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A Happy
St Patrick's
Day
Greeting
To You!





Front Cover

The next three months are January - New Year's Day graphic, February - Valentine's Day & George Washington graphics, and March - Last Naval battle depicted by the *Alliance* frigate and St. Patrick's day graphics..

Inside Front Cover

Flagler Chapter presentations (at top): Mrs. Gail St. Pierre (wife of President Ted St. Pierre) is awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate, DAR member Edna Creager (wife of Compatriot Bill Creager) with the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Certificate (at bottom).



Inside Back & Back Cover

Dedication of Revolutionary War Monument/plaque at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island with the overview of the memorial Garden on back cover.



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- * the institutions of American freedom
- * an appreciation for true patriotism
- * a respect for our national symbols
- * the value of American citizenship
- * the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

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President's Message

Compatriots,

As we participate in the Holiday Season we have many things to be thankful for. Good health? Yes, we are alive and breathing are we not. And most of us are surrounded by people who love us. When you are out and about this holiday season hold a door open for someone, in the dining room or restaurant hold the chair for a lady, let someone in at the check-out line at the grocery store. I can tell you they won't expect it, and guarantee, you will feel better. If you feel sad for yourself, go visit an elderly person in a nursing home or assisted living facility. You will come out with a hop in your step and thinking to yourself "I don't have it bad after all". In other words, do something nice for someone else. You'll be glad you did.



Let us also remember our veterans. The Wreaths Across America project is a great way to remember our fallen heroes. It began over nineteen years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company from Harrington, Maine initiated a tradition of donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of our nations fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Recognition of the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and their families, is especially poignant during the traditional holiday season. The purpose is to pay tribute to those who have served and who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The project can be contacted at:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org

I want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Yes, Christmas. I also think it is time to keep Christ in Christmas. Our founding fathers thought so, and we should do the same.

Gerry Meeks,

President, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



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EDITOR'S CUT

Every issue of *The Florida Patriot* provides the Editor an opportunity to sound off on anything running through his mind. This issue I'll deal with the Publication contests available to chapter and state society publications at the state and national levels. The Florida Society has such a contest for its chapters, All of these contests use the same criteria for judging a publication which can be found at http://www.sar.org/Committees/Newsletters_and_Periodicals/Judging_Guidelines.



My point here is that the selection of a 'winner' is based on content: Chapter, State and/or National activities, a calendar and/or notices of events, membership info, such as welcoming of new members, remembering the deceased, etc., special observances announced and/or reported, helpfulness to readers, general interest of articles, and special stories. Thus, I've tried to incorporate as many of these elements into *The Florida Patriot* as I can squeeze in all the while hoping that these editorial selections will enhance our magazine in the eyes of the national judges.

At times I will get comments along the lines of including everything a chapter submits for the Chapter News section. Space allocation to include the above elements has limited what space I can give to each of these elements.

On another note, I would like to thank the leadership of the **Naples Chapter** for their submission of all of the e-mail capable members to the Electronic Subscription listing. This easily doubled the number of such subscriptions. I would encourage each chapter which uses e-mail to distribute their chapter's newsletters, to follow Naples Chapter's example and ask their members to receive *The Florida Patriot* in this manner as well. We spend \$9,000.00 a year in printing and mailing the Florida Patriot. Any amount that we can reduce this figure is more state money that can go toward other state programs.

Steven Williams

Content submission deadline for the Spring issue of *The Florida Patriot* is March 28th.



Veterans Day BBQ

The residents at the Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans Home in Port Charlotte were treated to a BBQ luncheon on Veterans Day in recognition of their unselfish commitment and past performance of military duty for our country. The whole idea started when the Activities Director of the veterans facility asked the Saramana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) if they could provide a Color Guard on Veterans Day for the residents. The requested Color Guard was already committed to the large Veterans' Day parade in Sarasota. However, the SAR did recommend the local JROTC unit at the High School be given the opportunity to perform. The Navy JROTC Color Guard arrived and performed with the utmost precision. They can be proud of their performance. The SAR then partnered with an anonymous benefactor who had already planned for a BBQ at the facility. The partnership included collecting funds in order to share the cost of the event with the prime benefactor. Further, members of the SAR that participated in the Sarasota parade made the trip to be with the veterans. The BBQ consisted of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salads, beans, lemonade

and countless cookies and cakes. There were 175 full meals served with extra desserts to go around. The facility provided a large tent for visitors and residents alike where a 13 year old student sang Patriotic songs and tunes of the 50's up through the present day. Her voice was extremely melodious and soothing to the listeners to the point where not another sound could be heard during her performance. One of the SAR uniformed members led the group in pledging allegiance to the Flag after the invocation. Everyone then enjoyed the various speakers that presented themselves to the audience. The two pictures show the Veterans and guests alike giving their undivided attention to the speaker at the podium. The other picture depicts the benefactor and the SAR team members that assisted with the event. If anyone ever gets the opportunity to visit veterans and the workers at the Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans Residence in Port Charlotte, they will never forget the experience and the joy they will have by giving our unsung heroes some much needed company. The BBQ Team is looking forward to the next event at this facility and commends the Resident Staff Members for attending to the special needs of the veterans in a facility that is sparkling clean.



