Remembering George Washington on February 15th
Figure 1: Ray and Dianna Lantz fighting the bitter cold and rain to lay the wreaths at the Barrancas National Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

Figure 2: Steve Williams reading proclamation from PG Butler at Edgewater New Smyrna Cemetery.

Back Cover


On Steps (bottom to top in row next to wall): Paul D. Schenck, James O. Fast, James Dunn, Paul Irwin, and Carl Roshong.

On Steps (center row bottom to top): Thomas Romine, Kurt Ayers, Jacob Reynolds, and Keith Kaufman.

On Steps (bottom to top in row next to railing): Adrian Rose, Jesse Moore, Steven Kelley, and John Buffenbarger.

Photo and identifications courtesy of Terry A. Whetstone, Past President, Ohio Society SAR (2002-2003)
Compatriots:
Sign post three – one more to go. So far it seems so good. Last BOM was 23/24 October. I had two chapter visits in October; they were reported in my last report.

November was relatively light. Only had a visit to the St Edwards Episcopal Upper School on 2 November. I presented the school a Certificate of Appreciation and a Flag Certificate. To their student and member of my chapter, James Hunter Kappel, I presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his efforts to collect the materials to ship to our troops overseas. An Eagle Court of Honor on 7 November was for a Scout in the main troop with which I work with in Vero Beach. Then I visited the St. Augustine Chapter on the 21st of November. I reported on state and National programs and assisted in the installation of officers for 2010. Activities became hot in December. On the 5th I visited Lake-Sumter Chapter and reported on state and National programs. I gave the “Build the Flag” program in Melbourne on the 9th. Then I visited the Saramana Chapter on the 11th giving the report on state and National programs and assisted in the installation of officers. I visited the Ft Lauderdale Chapter on the 12th doing the same program. Returning to Melbourne again I gave another “Build the Flag” program. Back to the west coast, on the 16th I visited the Clearwater Chapter. Once again in Melbourne on the 18th to give the “Build the Flag” program. In January 2010 after the BOM (14 – 17) I will visit the Palm Beach Chapter (19th) and the Daytona-Ormond Beach chapter (21st).

This has been a most sad period. We have lost our Florida Patriot editor and I have lost my friend and BOM roommate. Dick will be greatly missed. We won’t see him buzzing about the banquet taking pictures and will miss his touch on the Patriot. May the Lord look with favor upon our compatriot and my friend and grant him rest and peace.

I started asking about for another editor. Steve Williams, Ben DuBose, and Kevin Yarnell agreed to work together to get the Winter issue out for the January BOM.

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**In Memoriam**

Dick Fowler was taken to Carmel East Hospital in Columbus Ohio on Monday November 9th complaining of shortness of breath. At the time he was preparing for a Salute to Veterans program (in his Benjamin Franklin Costume) in which his local Ohio Benjamin Franklin Chapter was participating. He succumbed to his illness on November 24th while in the hospital. Services were held on Sunday November 29th. See photo taken at the service on back cover.

**Background and experience:**

U. S. Army Air Corps 1946-1949
  - Thirteen months Fixed Station Radio Repair School, Ft. Monmouth, NJ
  - Technical Aid in Electronics Upper Atmospheric Research
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  - Western Electric Co., Inc. and AT&T (Now known as Lucent Technologies)

Manufacturing Manager:
  - Kearny New Jersey, 1953 - 1962

Federal Express Personnel
  - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 1987 - 1992


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Personal:
  - Widower, Father of four, Grandfather of nine, Great-Grandfather of eight

Education:
  - Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, School of Engineering, 1950 - 1951
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**Deadline for submissions for the Spring edition is April 1, 2010**
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Battle of Pensacola

The Longest Siege of the American Revolution ¹

Edward D. Young

March 9, 1781: During the late afternoon, the 64 vessel Spanish fleet, under the command of Major General Bernardo de Galvez, dropped anchor 9 miles east of the entrance of the harbor at Pensacola 1000 feet off of the south shore of barrier island, Santa Rosa. On board the troop transports was a land invasion force of 1508 men.

In 1779, the King of Spain, Carlos III, had ordered Galvez “to drive the British forces out of Pensacola, Mobile, and the other posts they occupy on the Mississippi.” Pensacola, the Capital of British West Florida, was the last jewel in the necklace of British fortifications strung across the gulf coast and lower Mississippi River to be captured.

March 22, 1781: 925 troops marched from Mobile and 500 troops from the fleet took positions on the mainland and the battle began.

