Veterans Day, 11th Month, 11th Day, 11th Hour!

By Don Lanman, Veteran US Army



Since the birth of our Nation, American Patriots of every race, color, creed, gender and national origin have come forward to serve our country and defend the founding fathers vision for a Nation of the people, by the people and for the people.

With honor, distinction and sacrifice, these generations of men and women risked their lives and fortunes to win our independence, preserve our Union, defend our Constitution and secure our freedom.

From the Minutemen at Concord, through the tragedy of the Civil War to the Normandy Beaches, Inchon, Mekong Delta and the desolate deserts of Afghanistan, America's heroes have served unselfishly so that our children might live in a world that is safer, freer, and more just than any other nation in history, and to them we owe a profound debt of gratitude.

This Veterans Day, we salute the long grey line of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine veterans who have rendered the highest service any American can offer.

For each day that we live under the banner of freedom they secured, we have a solemn obligation to serve these veterans as well as they have served us, and to help them return to civilian life by assuring that they have the resources and benefits they have rightly earned.

Working together, we must help heal the wounds of conflict, PTSD, veteran suicides and to end the tragedy of homelessness among our veterans by remaining committed to providing all veterans with quality health care, access to education, employment, and the resources they need to transition to civilian life.

The millions of veterans who fought to protect our democracy around the globe are now strengthening that very democracy here at home.

They have the experience, skills, loyalty and dedication necessary to achieve success as productive members of our civilian workforce, and we must strengthen our society with their talent.

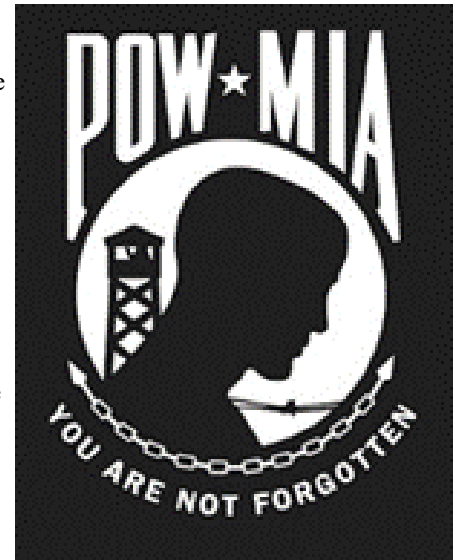


Trained and tested in the Armed Forces, our Veterans are the new pioneers of industry, entrepreneurs, small business owners, and leaders within their communities.

Their faith, service, and character reflects both the unique and enduring American spirit, and serves as an example of motivation, inspiration, and strength for all Americans.

This Veterans Day, and every day, we should pay tribute to America's sons and daughters who have answered our country's call. Recognize the sacrifice of those who have been part of the finest military the world has ever known and the loved ones who stand beside them.

Honor those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice at the "Altar of Freedom" and never forget those who have yet to return home.



As grateful Americans, we must honor their service through private prayers of thanks, appropriate public ceremonies, and participation in patriotic activities including civic, social, and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, and community centers.

We live in a *Land of the Free because of the Brave*, so this Veterans Day display the flag of the *United States of America* in recognition of the valor and sacrifice of all Veterans!

Join fellow Americans with a warm welcome home to all Veterans with a genuine "Thank You, For Your Service", especially remembering and thanking those who never returned.

Lawrence Kearny Chapter DAR Meeting (11/16/2021) Presentation of Auxiliary Shell Pin



DAR State Regent Debbie Duay was the guest of the Lawrence Kearny Chapter, NSDAR. At the end of the meeting, we were able to present Debbie with one of our 2023 Shell pins. She was surprised as Auxiliary members gave her the pin. This was a gift from the Auxiliary and much appreciated. We do hope that the Florida DAR will help support the 2023 Congress. So far, they are on board. Pictured L to R: Dinah Osborn, Debbie Duay, Anne McGuire, and Jan Myles-Brunelle

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee Report to FLSSAR President Wolff and the Board of Managers November 18, 2021

The FLSSAR LNB Committee interacts with the Brevard Chapter LNB Committee, chaired by Compatriot Joel Etherton, which is currently comprised of Compatriots Brian Jensen, Donn Weaver, and Doug Bissett.

10:00 a.m. March 12, 2022 was approved well before the FLSSAR Spring 2021 BOM as the LNB date.

The approved venue is the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, a Brevard County Parks and Recreation property. No governmental/authorities' permits or forms are needed other than being scheduled, with the exception of a public health permit for the anticipated food truck participation that will provide light refreshments. Lunch is planned at Sunset Grill.

An invitation/registration form has been accepted for publication in "The Florida Patriot" winter 2021-2022 issue. Similar publication is sought for the National SAR magazine.

National SAR officers are invited to attend. Confirmation and rsvp are in process.

The FLSSAR Liberty Brigade, and color guard units are invited, included the Marine Corps League Color Guard. Local dignitaries are invited, including Naval Ordnance Test Unit Commanding Officer Schneider.

Radisson Cape Canaveral, and The Resort at Cocoa Beach are suggested for those seeking individual accommodations. There is no contract price.

Brevard County press and/or media release(s) are planned.

A printed program is planned. Chairs, a public address system, and clean up are scheduled.

This summarizes the results of a November 17, 2021 Brevard Chapter LNB meeting. In other words, the major elements are identified. Some are in place. Some are in process. The pandemic continues and inclement weather is a possibility, however as of now a successful Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution 2022 Observation likely, building on the 2021, 2020, and earlier observations.