Forgotten Heroes of the American Revolution



Joshua Taylor was born in Danbury Connecticut on 29 August 1757 and on May 21, 1775 at the age of twenty three he left the family farm to join the 6th Company in Colonel David Waterbury's Regiment commanded by Captain Noble Benedict. He only served for seven months in those pre-war days and was discharged on December 13, 1775.

The following Spring, with the heat of war burning in the hearts of men who would be free, Joshua joined Captain Steven Bett's Company. 22nd Regiment of the Connecticut Line.

As the war moved into New Jersey, General Washington along with less than 5,000 battered troops, was pushed across the Delaware by Cornwallis' superb army and unit after unit in the New England States were disbanded. So Joshua found himself a civilian again.

In the Spring of 1777, following Washington's victory at Princeton and the return of the Continental Congress to Philadelphia, Connecticut became the hub of British activity. In April, both Danbury and Ridgefield were the sites of vigorous battles and Burgoyne's forces were heading south from Canada. So, on June 2, 1777 Joshua re-enlisted once again and this time it was for the duration of the war.

He was quickly promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to Captain Ethrian Kimberly's Company manning the defences as the 'New Fort' at West Point was being built. The old one had been destroyed by Henry Clinton. And while Washington's army was at Valley Forge, the Polish military engineer, Colonel Tadeusz Kościuszko, was busy supervising the construction of a new fort high on the bluff overlooking the Hudson River.

Joshua and other patriots like him helped build that fort, lay the chain, and defend it while Washington used it as his headquarters. To their credit, the fort stayed in American hands until the end of the war and it remained a fort until May of 1784 when it became the base for the United States "Corps of Artillery and Engineers." It wasn't until July 4, 1802, that it became the United States Military Academy.

As for Joshua, in 1777 while on Christmas leave from West Point, he returned to Redding, Connecticut and wed Enice Seeley in her family living room. Joshua could have sat out the war after being discharged twice. He could have said, "I've done my part." But, he didn't! He believed in the cause of the American people and returned time-and-again to fight for his beliefs.

Joshua is the Patriot Ancestor of Brevard member Jack Dibble.

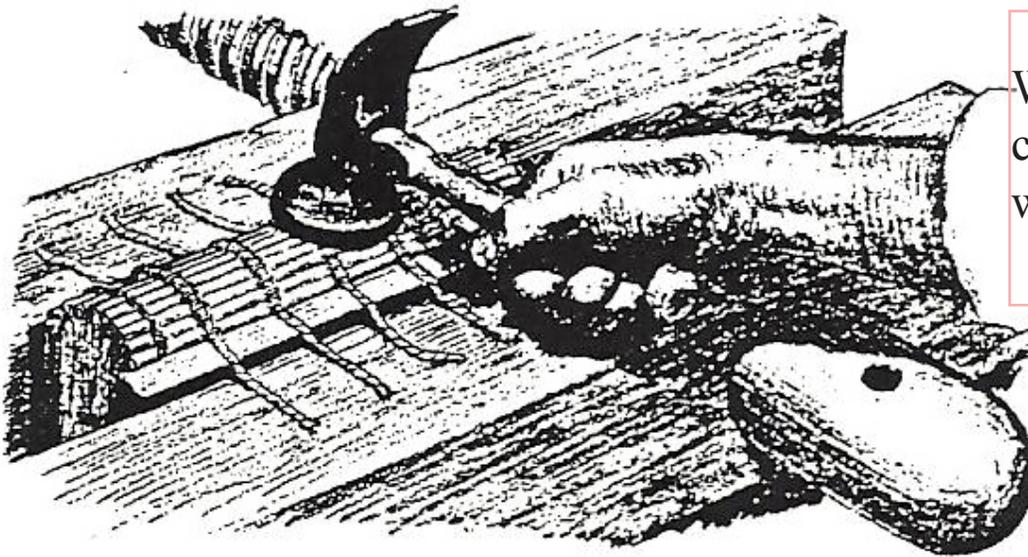


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How much do you know about colonial times??

Information and artwork from COLONIAL CRAFTSMEN, by Edwin Tunis, World publishing, 1965

Submitted by Ben DuBose .



What is this colonial craftsman working on?

Answers on page 9

American Revolution Era Trivia

When was the first execution and why?

The first execution in the American Army occurred on June 27, 1776. A treacherous guard, Thomas Hickey, plotted with others to capture George Washington and turn him over to Sir William Howe. Hickey was tried, convicted, and formally executed in New York.

Uniforms Standardized in 1779

Army uniforms were standardized by order of the Continental Army in October 1779 when Gen. Washington, the commander-in-chief, prescribed a uniform thru a general order. The coat was blue. The facings for the uniform were varied - white, buff, red and blue; the artillery coats were faced with scarlet and with scarlet linings, and the light dragoon's coats faced with white; white buttons and lining”

Ref: Famous First Facts pg 40

By Joseph N. Kane, pub. Wilson, NY 1934.



