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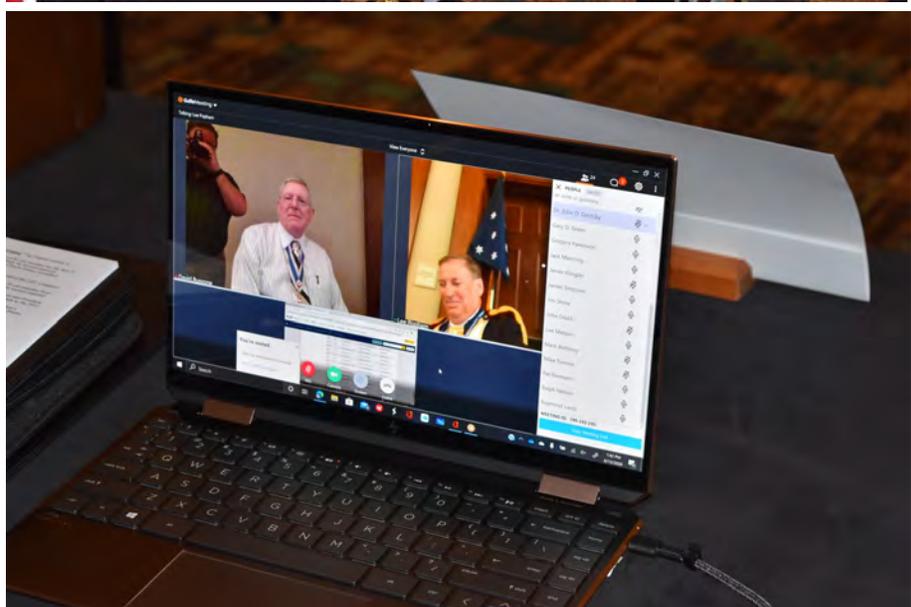
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Society President's Message

Good day fellow Compatriots.

The Summer months are typically slower than those of the Fall – Spring. But this year, Summer has been unusually slow because of Covid19. Many Memorial Day commemorations and July Fourth celebratory events were cancelled or downsized. Our SAR Congress was cancelled. And SAR's Fall Leadership has been cancelled as an onsite meeting. Instead, committees are meeting using Zoom.



Each FLSSAR chapter is also encouraged to continue meetings using Zoom, Teams, GoToMeeting or some other method. It's important that your chapters remain active. SAR Youth Contests will be gearing up shortly and this is the time to prepare.

Even my home chapter in The Villages has cancelled its year-round physical monthly meetings, for lack of a meeting location. There was one celebratory occasion this Summer which is worthy of note. On Saturday August 1st the St. Augustine Chapter held an outdoor meeting to recognize the 70th year of Carl Hoffmann's SAR membership. Carl is a former President General and current Chancellor of the FLSSAR. Using social distancing (except for 2 photos) and face masks, about 20 people got together to honor Carl.



As I write this column, we are in the midst of planning our Fall BOM. The meeting will be held October 2-4 at the Embassy Suites Orlando – Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee. We will have a physical meeting, but the Saturday BOM will be available by GoToMeeting. To attend the meeting, you will need to register, even for the virtual portion. You'll find registration assistance on the FLSSAR website. Look under the BOM tab on the right top of the home page.

The meeting and banquet areas will be set up for social distancing and masks are required in the hotel. The hotel did an excellent job providing for our safety during the Spring BOM. They are taking the same

What is an E-Book?

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

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

Calling All Color Guardsmen!

Here's a chance to strut your stuff by attending the BOM wearing your colorful attire, be it a Military uniform, militia outfit, or civilian clothing. If you haven't started marching with the Florida Brigade and have earned your Bronze Color Guard medal, do so starting this year! Show the dashing side to your personality by joining the other members of the Florida Brigade as they present the colors at the banquet. Staying for the banquet is optional, but it is more fun to mingle with the ordinarily dressed folks.

precautions for our upcoming meeting. I hope to see you there as we conduct the business of our organization.

Stay safe.

David E. Bussone

President, 2020-2021

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

From the DAR Liaison Committee

With the cancellation of the DAR Fall Forum, this is a call for duty on for Spring 2021. The Florida State Society DAR is holding their Annual Meeting at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 on March 4 - 7, 2021. The nightly rate is \$139.00. The hotel is likely to sell out early so reservations should be made as soon as possible if you wish to stay overnight. If you are attending on Saturday for staffing the SAR table, but wish to have a room, this link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50004632/owner/210/home>. This will take you to the Reservations Booking Website for the group rate. If reserving by phone call (407) 351-5555 and ask for Group Reservations.