May 8, 1781: After weeks of hand-to-hand fighting, maneuvering and cannon barrages, a lucky Spanish howitzer shot exploded outside the open magazine door of Queen Anne’s Redoubt causing the entire redoubt to explode.

May 9, 1781: British Major General John Campbell surrendered Pensacola to Galvez.

The Pensacola Chapter sponsored the commemoration of this historic event on May 9, 2009 with a reenactment of the final battle.

**Brevard**

We held the largest Induction Ceremony in memory for new members in the 40 year history of our Chapter. In all we inducted eleven new members! They are: James Boyd, Chris & Jonathan Bonnett, Andrew Chase, Joseph Chase, Timothy Greenwell, Earl Hayes, Ken Johnson, Mark and Blake Kinnan, & Matt Williams.

**Central Florida**

The Central Florida Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution during its October meeting bestowed its Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to Orlando Police Chief Val Demings and Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings. This husband and wife exciting duo brings to Central Florida’s major law enforcement networks in both a marriage of their profession and to their home which is a very rare happening in the United States. They shared with the Chapter members and guests an excellent overview of their respective programs of law enforcement.

The timing of this special recognition was a prelude to the Chapter’s November program that will recognize the following special members of Safety Forces who will be awarded SAR Medals in the areas of Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue and Heroism. The Honorees being recognized by the Central Florida Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution are: the Heroism Medal to Captain Jon “Mike” Dickens of the Orange County Fire Rescue Department and Sergeant Mike McCaskill of the Osceola County Sheriff’s Department; Law Enforcement Medals to Sergeant Dan Purcell of the Seminole County Sheriff’s Department and Deputy Rafael Colon of the Osceola County Sheriff Department; Emergency Medical Services Firefighter/Paramedic Mario Milhaucich of the Seminole County Fire Rescue and Firefighter/Paramedic Ben Faber of St. Cloud’s Fire Rescue Department.

**Flagler**

VIRGINIA REISINGER, Old Kings Highway Chapter, DAR, was presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter President TED ST. PIERRE at the October 20th Chapter Luncheon. Virginia Reisinger presented a program featuring the Palatines of New York, a large group of people that arrived in America from Germany in the early 1700s.

**Jacksonville**

October luncheon meeting was enjoyed by 32 compatriots and guests at the San Jose Country Club. Speaker Jim Vearil, Southern Genealogist’s Exchange Society shared a case study of a Florida family speaking of kinship networks, family migrations, the use of census data, economic analysis, use of newspapers, regimental histories, manuscript collections, election, tax and county records. New member, Michael James Boutin, was inducted into our Jacksonville Chapter SAR. Mike shared a brief address concerning his Patriot Ancestor, Joseph Cheney of Maine. November 19th, 2009, featured another excellent speaker from the Southern Genealogist’s Exchange Society. Mrs. Karen Packard Rhodes, spoke on the
subject “Paleography- Understanding the Old Styles of Handwriting”. Karen recently presented at the SAR National Congress in Atlanta.

**Naples**

November 5th meeting with First Vice President Roy G. Richardson presiding was held at The Country Club of Naples. The Guest of Honor for “Law Enforcement Day,” was Ranger Raymond Little of the Gulf Coast District, Everglades National

Pensacola

At the October meeting, the Chapter presented the NSSAR Heroism Medal to Firefighter J. P. Norris, Pensacola Fire Department in recognition of his outstanding skill and fortitude while rescuing an unconscious injured woman from her burning home in Pensacola on September 12, 2009. Pensacola Fire Chief Frank Edwards and Battalion Chief Patrick Grace assisted Chapter President Charles Weeks in the presentation. Color Guard members Raymond Lantz, Mark Kilgore, Lonnie Jones, Price Legg, Randy Turner and David Matthews are participating in the Pensacola Wintertest Celebration with members of the Pensacola and Fort Pickens Chapters, DAR. On multiple dates during November and December, they are presenting a scene of a Revolutionary era Christmas for tour groups that culminates with the Guardsmen performing a Musket Salute. The Chapter continues to plan the Minuteman Statue Revolutionary War Monument for installation in the Pensacola Veteran’s Memorial Park.

Saramana

Month of September Activity included presenting the Colors to DAR meeting. Color Guard member upcoming events - - October 23-24, 2009 - FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade.

St. Lucie River

From April 28 through 30, the St Lucie River Chapter participated in two Veteran’s Day celebrations. The first was in Veteran’s park in Port St Lucie and was attended by Jay Wise and Richard Massey. The second was in Stuart where five members pictured here marched in the Stuart Parade. They are Adam Whiting, Richard Pattison, Hall Riediger, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, and Robert Eisenhardt. This was the best Stuart parade that they have had.