CHAPTER NEWS

Aaron Snowden

The program for the October meeting was the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial. The Memorial is for all wars from the War for Independence to the Vietnam Police Action. The Memorial is in Milton's scenic River Park and overlooks the Blackwater River.

The November meeting was jointly held with the Three Rivers Chapter of the DAR. The participants decorated the grave site of our chapter's namesake Patriot Aaron Snowden at the Milton Cemetery with floral arrangements for Veterans Day. The Milton Cemetery Commission was recognized for display of the American flag, patriotic flags, and other military flags with a certificate received by Commission Chairman Bill Bledsoe. (see photo)



Chapter President Ned France, Jr. presents a flag display certificate to Milton Cemetery Commission President Bill Bledsoe. In the center is Compatriot Charles Williamson and on the far right is First Vice-President John Gillis

Brevard Chapter

The Brevard Chapter is pleased to announce the induction of several new members at the October and November meetings. We welcomed in October Bob Freeman, Bob Hess his sons Robert and John, his Grandson Matt Hill, Sonny Jones, and Cyrus Warden. November inductees were Lance Woolrich (Junior member), Rene, Joseph, and Stephen (Junior also) Aoun. We are looking forward to inducting more new members in December. It has indeed been a successful year in spreading the word about SAR.



November inductees with their wives and Brevard Color Guard.

Caloosa

The Caloosa Chapter recently inducted Junior and Regular Members ranging in age from almost 2 to 90 in recent meetings. Pictured are new Compatriots Walter O. Sheppard, Boone Stewart, Bryson Stewart, and Daniel Wood. In addition, Bryson and Boone's father (Robert Stewart, Jr.) and grandfather (Robert Stewart) were also inducted. The speaker for the November 10 meet-

ing was Rudy Froeshle, a bomber pilot shot down in Germany in 1943 and spent the remainder of WWII in a POW camp.



Also on November 10, Caloosa President Randy Moody was the keynote speaker for the Gulf Middle School Veterans Day Observance. The entire student body and staff of the school attended as well as the Cape Coral Mayor, parents, and veterans.

Central Florida Chapter

For many years, the Central Florida SAR chapter has been selecting outstanding individuals in the fields of Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue to receive either the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal or Fire Rescue Commendation Medal for their exceptional service to the Community. A third medal was presented for Heroism. This year's recipients were from Orange and Osceola County.

The Central Florida SAR chapter presented one Fire Rescue Commendation Medal to Dolories Miranda (Fire Marshal Supervisor). The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal recipients are Officer Errol Colon of the Winter Park Police Department and Officer Matthew Crego of the St.

Cloud Police Department.

The chapter also is privileged to announce that we were able to present two Heroism Commendation Medals. This year's recipients are Master Sgt. Thomas H. Woodhall of the Orlando Police Department and Firefighters Patrick Husic and Eric Siena of Orange County Fire and Rescue.

These six individuals received their recognition at their respective governmental entity's location with Compatriot Norman Myers making these presentation at these individual locations in uniform of the American Revolution period.

Flagler Chapter

At the December 4, 2010, DAR-SAR Christmas Luncheon, SAR President Ted St. Pierre presented DAR member Edna Creager (wife of Compatriot Bill Creager) with the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Certificate for her contribution to the Flagler Chapter in designing and creating a memorial wreath for the Chapter's wreath laying ceremonies. Mrs. Gail St. Pierre (wife of President Ted St. Pierre) is awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate by Compatriot David Eldredge for her outstanding service to the Chapter as the Recording Secretary and her behind the scenes assisting the Chapter President with the Chapter's Operations.

Compatriot Perley Mason, received his National Number and became an official member of the S.A.R., on April 28, 1975. His 35 years of service makes him the most senior member of the Flagler Chapter.

Compatriot Frank Pierce, who received his membership on December 27, 1983, is a 25 year veteran of the S.A.R. Besides having an Revolutionary War Patriot, Frank has an ancestor who came to America on the Mayflower.

The Flagler Chapter is honored to have these two outstanding Compatriots in our Chapter and we express our sincere appreciation for their dedication to the Sons of the American Revolution.



Receiving their SAR Service Pins from Chapter President Ted St. Pierre (center) are Frank Pierce -25 years, (left) and Perley Mason -35 years, (right) .

Lakeland Chapter

Michelle Hubenschmidt was the speaker at the October meeting of the Lakeland Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution. She spoke about the battles of Lexington and Concord. Michelle has been a National Board Certified teacher for 13 years at Mulberry High School and is currently teaching history and government. She has bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in education curriculum.

Michelle was recently honored with a James Madison Scholarship to pursue a second master's degree in history and government through Georgetown and Ashland Universities. The Lexington and Concord studies were through a grant from the

Massachusetts Historical Society and National Endowment for the Humanities.