For SAR Compatriots who are only attending for the Information Table on Saturday, please let Bob McGuire know so that he can work out a schedule. For HO-DAR's who are attending with their wives, on-line registration forms (obtained on the FSSDAR website) should be submitted along with their wife's DAR registration.

We have again arranged to get two tables for display and recruiting from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. We will take turns for a lunch break between noon and 1:30 PM. We will have flag displays, handouts (Florida Patriot, activity brochures, recruiting brochures) and a DAR recruiter contact sheet and forms. If you are volunteering, please wear either a period uniform, period clothing, or jacket and tie (perhaps the SAR tie). This is one of two DAR state-wide events annually where the SAR is invited to participate and have representatives present for recruiting and mutual support. **Please step up and help out!**

From the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

By Ron Grove

I want to remind everyone that the ETF program year ends October 31 with November 15 being the deadline for submitting your requests. I'm sure the pandemic has affected chapter's programs. To date I have received only 17 requests from 8 chapters for \$4,067.41. Last year at this time I had 31 requests from 14 chapters for a total of \$7,260.66. We finished last year sending out \$14,247.09, a significant contribution to chapter treasuries. So please look back at your awarding of medals and scholarships to non-SAR members since Nov. 1. Basically we reimburse 100% for medals and 75% for scholarships and other support. You will find the rules and request form on the FLSSAR web site. I'd like to thank my committee for their work in approving requests. They are: Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore and Ray Wess.



From the Medals & Awards Committee

When considering awarding a member a medal or any awards, the chapter should determine that the proposed recipient is qualified, deserving, and the occasion for presentation is appropriate per the guidelines stated in Volume 5 of the NSSAR Handbook. The presentation of medals and awards should not be treated lightly by the National Society, district, state society or a chapter, and should always be given judicious thought to assure that the presentation is in keeping with NSSAR principles. It is essential that the integrity of NSSAR medals and awards be maintained.

As for the Florida Society, any nomination for a certificate and any supporting data to be used in making an award of a certificate must be submitted to the FLSSAR Medal & Awards Committee *60 days before any Board of Management Meeting* so that the committee can evaluate the request, secure the certificate and/or medal from National if it is not already in FLSSAR inventory and have it prepared for signatures at the upcoming Board of Management Meeting. Most certificates issued by the Florida Society require the signature of the Society President and Society Secretary.

When various committees of the FLSSAR plan to give out certificates, medals, patches etc. for such programs such as the Knight Essay Contest, the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, JROTC, CAR, Eagle Scout, the committee chair is responsible to notify the Medal and Awards Committee of the number of awards that they are planning to award for the upcoming year by October so that the appropriate items can be ordered from the NSSAR. Although such awards may not need to be approved by the Medal and Awards Committee, proper planning is required in order to keep cost down and to not have to expedite such awards based on last minute planning. Note that typically, if the FLSSAR orders such items in the fall of each year, there is a sale of them that help the Florida Society save some money so that we can better appropriate resources for other projects.

From the New Chapter Development Committee

We are presenting going through a period in which video conferencing has been widespread this year due to COVID-19. Many businesses have moved to such platforms such as Amazon Prime, GoToMeeting, Teams, and Zoom. Most likely by the end of the year there will be even more platforms at our finger tips. In fact, several chapters within the Florida Society SAR have kept in touch with their membership using these platforms.

As a Florida Society, we might want to consider chartering a chapter within the State that is completely “virtual” and uses the latest technology to reach the membership of such chapter. If this appeals to you, please consider contacting the New Chapter Development Committee with your interest. A new chapter should have members that are willing to serve in

various officer positions and come up with a means to staff various youth committee programs, public safety committee presentations; as well as, serve a color guard members within their virtual community setup.