Tampa

Continuing a long standing tradition, the Tampa Chapter hosted the Ft. Brooke Chapter of the CAR at its December meeting. The members pf the CAR presented a short program
which was followed by a history challenge in which teams of SAR & CAR members competed against each other for prizes.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 19th. We will welcome the Fort Brooke Chapter of the CAR as we hold our annual joint meeting. The children will provide a short program, we’ll present our Law Enforcement Award, and an activity is planned to allow the generations to interact.

Withlacoochee

Guest Speaker William Piper of Lake Sumter SAR Chapter was introduced at the November meeting. William spoke on the life and times of General Morgan of the Revolutionary war. He traced Morgan’s historical progress to victory at the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina in 1781. Compatriot Piper’s presentation was well received and President Nelson presented him with a Withlacoochee certificate of appreciation.

Figure 1: Photo: President Bell thanks LTG Jim Ellis for his presentation to the membership at the November meeting. (Photo by Luke Lloyd)

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary

President’s Message

Dear Ladies,

Here we are at Christmas and bringing in the New Cheer for the New Year of 2010. We want to continue to remember our troops overseas and I would like for all of you to tell a service member Thank You for his/her service from all of us.

Our men and women in uniform continue to be in Iraq, and Afghanistan as well as other countries throughout the world. And we want them to know that all of us here on the mainland are praying for them and their safe return home to their loved ones. So please bring items such as: beef jerky, Gatorade mix, Crystal Light mix, sunflower seeds, hard candy, The new Chocolate great for shipping is Tootsie rolls (any flavor), protein bars, granola bars, small packs of cookies or Cheese-Its, trail mix, dried fruit, dry soup, nuts, popcorn, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, eye drops, nasal spray (saline solution), deodorant, Magazines, lip balm, band-aids, music CDs (new and used) shaving supplies, deodorant, female items, card games, playing cards, bring when you come to the Board of Management meeting on January 15th and 16th. Thank you for what you have done and what you are going to do. Make a point to say ‘Thank You!’ to our Troops and Veterans.

I look forward to seeing each one of you in Kissimmee on January 15th and 16th 2010. I will be wearing my colonial dress Friday evening please bring your colonial dress and wear it too.

On Saturday Morning @ 8:30 in the restaurant we will have our Dutch breakfast while the gentlemen will be attending their meetings.

And speaking of checks we could not give monetary awards to the contest winners in May without your help. Please bring a basket or baskets from your chapter. The more baskets we have the more tickets we sell and the more tickets we sell the more money we have to give.

If there is anything you would like to see discussed at our meeting please let me know so that I can put it on the agenda. I look forward to seeing each of you at the BOM and bring those colonial dresses!

And Items for our troops!

Dianna L Lantz, President, Ladies’ Auxiliary Florida Society SAR
George Washington (February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799) was the commander of the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783) and the first President of the United States of America (1789–1797). For his central role in the formation of the United States, he is often referred to as the father of his country.

The Continental Congress appointed Washington commander-in-chief of the American revolutionary forces in 1775. The following year, he forced the British out of Boston, lost New York City, and crossed the Delaware River in New Jersey, defeating the surprised enemy units later that year. As a result of his strategy, Revolutionary forces captured the two main British combat armies at Saratoga and Yorktown. Negotiating with Congress, the colonial states, and French allies, he held together a tenuous army and a fragile nation amid the threats of disintegration and failure. Following the end of the war in 1783, King George III asked what Washington would do next and was told of rumors that he'd return to his farm; this prompted the king to state, "If he does that, he will be the greatest man in the world." Washington did return to private life and retired to his plantation at Mount Vernon.

He presided over the Philadelphia Convention that drafted the United States Constitution in 1787 because of general dissatisfaction with the Articles of Confederation. Washington became President of the United States in 1789 and established many of the customs and usages of the new government's executive department. He sought to create a nation capable of surviving in a world torn asunder by war between Britain and France. His unilateral Proclamation of Neutrality of 1793 provided a basis for avoiding any involvement in foreign conflicts. He supported plans to build a strong central government by funding the national debt, implementing an effective tax system, and creating a national bank. Washington avoided the temptation of war and a decade of peace.
with Britain began with the Jay Treaty in 1795; he used his prestige to get it ratified over intense opposition from the Jeffersonians. Although never officially joining the Federalist Party, he supported its programs and was its inspirational leader. Washington's farewell address was a primer on republican virtue and a stern warning against partisanship, sectionalism, and involvement in foreign wars.