Palm Beach Chapter

SAR Humanitarian Program

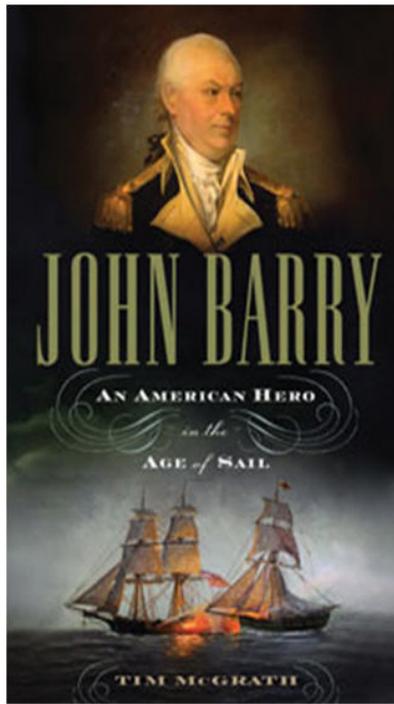
After the devastating earthquake in Haiti and realizing the immediate and crucial need for life saving measures, our chapter presented a \$500 check to the Salvation Army specifically for Haiti. The Salvation Army, being one of the most active organizations in our state, was chosen by our BOM for this purpose. We agreed from personal and military experiences that the Salvation Army would get our contribution to where it is needed. The photo shows Major Thomas McWilliams, Area Commander of the Palm



Beach Co., receiving the chapter's check from President Elwyn Moore. Also pictured (l to r) Buddy miller, 1st VP, Ed Buckley, Past President, and Gene Wagner, Secretary.

St Lucie River Chapter

The St. Lucie River Chapter presented to Lt. Chrystal Haubert and Lt. Kenneth Zottola of the Martin County Fire and Rescue Services, SAR Commendation Medals. Lt. Haubert received the SAR Fire Safety medal for her 24 years of service to the people of Martin county. Lt. Zottola received the SAR Emergency Medical Services Medal for his 15 years with the Fire Rescue Service. The photo shows (left to right) Lt. Zottola St. Lucie River President Bob Donna-hoo and Lt. Haubert.



*History in Florida . . .
The Last Naval Battle
Celebration is coming!!*

The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee is pleased to announce that Tim McGrath is our keynote speaker for the 228th anniversary commemoration to be held on March 5, 2011 at Port Canaveral. Mr. McGrath is the author of the new book "John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail" (640 pp. / 51 illus., Westholme Publishing) and will give the address at the 10 a.m. event following the massing of the

colors and wreath laying ceremonies. Dinner arrangements for Friday night are pending. The author will also be available to sign his book.

The Last Naval Battle commemoration is a National Color Guard event, rededicating the historical marker and cannon monument that recognizes the March 10, 1783 naval battle fought offshore of Cape Canaveral, Florida. The ceremony is held annually on the first Saturday in March. Capt. John Barry of the Continental Navy Ship *Alliance* was victorious over *HMS Sybil*, thereby saving the transport ship *Duc de Lauzon* and her cargo of much-needed specie headed for the Continental Congress in Philadelphia from a three ship British squadron.

Tim McGrath is a business executive, author, and accomplished naval historian. He has written for Naval History magazine and is an avid sailor.

For more information about the event and to register your unit, please visit the FLSSAR website, <http://www.flssar.org/LNBAR.htm>

Once again discounted arrangements have been made with Country Inns & Suits, 9009 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, (321) 784-8500. This year's rate for a room with 2 queen beds - including breakfast is \$108.00 per night. Mention "Special SAR rate."

For further information contact

Ben DuBose, bdubose@gmail.com, 321-952-2928.



How much do you know about Colonial Times?

(Answer)

The illustration on page 3 shows a bookbinder at work ‘rounding’ the spine of a book. A ‘flat back’ spine tends to cave in and cause the front edge of the leaves to bugle forward. Believe it or not, ‘Hand Bookbinding; is done today much as it was done in the fifteenth century. Almost all hard-covered books are now bound in covers made separately and held in place by nothing more than glue.

Throughout the colonial period and for almost a half-century after the Revolution, all American made books were hand bound, some well, some shoddily. The leaves (pages) of a properly bound book are sewn into cords which are tied firmly into binding boards.

There was, and is, much more to binding a book than you might image. And the bookbinder did more than just cover a book.



These Months in History

January 1, 1770. John Adams and his family celebrated New Year’s Day by eating “cherry bounce pasties” and other home made cookies.

January 10, 1792. The US House passed a bill to establish the U.S. Post office and post roads.

February 15, 1778 Abigail Adams complained of women’s educational discrimination.

February 16, 1777 Samuel Adams reported to James Warren that a detachment of Continental Regulars were sent to put down the Tories on the Eastern Shores of the Chesapeake.

February 18, 1793. President Washington presented Congress with a report and plat map for the District of Columbia.

Necrology Report

Deceased members as reported through November 29, 2010

Compatriot	NSSAR	FLSSAR	Chapter
Greg Camp	127665	5377	Daytona-Ormond
H. Leslie Ferrell	112594	3805	Deland
Jerome Barry McMenamy	145982	7295	Daytona-Ormond
E. Reid McLaughlin	137272	6455	Jacksonville
James Byron Huff	129863	5565	Saramana
LTC George P. Sampson	141405	6857	Clearwater
Donald D. Grover, Jr.	13285	5993	Clearwater
David Jenks	174989	9393	Tampa
Bennett Kirk, Jr.	168239	8907	St. Lucie



Who Said That??