From the 133rd Congress Florida Planning Committee (2023)

By Bernard W. Wolff, Chairman
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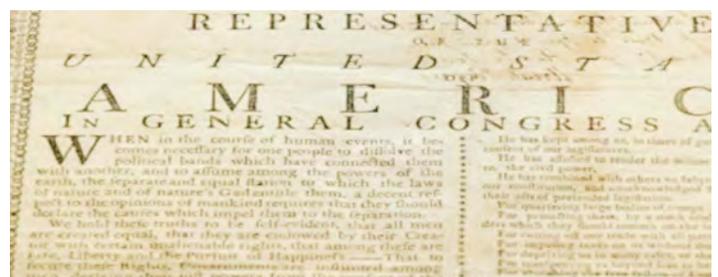
The nearer we draw to the 133rd Congress, the more exciting and interesting our involvement becomes in the planning of this national event. We have about a dozen areas where we will have input into the proceedings. There are too many to address in this report, however they are outlined in the Handbook that is to be available to the Task Force Commanders at the Congress Planning Meeting on Saturday at the Fall BOM. Quite a bit of effort has gone into the Handbook and it will continue to be a resource for the planning efforts by the state committee as we move forward. Expect several iterations of the resource from time to time.

Fundraising continues to be of primary importance in the early stages so that we may fulfill our financial obligations to the Congress. We have made available (so far) Congress Medals (see insert 1) that you can purchase for \$40.00 per set (standard size and miniature). Shipping is in addition. There is also a chance to win a Charleville musket for \$20.00 per ticket or six for \$100.00. The musket is a firing reproduction of the finest manufacture and comes with a bayonet. No more than 300 tickets will be sold and when that occurs, there will be a drawing to present the musket to the fortunate ticket holder.

The Ladies Auxiliary also has certain financial responsibilities at the Congress which are outlined in the Handout. They have designed an attractive throw that they sell for \$70.00 (see insert 2). It is a popular item as they have sold out the first run and are now selling those from a second production. They are large enough to use as a comforter for cool nights or lay across a sofa or bed and display an SAR Minuteman logo.

I shall be in the Orlando area later to scout out a site for the Host Reception and potential tour destinations. Delores and I will also investigate venues for the Ladies Tea and possible locales for the First Lady’s Luncheon.

Shortly, we should be viewing a website that is specifically designed and earmarked for planning and managing the committee effort to effect a wonderful experience for the Society. Updates will be posted and progress annotated as they become available. It will be a working website and should also be accessible through a link in the FLSSAR Website. Coordination efforts are underway.



Florida – Colony or Prize of War in the American Revolution

By Marendra Macking

Florida was it just a prize of war or the original 14th Colony? West Florida and East Florida were long considered unimportant in the events of the American Revolution; however, deep historical research proves otherwise. Florida was fought over by Spain and Britain – switching hands multiple times, it served as a safe haven for slaves (Smith “Hope and Freedom” 4) and was the subject of numerous invasions ordered by George Washington in order to secure interests in East Florida.

The significance of Florida’s impact on early American history is often overlooked. The thirteen original colonies that lead to the creation of the United States fail to include the fourteenth and fifteenth colonies of East Florida and West Florida (Brotemarkle 6). Even though the Southern Expedition was so poorly orchestrated (Smith, “All things Liberty” 1), Florida was sought after by multiple interests. “The loyalty of East Florida to the British cause during the war of the American Revolution subjected her to occasional raids and caused her governor not only to take measures for her defense but also to plan retaliatory expeditions” (Pennington 24). Ruling Florida was like a never-ending game of “Hot Potato” for instance, after the French and Indian War, which ended thirteen years before the start of the American Revolution, Great Britain gained control of Florida. Not only did Britain get to keep Florida, it also kept Louisiana. Later, Great Britain gave Louisiana to Spain in exchange of Cuba and Florida. At the end of the Revolutionary War, Florida was returned to Spain (Williams 2). The battles for Florida were focused on prime fort locations, trade routes, marketable goods, and acquiring land.