Washington was awarded the very first Congressional Gold Medal with the Thanks of Congress.

Washington died in 1799, and the funeral oration delivered by Henry Lee stated that of all Americans, he was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen". Washington has been consistently ranked by scholars as one of the greatest U.S. Presidents.

As a young man, Washington had red hair. A popular myth is that he wore a wig, as was the fashion among some at the time. Washington did not wear a wig; instead he powdered his hair, as represented in several portraits, including the well-known unfinished Gilbert Stuart depiction.

Washington suffered from problems with his teeth throughout his life. He lost his first adult tooth when he was twenty-two and had only one left by the time he became President. John Adams claims he lost them because he used them to crack Brazil nuts but modern historians suggest the mercury oxide which he was given to treat illnesses such as smallpox and malaria probably contributed to the loss. He had several sets of false teeth made, four of them by a dentist named John Greenwood. Contrary to popular belief, none of the sets were made from wood. The set made when he became President was carved from hippopotamus and elephant ivory, held together with gold springs. The hippo ivory was used for the plate, into which real human teeth and bits of horses' and donkeys' teeth were inserted. Dental problems left Washington in constant pain, for which he took laudanum. This distress may be apparent in many of the portraits painted while he was still in office, including the one still used on the $1 bill.

One of the most enduring myths about George Washington involves his chopping down his father's cherry tree and, when asked about it, using the famous line "I cannot tell a lie, I did it with my little hatchet." There is no evidence that this ever occurred. It, along with the story of Washington throwing a silver dollar across the Potomac River, was part of a book of mythic stories written by Mason Weems that made Washington a legendary figure beyond his wartime and presidential achievements.

Excerpted from Wikipedia


Figure 2: Portrait of George Washington in military uniform, painted by Rembrandt Peale

BOM Training & Roundtable Sessions

For the last two years our BOM meetings have brought our attendees many training session ranging from Genealogy to the web. At the Fall BOM, the Regional Vice Presidents decided to extend these offerings with a series of chapter officer/leader roundtable sessions. These are envisioned to provide chapter leaders with an opportunity to meet with others, discuss issues, and learn to help their chapters become a better organization.

See the Winter 2010 BOM Registration form for the list of session available.
The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution takes great pride in sharing this day with our Partners in Patriotism, the veterans in each of the seven services whom we are honoring at this event. Today marks an important remembrance of these American heroes who served their country in the military and, in many instances, gave their lives on the battlefield to preserve democracy and freedom. While our words will long be forgotten, the heroic deeds of the service men and women who have served or who still serve our nation will long be remembered.

We descendants of the patriots of the War of Independence, represented by our membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, share a common bond with those men and women who are interred in this cemetery. It is fitting to remember them, as well as the colonial men and women who dared to declare themselves independent from their British ruler and establish the United States of America.

We Americans who are here today are the beneficiaries of that legacy, regardless of our own heritage and ethnic origins. It would be fitting of us to remember a loved one or perhaps an ancestor who made the sacrifice that brought honor and peace to our nation.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is honored to be represented at the national cemeteries and monuments across the nation, as participants in the patriotic memorial to our fallen heroes. We are proud to be a part of all Americans who have come here today to remember these dedicated men and women.

God bless America,

Hon. Edward F. Butler, Esq.
President General (2009-2010)
The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade  
Commander Col. Edward D. Young  