Revolution

1. *It is well known that the most radical revolutionary will become a conservative on the day after the revolution.*



2. *What is a Rebel? A man who says no.*

3. *All successful revolutions are the kicking in of a rotten door. The violence of revolutions is the violence of men who charge into a vacuum.*



4. *Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.*

5. *When smashing monuments, save the pedestals - they always come in handy.*



6. *Revolution is not a dinner party, nor an essay, nor a painting, nor a piece of embroidery; it cannot be advanced softly, gradually, carefully, considerately, respectfully, politely, plainly and modestly.*

a. Stanislaw Lec, *Unkempt Thoughts*

b. John F Kennedy, speech, 1962

c. Hannah Arendt, in *New Yorker*

d. Mao-Tse Tung, quoted in *Time*

e. John Kenneth Galbraith, *The Age of Uncertainty*

f. Albert Camus, *The Rebel*



Answers on next page



Who Wants Members?

Well, I hope you said ‘I do’. There shouldn’t be a single chapter anywhere that would suggest that they have ‘enough.’ The reasons for attracting new members - and keeping them - are many. We have pledged ourselves to honor our Patriot Ancestors. We do that by getting out in public and to be fervent about our heritage. That sounds much like religious proselytizing, doesn’t it? Well, to be honest, we have to do some of that. We show our passion for the goals of our chapter, our state, and national societies. To some extent, we have to do a bit of bragging - by not hiding our light under a basket. Don’t be conceited. Instead, when you do something good, get the word out.

What’s the point in all of this? There are some men out there - not many - who are looking around for something to do with their time. Maybe they’re retired, or the kids are old enough to fend for themselves, or whatever. Not counting these few men, we can’t sit back and wait for them to come knocking on our collective doors. They won’t notice us if they can’t see us. They can’t see us if we stay at home watching football or car races. We **HAVE** to get out and be seen. Whether it’s in any of the St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day, or Christmas parades throughout the year or going to schools, Veteran’s Centers, speaking at other organizations, and/or getting proclamations from local communities, we need to be ‘out there’ as a recognizable organization. Get a set of period clothes (civilian or military) or wear one of the blazers with a SAR patch and wear a tricorn hat! That alone will get people coming up and talking to you - especially little kids. Everyone will want to have a picture taken with you.

From these contacts you will very likely get someone to decide to put in the work to join and become a member of your chapter. So now you’ve got your marching orders. As Jean Luc Picard would say, “Make it so.”



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for the Winter BOM
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a.	5
b.	4
e.	3
f.	2
c.	1

How did you do?

The More You Know . . .

To get ahead in your job these days, you need to have the right skills, information, and experience. The old saying that knowledge is power really is true. The more you know, the more effectively you'll be able to do your job, and the more quickly you can help in an organization.

That's why training is so important. It's the way to acquire the new skills and knowledge that will allow you to improve your performance. Here are some suggestions for getting the most from any training session:

_ Be open to new information and experiences. Go into each training session with the attitude that you are going to learn something useful— something that will increase your job satisfaction and improve your performance.

_ Take responsibility for your own learning. Training can't succeed unless you feel a sense of ownership for your own chapter's growth.

_ Take notes. Even with the best intentions, you probably won't remember much about a training session after a week or two. Jot down key information.

_ Ask questions. Never be afraid to ask about anything you don't understand. Don't leave any training session with unanswered questions.

_ Participate in discussions and activities. Learning is an active, interactive process. The more you participate, the more you'll learn.

_ Link what you learn to what you already know. The trick to learning something new is to connect it to something already on file in your brain. That way new knowledge becomes firmly embedded instead of soon lost and forgotten.

_ Read training materials. Be sure to read any handouts offered during the session.

_ Don't be afraid to make mistakes and learn from them. Don't worry about looking foolish if you don't know all the answers. It's okay to make mistakes during training. That's how you learn. It's better to make a mistake in training, after all, than later on.

_ Put what you've learned to use right away. Go right back to the job and start using what you learned to make you more productive, to improve the quality of your chapter, and so on.

I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample under foot.

- Robert G Ingersoll, "Liberty"



Information Management

Develop a computer filing system that really works

All that information can create major storage and retrieval problems. Fortunately a good filing system can go a long way toward keeping the lid on information overload and prevent your being buried under a blizzard of data. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

File as you go. Don't allow data files to pile up. The bigger the pile, the harder it'll be to motivate yourself to file it. It's easier to file just a few documents at a time.

Keep files current..

Don't overstuff file folders. Dividing by date is often a good idea. When a folder gets too full, it's time to do a thorough file cleaning and dispose of unnecessary **documents**.

Keep file folders well organized. File by subject or individual name in alphabetical order. Think of how much time you could waste looking for a misfiled document.

Minimize "miscellaneous" documents. Catchall file folders usually end up being useless, since you usually have to sift through a lot of what you don't want to find what you do want. If you do have miscellaneous documents to file, at least group them by topic or date to make them more accessible later.