For the Cause,

James Gearey Ward

FLSSAR LNB Committee Chairman

A Call for Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the FLSSAR request that you consider making inquiries with the women in your family to join our organization. As you know, we are trying to prepare for SAR Congress in July 2023 and we would love to count on the continued support our members and potential new members. The annual dues is \$50.00. Please make out your check to Ladies Auxiliary – LAFLSSAR and send to:

Martha Grove, Treasurer

38 Lakeview Drive

Fruitland Park, FL 34731-6362





Last Naval Battle Reservation Form



BREVARD COUNTY'S SONS, DAUGHTERS AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITE YOUR GROUP TO MARCH WITH US AT OUR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THAT WAS FOUGHT OFF THE COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

**March 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a **"Wreath laying Ceremony"** for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 18, 2022. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.**

Instructions: To make your group's reservation, **Save** this PDF form to your computer, **open** from your computer, **fill out** the fields, then **Save** and **attach** the file to an e-mail message.

Reservation for Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:

Group/Unit name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number in group attending: ____ How does the group want to be announced?

Wreath presentation:

If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting the wreath _____

Please send your completed form to: emailbrevardsar@yahoo.com

2022

133rd CONGRESS RAFFLE (2023)

Dedicated to the modern-day "Minutemen" who are keeping watch.
"The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance"

"God who gave thy fathers Freedom
God who made thy fathers brave;
What they built with love and labor
let thy children watch and save.
For thy fathers long before thee
armed with Freedom faced the deep;
What they won with love and anguish
let thy children watch and keep."

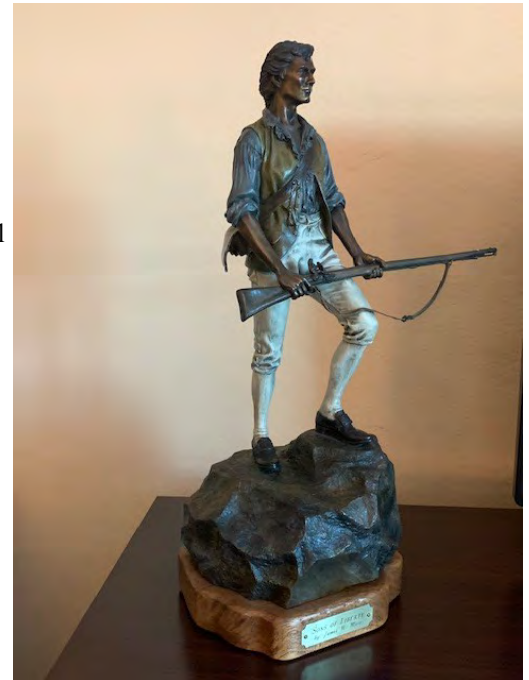
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"Sons of Liberty-1775"

"Sons of Liberty-1775" by James N. Muir depicts a typical Colonial Militia citizen-soldier on that date, the original "Patriots' Day" of 19 April 1775. The sculpture is historically authentic in every regard as to arms, accoutrements, clothing and hair style. He is carrying a captured 42-inch barrel "Short Land" Model 1740 British Musket adopted in 1765 to replace the earlier 46-inch first model "Long Land" or "Brown Bess" (which is depicted in the maquettes of "Sons of Liberty-1775). Powder and ball were carried either in a powder horn and pouch or preferably, as depicted, in the more military cartridge box in the form of pre-made paper or linen cartridges. A vent pick and frizzen brush hang handily from his vest.

This Limited Edition (#10/50) bronze sculpture will be raffled during the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL in 2023.

Twenty-five dollars per ticket, five for \$100.00



**Send check(s) to: FLSSAR Host Chairman Bernard W. Wolff
21340 SW 94th Avenue, Cutler Bay, FL 33189
Checks are made out to FLSSAR Treasurer**

245th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek
Saturday 10:00 AM, March 26, 2022 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 245th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. that connects with the new Gold Star Family Parkway to Seaton Creek Historic Preservation Park. You can also access the Park off Lem Turner Rd. to Lannie Rd. to the new Gold Star Family Parkway past the Jacksonville National Cemetery..



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 25th at one of the Airport Hotels, as we have done in the past. (waiting on confirmation from two hotels for the best rates). A block of rooms will be reserved up to the week before.. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. We will also again be having our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. We are especially honored this year to have past FLSSAR President and current NSSAR, South Atlantic District, Vice President General Pat Nieman (Col. Ret.). Florida DAR Vice Regent Cindy Addison bringing greeting from FL State Regent Debbie Duay bringing greeting from our Florida DAR.. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2022 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
 3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
 (904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name (s): _____

Title (s) (if applicable) _____

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members from your group: _____ : In Uniform /Militia or

Colonial Attire _____

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Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Congress Fundraising Project

This is our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fundraising project for the 2023 Congress. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities.

With the classic Minuteman logo, the 133rd Congress throw will make the perfect Holiday gift for your favorite SAR members. We are down to our last box.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company created these made-in-the-USA (North Carolina), 50"x60", 100% cotton, custom throws with fringe all the way around and prewashed for softness.

Your throw can be ordered now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus shipping if you would like it sent to you. Send orders to: Martha Grove, 38 Lakeview Dr, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-6362. Make checks out to LAFSSAR for \$70.00 to reserve one, add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an address in Florida or \$20.00 for addresses outside of Florida for each Throw ordered (order two sent to the same address for the same shipping cost). Please make the Notation: 2023 Congress on your check. Please include email and phone number.