18 October 2009

The period of this report is from 30 August 2009 through 24 October 2009. Eighteen Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Summer BOM on 28 August 2009. Brigade Guardsmen Murray, Myers, Little and Williams Presented the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando on 28 September 2009. Brigade Camps and Outposts continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 23-24 October 2009 FLSSAR Fall BOM. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 12 September 2009, the annual Flag Retirement Program was held in the Mandarin Community Center in cooperation with members of the CAR. Active participants included Lindsey Brock, David Ramseur and Bud Reed. October was a busy month for Guardsman Brock who took part in several wreath layings at Point Pleasant, WV; Kings Mountain, NC; Kings Mountain Military Park, SC; Furman University and several events in Savannah, GA. Guardsman Cardell was part of the Color Guard and presented a wreath at Kings Mountain Military Park.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Claude Grubbs, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. In addition, the Camp was proud to display its collection of 19 colonial era flags during the BOM and we were asked to bring them to future BOMs. Guardsmen DuBose and Wright participated in the John Barry Day celebration in Jetty Park and were honored to lead the 100+ member Color Guard on 12 September 2009. On 13 September 2009, Guardsmen DuBose and Wright presented two seminars at the Brevard Teacher’s In-Service Training Day in Rockledge. DuBose spoke about the Last Battle and Wright gave a presentation on the various youth programs available through the SAR. The teachers were impressed with everything we had to offer the students of Brevard County. Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at a joint meeting with the five DAR Chapters in Brevard County on 19 September 2009 with 80+ people attending. On 26 September 2009, Guardsman Williams marched with the Brigade Color Guard to Present and Post the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando at the Marriott Hotel.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Jantzen participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 22 October 2009, Jantzen and Kitchens participated in a function held at the Clearwater City Hall.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Jay Wise, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Riediger and Wise participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 6 September 2009, Guardsman Wise attended the St. Lucie County Commission meeting to accept a Proclamation issued by the commission proclaiming September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17-23 as Constitution Week. On 8 September 2009, Guardsman Riediger attended the Fort Pierce City Council meeting to accept a Proclamation from the council proclaiming September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Guardsmen Kraehenbuehl, Whiting and Wise Posted the Colors at the Annual DAR/SAR Constitution Week Meeting on September 12, 2009. On 17 September 2009, Guardsman Wise joined the U. S.
Coast Guard Color Guard that Posted the Colors at the Cora Stickney Harper DAR Chapter’s service for Citizenship Day and Constitution Week in Fort Pierce. Guardsman North introduced Compatriot Rick Pattison at the regular September meeting of the St. Lucie Veteran’s Council. Compatriot Pattison will be the Chapter representative on the Council replacing Guardsman North.

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

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Jones, Lantz and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Bellamy, Kilgore, Lantz, Legg and Young presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR Constitution Week Luncheon at the Scenic Hills Golf and Country Club in Pensacola on 19 September 2009.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saraman) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Crapo and Miller participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Bradley, Crapo, Cushing and Riegle presented the Colors at the DAR Constitutional Day Luncheon on 19 September 2009.


J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Murray, Myers and Little marched with the Brigade to Present and Post the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando at the Marriott Hotel on 26 September 2009.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 2 September 2009, Camp member in Bravo uniform attended the military funeral to honor the service of veteran Harold Dowlin at the National Cemetery in Bushnell. Guardsmen Nelson, Townsend and Sumner took part with the local DAR Chapter in a Joint Bell Ringing Ceremony to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States at the old County Court House in Inverness on 19 September.


M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13. (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. No report received.

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

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsman Stevenson gave the “Toast to the Flag” at the Joint DAR/SAR Constitution Day Luncheon at Palm City on 12 September 2009.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Outpost did not have any activity during this reporting period.

President Stevenson opened the meeting at 8:23 pm. Ron Toops presented his Trustee report and discussed Florida’s Patriotic Education efforts and improving Eagle Scout program. Phil Carr presented information on the Fall Leadership meeting and the cornerstone laying in Louisville by the Mason’s Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Lindsey Brock added comments on the cornerstone ceremony and presented streamers to the Sergeant-at-arms. He commented on his trip to Spain and presentation to King Carlos I, Crown Prince, & Duke Sevilla. Also, information on the required Mission Statements for National Committees, Pages for the National Congress, and Phase 1 construction. Ron Hamilton discussed the National Committee on JROTC and the $600 shortfall with the subsequent necessity for fund raising efforts.

President’s report included presentation of Flag Code information and the rendering of salutes. SVP Meeks offered information on the proposed By-laws submissions and the review process. The SVP also discussed the structure and agenda of BOM meetings which involve improving the benefit and worth of the BOM meetings to the chapters by instituting leadership presentations at BOM meetings. These sessions might include presentations on chapter leadership, membership, chapter activities, and other related topics. Secretary Yarnell discussed the issue of Active Military member state dues. Motion was made (Ben DuBose) and 2nd (Grant Wallin) to extend the waiver of these dues another year. Motion approved. Kevin also discussed the publication of proceedings for BOM meetings to the effect that there will be a single version published on the Sunday before the BOM (all reports due prior to that date). There would be a final version published after the BOM to include all late reports and information presented at the BOM. Both versions would be published to the FLSSAR website with the Final version being the only one retained. The 1st version can then be included in the registration packet for those that need a copy.

Randy Moody will act as the Parliamentarian pro tem during these sessions.