From the time of Ponce de Leon in the early 1500’s to the Revolutionary War, ever-changing politics in East Florida’s capital, St. Augustine, created an “ambiguous sanctuary of existence for African slaves” who lived there (Smith, “The Façade of Unity...” 8). Black slaves were used as pawns to balance the struggle of power in the southeast. Spain exploited the opportunity to cripple multiple industries in the Carolinas by actively promoting a safe haven for the British enslaved labor force, black slaves. Slaves fled the plantations of the Carolinas by the hundreds in hopes of securing freedom in Florida. Some experts suggest that this may have laid the groundwork for the beginnings of the Underground Railroad. The status of the slaves was always in flux, depending on which nation controlled Florida. Some rulers were generous with freedom and others were not. The first governor of East Florida, James Grant, did more to increase the population of East Florida, including slaves, than anyone else. Prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution, East Florida’s population had been comprised of approximately 3,000 individuals, including both whites and slaves. After the start of the American Revolution, East Florida’s population grew to more than 17,000, with Loyalist refugees and slaves fleeing to the area (Feldman 277). Grant remained an ally of the Seminole Indians and traded goods with them. Grant also encouraged settlers from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and other British colonies to come and start plantations or large farms. This also encouraged British to bring enslaved Africans with them to work on the plantations. They harvested crops, took care of livestock, built houses, and cleared land to build more plantations and farms. Many farms and plantations were successful with growing numerous crops such as rice, sugar cane, cotton, citrus, and Indigo plants for making dark blue dye (Florida Center for Instructional

Technology – FCIT 2). This ambiguous safe haven allowed freedom for some slaves, but not for others.

George Washington was well aware of the strategic importance that East and West Florida had to offer. Washington wrote more than eighty letters about the Florida colonies to his generals and the Continental Congress, warning them of the potential threat of a British invasion from the south. He ordered five separate invasions of East Florida between 1776 and 1780 (Brotemarkle 6). General Washington knew and was concerned that Florida provided a strong front for British forces in the colonial south. The loyalists had a very deep devotion to their British king. “To them it was not a war for independence – it was a civil war” (National Park Service – NPS 1). In order to acquire ammunitions and war supplies being stockpiled in St. Augustine and because of the sheer strength of the coquina shell fort, Castillo de San Marcos, Washington felt that he could “control the destinies of the southern colonies” once he invaded East Florida (Smith “The 14th Colony” 16). However, despite Washington’s efforts, East Florida would be the only British colony south of the Canadian border “to never lower the ‘Union Jack’ flag” (Smith “The 14th Colony” 32).

A sought after military stronghold, a controversial safe haven for slaves, and a target for military advancements, the colonies of East and West Florida played unique and significant roles before, during, and after the American Revolution. Even though it wasn’t settled by British colonists, many recent historians consider Florida to be the 14th and 15th colony. Other historical experts consider Florida to just be a “prize of war” and a pawn in an international chess match. Either way, East and West Florida’s important role in the American Revolution is becoming a better understood element of American history.

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Veterans Recognition Committee Report

By Donald Lanman-Chairman

1. FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 2 to 614 members:

NE=89
NW=53
NC=82
EC=71
WC=132
SE=67
SW=120

Note that 24% of FLSSAR membership is enrolled in the Veterans Battalion.

2. Committee Activity:

Despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership both the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and NSSAR Veterans Corps with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted quarterly and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion program.

Committee Chairman reviews all Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of the required VB application form and DD-214. Chapters are mailed a VB acceptance letter and Certificate within 48 hours for Compatriot presentation.

Chapter Presidents are requested to personally present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to approved Compatriots at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.

Chapter Presidents are reminded that the SAR War Service Medal is only authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service directly in a DOD designated “combat area” noted on the DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the SAR Military Service Medal. The medals have equal rank.

The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans Corps committee to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition. Veterans Battalion Roster is updated quarterly on the FLSSAR web site quarterly listing Veterans Battalion members by Region & Chapter.

From the Nominating Committee

By Robert W. McGuire, Jr. - Chairman

The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society is now accepting nominations from Compatriots for the Florida Society SAR Officer positions for the 2020-2021 term. The officer positions are: President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, East Central Regional VP, North Central Regional VP, North West Regional VP, North East Regional VP, West Central Regional VP, South East Regional VP, South West Regional VP, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Registrar, Sgt-at-Arms, ExCom Member-at-Large, Editor, Historian, Webmaster, National Trustee, and Alternate Trustee. All Compatriots who seek nomination for the officer positions are asked to review the Bylaws within the Florida Society Governing Documents (Article III and IV) and the Standing Rules and Procedures Manual for specific officer qualifications and duties of the respective offices. The Florida Governing Documents can be found on the Florida Society website at the Tab “Governing Docs” http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Governing_Documents.pdf in Volume 1 and the Standing Rules and Procedures Manual can be found in Volume 2.