Weed outdated or redundant documents. This will make important **documents** easier to find, and it will free up some space in your file folder.

DAR Outreach = Membership

What's missing from this picture? Answer: *You*.

This is the Florida Society's table at a Florida DAR Society Forum held twice a year. These forums are held in the Fall (September) and Spring (March/April) and are attended by 400 - 500 DAR ladies. What is remarkable about this is that everytime hundreds will come by the table and talk. And from these conversations, connections are made and contacts for their sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews, and frequently their husbands and fathers are explored. By not being there and spending a couple hours sitting with the DAR Liaison committee members, you are missing out on the opportunity to promote your

chapter. And understand this - questions come up about SAR chapters in ALL parts of the state. Contacts for your chapter are waiting.

Contact DAR Liaison Committee Chair Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com to sign up for the next Forum.



Fall 2010 BOM Minutes

Meeting began 3:18 pm.

Invocation given by Chaplain Randy Moody. President Meeks introduces guests and National candidates for Genealogist General: Paul Hayes & Larry Cornwell. Nominations and 2nds were made for FLSSAR Endorsement for Genealogist General & Treasurer General. Endorsement voting delayed until Saturday BOM session. Candidates presented themselves with information on their experience and thoughts on their office. President Meeks announces resignation of Executive Committee Member-at-large Ben DuBose. President Meeks proposed Phil Tarpley as replacement for MAL; confirmed by membership. Trustee nomination and 2nd for David Kelsey to continue was passed.

Summer BOM Minutes approved. Phil Carr National Trustee presented his report including information on Library dedication. Officer reports reviewed. Kevin Yarnell asked for members to notify him of BOM Voting authority for this meeting. Hall Riediger presented his treasurer's report with discussion on Knight Essay contest L/I removal, History Fair addition L/I, and Fund for Florida's Future brochure and flyer. Additional comments on similar efforts by other SAR societies and other organizations. Kevin presented idea on continuing waiving the state dues for Active Military personnel until rescinded by a BOM. Motion made and seconded; passed. Genealogist Ted Duay presented information on lack of National Genealogy Policies & Procedures as discussed in National Congress. Editor requested content for Winter Issue be submitted by November 30th. Webmaster will include links for uniforms vendors and exchanges. Kevin Yarnell presented information on likely Secretary vacancy next year.

Meeting recessed at 4:23 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:03 a.m. Saturday. Minute Man Medal nomination of Lindsey Brock moved; seconded; passed. 35 minute Q & A session for Genealogist General ensued with questions from the membership concerning (1) What is best for SAR concerning Center Checkmark issue, (2) National Genealogist use of SAR standards or individual standards, (3) Fast-tracking applications (green sheeted), (4) Measuring Application process and the managing of this process, (5) 'Do things right' or 'The



Hospitality Room after Friday Banquet

Right Thing', and (6) willingness to listen to appeals to pended application. Endorsement balloting continued. Florida endorses Larry Cornwell for Genealogist General; Tim Bennett for Treasurer General.

Committee reports were presented. **Treasurer Committee** recommends budget approval; approved. Continued with additional discussion of Fund for Florida's Future fund raising options. Moved to fund this effort; seconded; approved. **Medals & Awards Committee** urged chapters to make appropriate presentations to veterans and compatriots. **Nominating Committee** presented the 3 vacancies: Secretary, SW RVP, and Recording Secretary and asked for continuing efforts to search for candidates. National Officer report given by Registrar General Lindsey Brock on new Library with comments on fund raising to proceed with building phases with use of submission forms.



*Genealogist General Candidates
Larry Cornwell and Paul Hayes.*

Charter & By-laws Committee reported that clean-up of some wording is in work. **Meeting Arrangements Committee** discussed and voted on 2011-12 BOM schedule; Motion for 4 meetings, seconded; approved.

New Chapter Development announced a meeting this day with a group from Sebring for chartering a chapter. **Technology Advisory Committee** reported timing of purchased during holiday season. **DAR Liaison Committee** urged compatriots to participate with the SAR table for making contacts with DAR members for SAR prospects. **Last Naval Battle Committee** presented speaker information (Tim McGrath) and urged chapters to participate in Color Guard parade. **Americanism Poster Contest Committee** urged members to contact schools for this effort. Further discussion ensued relating to difficulties in getting into school district administration, school administrators, and teachers. Discussion relating to similar difficulties in other youth activities was presented. **Knight**

Contest Committee reiterated that the FLSSAR will not fund the contest but **IS** running the contest. **History Fair Committee** reported on current efforts for supporting at the Florida State Fair in May 2011.

Rumbaugh Contest Committee requesting time at the Winter BOM for 2 pm to hold the contest. **ROTC Committee** presented information on the online (State) submission form. **Patriotic Activities Committee** reported on the Flag Presentations - 18 of 32 chapters have made a presentation which is well over the required 50% (16)

participation for the Florida Society to be awarded a streamer at the next Congress. National Committee has a new chair that has moved up the reporting date by state societies to February from April. **Publicity**

Committee has revamped the Marlin contest form which is available to chapter presidents. **Support the Troops Committee** presented information on the quantity of materials received and the donations for postage: approximately 80 boxes. A video from a supported unit will be available at the Winter BOM in the Hospitality room for viewing by our compatriots. **Veterans Affairs Committee** brought brochures for volunteers recruiting; information presented on Fisher House Foundation. **Trust Fund Committee** informed the assembly that the fund has recovered from the economic downturn and returned to prior levels.