Officer and Committee reports followed the proceedings format. Significant discussion involved the Genealogist report and the ‘center check issue’ and the Blue Ribbon Committee and subsequent issues arising from that committee. Compatriot Brock commented that the written comments are ambiguous but By-law 9 supports actions taken by the National Genealogy Committee and Genealogist General; that 2004 Congress tabled the ‘1986’ rule; the Ethics issue concerning contacting states for the Genealogy Committee is incorrect and that the Ethics complaint did not result from the Blue Ribbon committee; that the GG and Genealogy Committee has the authority to set policy/procedures and to determine what is sufficient proof for SAR applications. Additionally comments by Albert
Meyers, President Stevenson, Randy Moody, Phil Carr, and Harold Crapo.

**Motion** made (Ray Lantz) and 2nd (Alvie Davidson) to support the Tennessee National By-law change. **Motion:** “Florida Society issues an endorsement and cosponsor of the TN National By-law Amendment.” **Motion** approved.

**Motion** to accept the Minutes of the Summer BOM made (Dan Shepherd); motion approved.

Finance Committee report by Treasurer David Ramseur presented issues on the FLSSAR Budget shortfall and a proposal to address the annual chapter dues rebate. Discussion comments by David Ramseur, Kevin Yarnell, Ben DuBose, Harold Crapo, Ron Toops, Gerry Meeks, Phil Wright, Phil Tarpley, Lindsey Brock, Dan Shepherd, and Ted Duay. **Motion** made (Dan Shepherd) and 2nd (Ray Lantz) such that FLSSAR does not provide a rebate on dues for 2010.

President Stevenson relayed a request from Frank Hodalski to maintain his committee budgets. Contributions of $154 were made by attendees to help with postage for the Support the Troops efforts.

Endowment and Operating Trust Funds report(s) were made out of sequence to accommodate Ted’s Schedule. Discussion concerned (1) moneys not spent which are rolled forward and (2) the uses of these funds.

President Stevenson offered a request by the Executive Committee to reappoint Ted Duay as Trustee for the 3 year term ending December 31st. **Motion** made (Randy Moody) and 2nd (Phil Tarpley) to reappoint; motion approved.

Commemorative and Historic Sites committee report with additional comments by Ben DuBose. Eagle Scout Committee report with additional comments by Charlie Day concerned the 100 year anniversary of the Scouting movement.

Ron Toops presented update on the renaming of the Education Committee to “Legislative Affairs Committee” with associated information on the new Standing Committee charter. **Motion** was made (R Toops) with 2nd (Dan Shepherd) to approve the name change. **Motion** was approved. Genealogy committee held a workshop with 15 attendees as reported by Ted Duay. Rumbaugh Speech Contest report had additional comments by Randy Moody to reduce the prizes for the contest. Randy moved to reduce the prizes by half with 2nd (Dan Shepherd). **Motion** approved. Last Naval Battle Committee reported that the Friday night dinner will be changed due to expenses. BOM Meeting Arrangement Committee had additional comments for scheduling any roundtables, workshops, committee meetings need to be submitted soon. Hal Miller provided additional comments for the Patriotic Activities report: Flag Certificates needing 5 more chapter presentations and the need for chapter Flag Certificate chairs. Ron Toops urged the president to make a presentation.

Phil Wright suggested that each committee chair consider placing “how-to’s” into the Procedures Manual. Dan Shepherd added comments to the Public Service committee and the new PDF form for reporting such activities.

President Stevenson reported on the

**Figure 4: Saturday morning session crowd.**
recommendations for National Officers: Lindsey Brock for Registrar General and Paul Hays for Genealogist General. **Motion** was made to approve recommendation of Executive Committee (Dan Shepherd and 2nd (Ray Lantz). Motion approved.

**Meeting in Recess** at 10:02 pm

**Meeting reconvened** at 8:36 am Saturday morning.

Ron Hamilton **moved** that the Florida Society submit Lindsey Brock as a candidate for the Minute Man Award. Seconded. **Motion** was approved. President Stevenson reiterated the implementation of the revised Flag Code.

Additional comments by Lindsey Brock and Phil Tarpley. Phil Tarpley had additional comments for JROTC that the RVPs disseminate additional documentation to the chapters. Ray Lantz covered the Battle of Pensacola committee and informed the BOM that the ceremony as done at the initial ceremony will be accomplished every other year while the off year will be carried out as the Last Naval Battle is performed.

Committee Consolidation Study group report presented by Ben DuBose will be documented and placed on the FLSSAR website for review and edification of the BOM. Support the Troops committee report had additions by Harold Crapo. Phil Tarpley added comments concerning a Certificate of Appreciation for the school. Gerry Meeks will provide the Certificate(s). Comments stating that the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements has a deadline that is firm. Gerry Meeks had a question concerning the sale of Last Naval Battle medals and the necessity of changing the price. Ben stated that at the next BOM the medals will be collected and a determination will be made at that time. The Winter BOM Host chapter, Central Florida, was presented with the Hospitality Room Cash Box. Annual Meeting host chapter will be a combination of SE Region chapter representation.