All officer candidates and those seeking re-election for an incumbent office must complete the appropriate nomination form that can be found at the Florida Society website <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabs.asp> at the Tab “Documents & Forms”. Both the Officer Nomination Form (Form Nom 2020) and the Officer Re-nomination Form (Form # Re-Nom 2020) are fill-able PDF forms and include detailed information and instructions. Completed forms are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at rmcguire@slvx.com.

To be considered by the Nominating Committee, Nomination Forms and Re-nomination Forms must be received by February 1, 2021. If a Compatriot knows they wish to be a candidate for a FLSSAR officer position, please do not wait until that deadline to submit your forms. The sooner it is known who desires to be a candidate, the better job this committee can do in developing the slate.



Recap of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest

By Ron Grove

This year's Rumbaugh Oration Contest turned out to be quite a challenge. The contest itself is a pretty good challenge - a 5-6 minute speech, totally from memory. The judging criteria being how well they remembered their speech, composition, delivery, significance and history. No small challenge! The state competition had been held at the February BOM in the past but this year there was no February meeting. So we set March 21 as a date for the competition, thinking it should be after district meetings. The week before, everything shut down due to the virus.

At that time the national committee announced that they were encouraging videos for the competition, especially since the congress was in jeopardy of being cancelled. We decided to run our competition at the May BOM. Then it got moved to June. That date happened to be the ACT testing date that 2 of our 4 contestants would be taking and not able to compete. So then we went with a video competition and would invite the winner to the June BOM. I received the videos and sent them to our 3 judges. One judge pulled out. I received the other 2 judges' results and had a tie for first and second. Luckily I found a replacement for the third judge and he broke the tie. We had 4 entrants, from Caloosa, Naples, Ocala and Lake-Sumter chapters. The winner was Conrad Hellwege IV from the Ocala Chapter and he received \$1,000. Elisse Albury from the Lake-Sumter Chapter was second and received \$500, Jason Puwaliski from the Caloosa Chapter and Jaedyn Procacci from the Naples Chapter each received \$200. Conrad was invited to the BOM to present his speech and receive his medal and scholarship.

Then national issued some guidelines about the video presentations so we decided we would remake Conrad's video at the BOM after he presented his speech at the youth luncheon. Needless to say, that didn't work either. The luncheon ran longer than planned, the flags we needed included in the video were needed for the annual meeting in another room and there was still a lot of people lingering in the room. The next week the American Legion Post where Lake-Sumter meets came to the rescue and opened their meeting hall so Conrad could make his video there. We submitted his video and he placed third in the nation, earning a \$2,000 scholarship. He would have also received a trip to the national congress in Richmond if it had been held. Conrad also won the Florida American Legion speech contest but their national competition was totally cancelled. Congratulations to Conrad! Hopefully our 2021 competition will go more smoothly!

Recap of the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest

By Ron Grove

This year's FLSSAR winner of the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Contest at the middle school level was Karen Flores, from Eustis Middle School who was the winner from the Lake-Sumter Chapter. Karen has been teaching for 20 years and hopes to continue another 20. She has a B.S., a Master's and Gifted Certification.

Karen really shines when it comes to the national history

day and the Lake County History Fair and Florida competition. This year Karen had 21 students receive awards at the Lake County History Fair, 5 went on to the state competition and 1 was a state winner.

Last year she had a group that won best group project and best middle school project at the Lake County Fair and they went on to the state competition. Another student's paper won in Lake County and went on to the finals. Another made a web site that was first in Lake County. Two years ago she had 12 students win county awards and 4 went on to the state competition. One of these students was invited to present her project to a DAR chapter.

She says - "History is my passion, and I hope to bestow my passion on my students.". She certainly seems to have accomplished that! Karen was honored at the youth luncheon at the BOM meeting in June.

Polly Cooper and White Corn

By Bernard W. Wolff

At the time of the American Revolutionary War the Iroquois Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) comprised six Native American Indian tribes: Oneida; Onondaga; Seneca; Cayuga; Mohawk; and Tuscarora. All but the Oneida supported the Loyalists during the conflict. The leadership of the Oneida were acquainted with Washington and admired his, however a few of their tribesmen did not offer help. They had occupied the central part of New York and existed on roughly six million acres of land.



The Oneida tribe enjoyed a friendly association with George Washington and his army which provided some background information that underscored an understanding of the assistance given to them at Valley Forge by the Oneida. Historians credit a Congregational minister by the name of Samuel Kirkland for their friendly attitude. Kirkland was an advocate for the patriotic cause and fervor of the American Colonists and did not look favorably upon the British-appointed superintendents of the native tribes and their treatment of the Oneida.