Display presented by Past President William Stevenson

New Business: *The Florida Patriot* over-runs available for use and re-iterated the use of electronic distribution and the possibility of re-allocating budget money from printing/postage to other FLSSAR activities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Did You Know?

That when President John Tyler retired from the presidency of the United States in 1845, his political career did not end. In 1861, he was elected to represent his native state, Virginia, in the House of Representatives of the Confederacy. He was the only United States President to serve in the rebel government.

Respectfully submitted

Steve Williams for Terry Walton.





ADVANCE

Campaign for New Generations

CONFIDENTIAL PLEDGE COMMITMENT

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____

Email: _____

PLEDGE AMOUNT:

I/We pledge to support the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Campaign.

I/We pledge my total gift of: \$ _____

PLEDGE PERIOD:

Pledge will be payable over (check one): 1 2 3 4 5 years

First payment will begin _____.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Please bill me:
- Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the month of _____.
- Semi-Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in months _____ and _____.
- Other: _____
- Please charge my: Visa MasterCard AMEX
Card # _____ Exp. _____
- Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the month of _____.
- Semi-Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the months of _____ and _____.
- Full payment is enclosed. *Please make checks payable to "Sons of the American Revolution Foundation"*
- Gift of Stock *Please contact us at 502-589-1776 for stock information and instructions.*
- My gift will be matched by my company.
- I am interested in a gift through my estate or will, please call me at () _____.

This Statement of Pledge Commitment constitutes a declaration of intent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sons of the American Revolution Foundation
 Center for Advancing America's Heritage: Campaign for New Generations
 P. O. Box 1776 • Louisville, KY 40201-1776

New members

New members as of 12/2/2010

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Chapter	Membership Status
Knisely	William	Harvey	Flagler	Regular
Burkhardt	Henry	Michael	Palm Beach	Regular
Sole	Howard	Brent	Saramana	Regular
Holland	Ernest	Frank	Ocala	Regular
Rank	Jon	Arthur	Brevard	Regular
Klug, Jr.	Charles	Edward	Tallahassee	Regular
Gardner	Benton	Kennedy	Withlacochee	Regular
Wright	Lawrence	Francis	Jacksonville	Regular
Parrish	Marshall	Garrett	William Dunaway	Regular
Shields	Richard	Dale	Emerald Coast	Regular
Chaffee	George	William	Lake-Sumter	Regular
Terry	Donald	Charles	Lake-Sumter	Regular
Boardman, III	Ralph	John	Brevard	Regular
Melvin	Thomas	Henry	William Dunaway	Regular
Benson, Jr.	Ronald	Edward	Saramana	Regular

Uniform/Vendors

Partial list of uniform vendors. This list is not intended as an endorsement of any of these vendors but is intended to provide some information on possible sources for period clothes and accessories.

Company Name	Email & Website (if available)	Other Information
The Sutler of Mount Misery	www.gggodwin.com	Good quality
G. Gedney Godwin		Extensive accouterments, patterns, clothes and uniforms
Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.	catalog@jastown.com	A complete source.
C. & D. Jarnagin Co.	www.jarnaginco.com	Good quality
Fox River Traders	traders@foxrivertraders.com info@foxrivertraders.com	Custom made uniforms, reenactors clothes, supplies, accessories.
American Revolutionary Uniforms	dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com	Complete uniforms
Darlene Neuhaus		
C&D Jaringan and Co.	http://www.jarnaginco.com/	
Smoke and Fire Trading Co.		





Funding for Florida's Future

Won't you help the Florida Society? What are we doing is establishing a fund that will specifically fund youth, chapter, Florida Society, and National Society programs. So that in the future, monies needed to operate these funds will not have to come from member dues or the operational funds of our society, but from this newly established Funding for Florida's Future (F4F₂).

What needs to be done? A building of income producing funds aimed specifically toward a program or programs the donor is interested in and is willing to put their money towards.

Can I help with a specific program? Yes. Any contributions can be directed specifically toward your interest - be it CAAH Endowment Trust, Operating Trust, JROTC, Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration to name just a few of the options. These donations are to build an endowment that funds these programs forever.

How can I help? By making a contribution to the F4F₂ Fund. It really doesn't matter how much or to what fund you contribute. It just needs each of us and friends of the Society to make a contribution. If everyone would just give a dollar, we will have \$1800. If everyone gave \$5 each, we would have \$9000. If we do this for 10 years, we have \$90,000.