**New Business:**

Harold Crapo spoke to the need for a FLSSAR Directory. Kevin, Lindsey, Randy Moody added comments concerning access to

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**Upcoming NSSAR Events**

**Spring 2010 Leadership Meeting**
March 4-6, 2010
Louisville, KY

**120th Annual Congress**
June 26-30, 2010
Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

**Fall 2010 Leadership Meeting**
September 23-25
Louisville, KY

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**Upcoming FLSSAR Events 2010**

**Winter BOM (Kissimmee)**
Jan. 15-16:

**Last Naval Battle**
March 6

**Spring BOM/Annual Meeting**
May 7-9:

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that information. Steve Williams added information explaining the future website capabilities to provide this service and a rough time estimate for completion. Ray Lantz stated that the national website Members Only area can provide individual information. Harold brought up a Rumbaugh Contest question from Saramana Chapter concerning past winners locking out new contestants and their eligibility. Discussion evolved concerning the rules of the competition. Randy Moody clarified that the rules do not limit the eligibility of any contestants. Harold then brought up the issue of reducing the frequency of BOM meetings from 4 to 3 meetings annually. Geeks commented that this is being addressed within the By-laws amendment change proposal. Kevin read the change with additional comments by Ben DuBose and Albert Myers and referral to Parliamentarian. Kevin reviewed the process for this issue to be resolved. Harold asked for timely notification of changes. Randy Moody, Parliamentarian pro tem, stated that the BOM can over-rule the ruling made if so desired. Randy and Harold made a recommendation that the Charter & By-laws committee ensure that this issue is on the docket for the Winter BOM.

Steve Williams suggested that the BOM have ‘Motion’ forms made available for capturing motion statements. Discussion concerning this method developed a consensus that this should be accomplished at future meetings.

Albert Myers commended the gathering for the level of decorum exhibited in these sessions.

No further new business. Motion to adjourn. Benediction given and meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Did You Know?

Nancy Ward was a full-blooded Cherokee. She was born at Chota in what is now Tennessee in 1738. The identity of her father is unknown but her mother was Tame Doe, of the Wolf Clan, a sister of a Cherokee chief. By the age of seventeen Nancy had two children, Five Killer and Catherine. In her adult years she was described as a winsome and resourceful woman and commanding in appearance. Her husband was killed in a raid on the Creeks in 1755, where she fought by his side, chewing the lead bullets for his rifle to make them more deadly.

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**FLORIDA SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following New Members through 11/20/2009

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When he fell in battle, she sprang up from behind a log, rallied the Cherokees and led the charge that brought them victory. Because of her valor, she was chosen as “Beloved Woman” of the Cherokees, which brought her much prestige among her people.

Bryant Ward, an English trader, took up residence with the Cherokees and married Nancy in the late 1750’s. Ward was already a married man but since the Cherokees did not consider marriage a life-long institution, that did not become a problem. Bryant and Nancy became parents of a daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy), but eventually Ward returned to his white wife in South Carolina. Nancy and Betsy visited his home on many occasions where they were welcomed and treated with respect.

Nancy was a strong advocate of peace and on several occasions she warned the white settlers of impending Indian attacks. During the American Revolution, patriot John Sevier of the Watauga settlements owed much of his military success to his friendship with Nancy. She had complete control over prisoners and she stopped warriors from burning at the stake, Lydia Bean, the wife of Tennessee’s first permanent settler. Nancy took Lydia home for a time to live with her. There she learned from Lydia the art of making butter and cheese. Subsequently, she bought cattle and introduced dairying to the Cherokees.

During the 1790’s Nancy became known as Granny Ward when she took in and provided for several children. About 1819 she moved from Chota and settled on the Ocoee River near present-day Benton, Tennessee. There she operated an inn until her death in 1822. A monument was erected over her grave, in 1923, by the Nancy Ward Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

- Contributed by Compatriot Bud Casey

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**FLORIDA SOCIETY DECEASED MEMBERS**

**The Florida Society Mourns the Loss of the Following Members**

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A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE

By Compatriot Ben DuBose

On March 7th 1783, two ships laden with hundreds of thousands of dollars in silver and gold left Havana heading for the United States. They were the Continental Navy frigate ALLIANCE, with the future “Commodore” John Barry in command. While the French ship, Duc de Lauzon, had Captain Green in command. These funds were destined for our Continental Congress to start this country’s first bank, thus enabling them to start paying off our debts.