While Washington's army bivouacked at Valley Forge during a grueling winter that saw much hardship, the Oneida trekked hundreds of miles from central New York, bringing several hundred baskets of white corn for the soldiers to eat. Along with the 47 Indian men who brought the baskets of corn came a female of the Oneida tribe called Polly Cooper and the French military adviser Ann-Louis de Tousard.

Polly Cooper joined the expedition to deliver the needed food to Washington and his Continental troops at Valley Forge during the 1777-1778 encampments. Polly Cooper's involvement not only consisted in bringing corn, but she also taught the men how to prepare and cook it. White corn had to be treated differently than the regular

Indian corn. The preparation of the starch called for a technique separate from roasting so that it could be properly digested to gain its nutritional value. She remained with the troops and cooked for George Washington and his staff of officers. And taught the soldiers the preparation requirement for this type of corn. While she was present at the camp in Valley Forge, she also demonstrated the value of herbal supplements and provided much appreciated medical care. According to the historian William Rockwell and his personal reminiscences, his people would render stories about Polly Cooper's bravery, and about how she cooked and carried water to the soldiers. "Whenever she had a chance between the hours of cooking duty, Polly would roll up her sleeves and take two pails of water, one container in each hand, and go into the battlefield."

Tousard was born in France and graduated from the Institute Polytechnique in Strasbourg as an artillery officer. Soon after, he resigned his commission to serve the colonists during the American Revolution with General Lafayette. Tousard secured a position on General George Washington's staff and spent the Winter at Valley Forge with him and the other soldiers. After his sojourn with Polly Carter delivering the white corn and his time at Valley Forge, Washington appointed him as a military adviser to the Oneidas.

When funds became available after the war, the Continentals attempted to pay Polly for her valuable services to the troops at Valley Forge. Refusing any compensation, she was recorded saying that she felt it was her duty to provide the needed food in their time of need. So, Martha Washington noticed Polly admiring a black shawl in a store window during one of their walks. When she mentioned this, Congress appropriated the funds for the purchase of the shawl, and it was gifted to her for her services as a cook for the officers of the army. Today, she is honored by the Polly Cooper Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American evolution in Chappaqua, New York.

Last Naval Battle Monument Relocation to VMC Plaza

The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution monument is being relocated from the edge of Sykes Creek to the Plaza within the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center grounds. The monument saw less than 5% of visitors at the old location. The new location is inside the main Plaza facing the SAR-DAR monument which is a part of the Plaza's centerpiece with 2 helicopters in the background a Huey which flew during the fall of Saigon and a Cobra. Another advantage of the move is the memorial is more accessible to those who have limited mobility.

This move has been in the works since September 2019. Volunteers from Lockheed-Martin set the concrete pad. Members of the VMC moved the canon prior to the 2020 LNB Memorial services last March. On July 1st, the Memorial's granite pieces were placed onto the new pad by VMC President Dean Schaaf Brevard SAR members President Roger Bonnett, Compatriots Sam Ashdown, Brian Jensen and Donn Weaver. Merritt Island Uhaul provided forklift support to make the move possible. Prior to the move the concrete canon had seen signs of age from exposure to the elements. As we were moving the canon,



VMC President Dean Schaff directs Uhaul's forklift operator in the movement of the LNB Monument. Compatriots Donn Weaver, Sam Ashdown and President Roger Bonnett are pictured in the background.



the muzzle broke fell off leaving the canon in two pieces. A replacement cast iron canon has been located and the chapter is in the process of getting it delivered to the VMC.

SAR-Nation Before Self! 131 Years of Patriotism and Service!

by Don Lanman

On April 30, 1889, William Osborn McDowell organized the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the historic and iconic Fraunces Tavern in New York City, the site of the 1789 Centennial of the inauguration of His Excellency George Washington as the first President of the United States.

William McDowell went on to play a major role in the founding of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1890 along with First Lady of the

United States, Caroline Harrison, who also served as the first President General of the DAR.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is the largest lineage and national patriotic society for men in America, and proud of its 130+ years of patriotism and civic service to our communities, cities, states and the Nation.

As the last of the Revolutionary War patriot soldiers had passed on to Glory, and the nation began to celebrate the Centennial of its Independence in 1876, many groups from different states formed to honor the service of the veterans of the Continental Army and Colonial Militia.

