

# FLATALK

FLATALK has been returned to service. It is now hosted through a different vendor and currently has approximately 100 subscribers. It will have in the near future all Florida Society members with e-mail addresses added as subscribers.

The list, **FLATALK**, is established to foster communication among members of the **FLORIDA SOCIETY**, Sons of the American Revolution. Its goal is to enable Compatriots to participate in discussions regarding the objectives of FLSSAR, and the implementation thereof. Also to provide an opportunity to discuss Society activities, policies, procedures, etc.

The most useful purpose for this service is for those times and occasions where the Florida Society leadership has an urgent need to get information, breaking news, or other matters to the attention of our Florida compatriots. It is for this reason that at the Fall BOM, the Executive Committee requested that the Florida Secretary, Kevin Yarnell, provide all available names and E-mail addresses to the FLATALK Administrator for inclusion as subscribers.

FLATALK can also be used by subscribers to discuss Florida Society issues and to ask questions for which any Florida compatriot may have an answer.

**FLATALK is a "closed" list.** Membership is subject to the approval of the List Administrator and is conditioned upon the Compatriot's current membership in the SAR.

**The list is "unmoderated,"** meaning all messages sent to the list will be posted without prior approval of a "moderator." While this policy is subject to change, it is hoped that the "closed" nature of the list will result in the postings remaining relevant to the stated purpose. Please note that, because the list is unmoderated, sentiments expressed via FLATALK are those of the authors of those statements and do not necessarily reflect the position of Officers, or other Compatriots of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution nor the list owners.

## TO POST A MESSAGE TO FLATALK

**To post** a message, use [flatalk@list.flssar.org](mailto:flatalk@list.flssar.org) in the "TO" line.

**Provide a good "Subject"** for your FLATALK message. Replying to a Subject that says, "RE: Digest No. 23" is easy, but makes it hard for others to find out what you are posting about. The result is that recipients are likely to delete your message without reading it.

Quote only a line or two from the message you are replying to. Do not just automatically hit your "forward" or "reply" button. General "replies" and "forwards" will be unnecessarily long and take up bandwidth and disk space, both of which are expensive and in short supply. Not all postings have to be sent to the entire list. Sometimes it may be appropriate to send a private post or reply. If your reply is of interest only to the original poster, send it to the originator only.

**Provide a 'signature':** *As a minimum*, supply your **Name**, **Office** (if any), **Chapter**, and **e-mail address**.

Above all, be nice. We all make mistakes. Courtesy and civility are the hallmark of the Internet and are a given in a Society of gentlemen. If we will remember that, we will all benefit, and without the need for an "Etiquette Cop."

## REPLIES

If you desire to reply to a message and click "Reply", the message will go to everyone in the list. To selectively reply to ONLY the last person, you must copy the address from the "FROM" line - -

Example: **From:** [flatalk@list.flssar.org](mailto:flatalk@list.flssar.org) **On Behalf Of** Steve Williams [[swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)]

You would copy the - [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com) - and paste it into the "TO" line of your REPLY message

## TO SUBSCRIBE TO FLATALK

All requests to subscribe to FLATALK must include the requesting Compatriot's NSSAR number, the State abbreviation, Chapter name, and e-mail address.

This information should be sent in an e-mail to the List Administrator at: [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)

## TO UNSUBSCRIBE TO FLATALK

The Executive Committee desires that after a trial period of 90 days all subscribers who so wish to be removed from the subscriber list should send a message to the FLATALK Administrator requesting removal.

If you want to leave the FLATALK mailing list, send an e-mail message with the "Subject" as Unsubscribe FLATALK. In the Body of the message show only your e-mail address. Send it to [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)

This list is maintained by the Electronic Technology Committee of FLSSAR, Richard Fowler, Chairman. If you have a question concerning this list, or how to make it work for you, send an e-mail to the List Administrator, Steve Williams, at [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com).

You will enjoy your experiences with FLATALK!