At dawn, on the 10th of March, while off the eastern coast of Florida, they spied three English frigates a few miles due north heading right at them. The ALLIANCE and the Duc de Lauzon changed course and headed back toward Havana. Since the Duc de Lauzon was a big cargo ship, with an extra heavy load, it was too slow to out-run the fast frigates. Captain Barry ordered Captain Green to throw some of his cannons overboard and he took on some of the shipment in order to lighten the load. After which they headed south again.

When they reached today’s Cape Canaveral they were forced to engage the enemy. Two of the enemy ships kept at a distance, while the third, the HMS Sybil, kept approaching. The enemy fired a small bow gun and it hit the ALLIANCE’S cabin.

John Kessler, a Mate aboard ALLIANCE, reported: “Captain Barry went from gun to gun on the main deck, cautioning against too much haste and not to fire until the enemy was right abreast. When the action began, and before an half hour her guns were silenced and nothing but musketry was fired from her. She appeared very much injured in her hull... . As soon as the ship which we had engaged hove from us, her consorts joined her and all made sail... .”

Thanks to the courage and skill of Captain Barry both American ships completed their mission and on 20 March 1783, The Alliance sailed into Newport, Rhode Island, abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia given the strong presence of a British patrol. Sometime later news reached America that on 3 February 1783, the peace treaty had been ratified - the war for independence was over.
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
Kissimmee, FL: January 15 & 16, 2009
Committee Reports are due by Sunday January 10

RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE
7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64B off I-4)
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400
NOTE: ABOVE PHONES ARE THE ONES TO USE. They connect directly to hotel.
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Make room reservations directly with

Room Rates: $65.00, plus current 13% tax.
Please specify “Florida Sons of the American Revolution” to get the special rate. 55 rooms have been blocked.

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 Plaza for $75.00 plus tax and one bedroom Tower Plaza suites are $99.00 + tax. The 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 2010 BOM schedule

** Schedule times are arranged in blocks of 30 minutes with the Start times and End times of each block on either side of schedule. **

**Executive Committee and RVP meetings are now Friday MORNING**

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Address: _________________________City_________________ State & ZIP: _________________
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, 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 □

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

**MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE January 9, 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

New: November 12, 2009
All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, Military and Genealogical Societies and the public are
invited to attend.

A DINNER BUFFET WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNTRY INNS & SUITES ON FRIDAY NIGHT,
MARCH 5, 2010. AND A COMPIMENTARY WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL HOUR will be held in Room
432 from 5 - 6PM

A Scrumptious Dinner Buffet will be served at 6:30PM in the Celebration room on the first floor of the Country
Inns & Suites. Total cost is $22.00. Please complete the below information and return it to Compatriot Ben
DuBose, 950 Falls Trail, Malabar FL, 32950. Please make checks payable to BREVARD CHAPTER SAR
For further information you can contact Ben at 321-952-2928 or bdubosefl@Gmail.com (note new email)

Name of Society/Chapter/Individual _____________________________________________________________
Presenting Wreath at Ceremony? Yes___ No___ Name of Presenter: ___________________________________
Wreath dedication: ___________________________________________________________________________
Bringing Unit/Chapter Flag? Yes___ No___ Color Guard Member/s Yes___ No___ # In Unit ___________
NOTE: ALL Color Guard Units will be presented with a Commemorative Flag Streamer.
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The Country Inns & Suites is located At 9009 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL, 32920 (321-784-8500),
will block out 45 rooms. All rooms include two queen beds at a rate of $99.00 per night, plus applicable taxes.
Breakfast is included. The block of rooms will be held until February 20, 2010. Reservations must be made
directly with them prior to that date and you must mention the Sons of the American Revolution to receive the
$99.00 rate. Reservations, for rooms and meals, may be canceled on or before February 28, 2010. Since only 45
rooms are blocked out at this rate please make your reservations ASAP.

Hotel directions: Traveling on I-95 take exit 205 East to Cape Canaveral and follow signs to A1A South. Y ou
will see hotel on right as soon as you get on A1A.

Directions to Ceremonies: From hotel turn left onto A1A. Exit right onto ramp to Cape Canaveral/George
King Blvd. After .3 miles turn right onto Columbia Rd. Go .1 mile and turn left into Challenger Rd. Park in
parking lots on either side of the Administration Building. At 455 Challenger Rd.
Figure 3: Ohio Color Guard at Services for Compatriot Dick Fowler. November 29, 2009.

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