Won't you help us? Fill out the form at the bottom of this page, staple your check (Made out to 'Treasurer, FLSSAR') or cash to the form. Fill out your name, address, other information, and especially how you want the money to be directed. Then give your gift to the Florida Society Treasurer or address an envelope and mail it to:

Treasurer, FLSSAR

1702 SW Nantucket Ave

Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953-2425

F4F₂

Funding for Florida's Future

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & ZIP _____

Telephone & E-mail _____

How I want the money allocated _____

Winter 2010

Upcoming NSSAR Events

Spring 2011 Leadership Meeting
March 10-12, 2010
Louisville, KY

121st Annual Congress
July 9-13, 2011
Marriott, Winston-Salem, NC

Upcoming FLSSAR Events

Winter 2011 BOM Meeting
January 28-29, 2011

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution
228th Celebration
March 5, 2011

230th Celebration of the Battle of Pensacola
May 2011

Spring 2011 BOM & Annual Meeting
May 13-15, 2011

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
Kissimmee, FL : January 28-29, 2010
Committee Reports are due by Sunday January 22nd .
RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE
7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64 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

Room Rates: The tower plaza rooms are \$65.00, except the suites which will remain at \$99.00 and the non-tower plaza rooms are \$55.00. This is a reduction of \$10.00 in two room rates.- 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 10 days before BOM. After that, rooms will be "if available" and with FLSSAR price.
Rooms may be upgraded to larger rooms in the Tower PlazaThe hotel is pleased to extend to SAR the above group room rates for the period plus or minus 5 days of the actual meeting date to allow for early arrivals and stayovers.

Winter BOM Meeting Activities

Executive Committee Meeting (Noon)
Regional VP Meeting
Rumbaugh Speech Contest
Eagle Scout Committee
Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution
Committee

BOM Session (Friday)

Friday Banquet
BOM Session (Saturday a.m.)



FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REGISTRATION FORM

Winter BOM Meeting January 28 – 29, 2011
Ramada Plaza & Gateway Inn, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

E-mail Address for confirmation reply _____ @ _____

Phone No: _____ Guest/Spouse will attend Ladies Breakfast

Guest(s) Name: _____

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR Bylaws (**Select only ONE**)):

- 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 a meeting may name, in writing, have another 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: _____

I **require** a Hardcopy of the BOM Proceedings ("Blue Book") -- I have and **will use** my own Tag Name

I plan on attending the following BOM sessions:

- ___ Rumbaugh Speech Contest
- ___ Last Naval Battle
- ___ Eagle Scout Committee (1/2 Hr)

Events	Choice of Meals	Price	Member	Guest	Amount
January 28 th – Friday Banquet	<i>Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti</i> or	\$27.00			\$ _____
	<i>Baked Vegetable Lasagna - Caesar Salad</i>	\$27.00			\$ _____
	Dessert Choice – Carrot Cake	<i>NC</i>			<i>NC</i>
	Dessert Choice – No-Sugar Dessert	<i>NC</i>			<i>NC</i>
	Registration Fee – SAR Members Only	\$10.00	1		\$ 10.00
	Total				\$

The above meals include: Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Dessert.

When you arrive, please **check in** at the Registration table to **collect your Meal Ticket** and to **SIGN UP FOR A TABLE.**

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE January 22, 2010

If mail your registration via USPS and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail (you must list an e-mail address) within 4 days of mailing, call 321-632-5663. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 321-632-5663.

Please indicate on your meal reservation form any special dietary requirements.

Send your check (**payable** to "Treasurer FLSSAR") to:

FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee
% Steve Williams
3403 Caraway St
Cocoa, FL 32926

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

REVOLUTIONARY WAR MONUMENT DEDICATED ON VETERANS DAY 2010

Past presidents Ben DuBose and Carl Green flank monument after dedication. Wording at top reads: AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR - 1776 - DEDICATED TO ALL OUR PATRIOT ANCESTORS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES, FAMILIES AND FORTUNES TO SECURE OUR - "FREEDOM." Wording at bottom reads: MINUTEMAN - SPONSORED BY BREVARD COUNTY CHAPTERS OF THE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Over three years ago Compatriot Ben DuBose was asked to join a committee created by the Brevard Veterans Center as they planned to build a Veterans Memorial Plaza. Ben was assigned as the liaison for the Brevard Chapter SAR and as coordinator for the design, creation and fund raising efforts between the SAR and the DAR to establish the centerpiece monument dedicated to the AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

After attending most of the monthly meetings for over three years where the committee reviewed and approved plans for the various monuments, the Memorial Plaza became a reality. About 400 people attended the dedication which opened with great pomp and circumstance. Monuments and various paving stones were dedicated to the following: American Revolution; Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, MIAs & POWs and the Medal of Honor for all our services, plus to some of those who served. A monument for the Gulf War has received its final funding and will be dedicated before the end of the year. For more information on this group, or to purchase a paving stone you can go to:

<http://www.veteransmemorialcenter.org/>

Are you eligible?

Do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your family tree? Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Over two hundred years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a member of SAR, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can continue this legacy by actively supporting historic preservation, promotion of education, and patriotic endeavors. For membership information go to <http://www.flssar.org/Helper.htm>.





Located at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island is a Veterans Memorial Plaza. Above photo was taken the day before the November 11th dedication and it shows the scope of this project.

The Florida Patriot

3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926

Send your unusual or special pictures for this section to swilliams16@cfl.rr.com
or to **Patriot Spotlight**, 3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926