Following several initiatives to form a national society, several state groups met on April 30, 1889, in New York City, on the centennial of George Washington's first Inauguration as President, to develop the framework for a national patriotic and lineage society.

When the multi-day conference concluded, it had approved both a constitution and the bylaws to form a national patriotic lineage society that selected for its name, The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

Following its inauguration, the NSSAR society began forming state and local chapters across the United States. Then on June 9, 1906, NSSAR was formally recognized and Chartered by an Act of the United States Congress, and signed into law by SAR Compatriot and President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt.

Since its inception, over 190,000 men have been accepted into NSSAR. Nationally, membership has included 16 presidents of the United States, as well as Senators, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, generals, admirals, ambassadors, veterans, serving members of the armed forces, medal of honor recipients, small-businessmen, doctors, lawyers, ministers, professors, school teachers, farmers, accountants, other elected officials, and members of every profession and calling including a Prime Minister of England and a King of Spain.

What we all have in common is a deep affection for America, patriotism, the Vision of our Founders, our heritage, the Constitution, Bill of Rights and a country Of, By and For the People.

The NSSAR promotes, at national, state and local levels, patriotic, historical and educational activities to perpetuate the memory of the patriots of the American Revolutionary War who by their sacrifice of treasure and life achieved the independence of the United States of America.



The NSSAR also supports our nations serving Military, Veterans, First Responders, Boy Scouts, Junior JROTC, American History teachers, and dozens of related youth programs. Awards and scholarships are given for a variety of youth-focused historical contests and competitions, such as its poster contest for children in grades four and five, a brochure contest for middle school students, along with its historical essay and oration contests for high school students.

Local SAR chapters honor members of law enforcement, EMS, Eagle Scouts, history teachers, graduating high school seniors and local citizens who properly display the American flag. Local chapters also seek to mark and commemorate the graves of Revolutionary Patriots as well as historic sites related to the Revolution.

Membership in the NSSAR is open to all males who can demonstrate that their male or female ancestor(s) provided active service or support in the cause of American Independence. Active service may be either military or related support, including service in civil government, taking an Oath of Allegiance to the United States, or providing supplies, material support or funds in support of the American cause for Liberty. Visit any of these web sites for more information on NSSAR, FLSSAR.org, SAR.org. Happy 131st Anniversary SAR, God Bless the SAR & God Bless our United States of America.



Chapter News

Brevard Chapter



The 9th annual Key Lime Festival was held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on January 18, 2020. Proceeds from this festival go to support the VMC. A table was setup the night prior for SAR, DAR and CAR chapters to support the VMC. Sharon & Barry Eller, Roger Bonnett, Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver and Bonnie Charles represented our organizations at this years' event. Dependent upon weather conditions the festival draws as many as 7,000 attendees.



July 4th 2020 was a bad time for the Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing had become more and more of a common means for personal protection. A 4th of July parade was planned to take place months before the pandemic. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center were persistent to march on with a 4th of July celebration. First to maintain social distancing, the VMC cancelled all tents, vendor canopies, food and other venues that would normally create crowds to mingle within the museum and park grounds. Second, they came up with an alternative plan to conduct the 4th of July

Parade while maintaining ample social distancing. Rather than the parade pass by the spectators, the parade lined up along state road 520 in front of the Merritt Island Mall and the spectators drove by the parade.

This allowed for the participants to keep their distancing within their own groups, each group was further separated from other groups by being placed at specific points along the parade. In addition, by placing traffic cones along the highway, spectators were kept at an adequate distance of the parade participants. With this setup, spectators were able to drive by the parade, if they wished it enabled them to go by the parade multiple times. Brevard SAR participants included President Roger Bonnet, Compatriots Sam Ashdown, Barry Eller, Tim Hicks, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora, 1st Vice President James Ward and Compatriot Donn Weaver who was wearing many hats to make this year's event successful. Compatriots removed their face masks and gathered together long enough to take a couple of photos, afterwards everyone took places that were safe distances away from each other and the adjoining parade participants.

Central Florida Chapter

The Central Florida SAR Chapter will resume meetings with the first one scheduled for September 12, 2020. Due to the closing of outside groups at the Mayflower, the chapter hasn't had a meeting since February. We will be meeting now at the fellowship hall at College Park Presbyterian Church. Lunch for this meeting will be a box lunch that will be served at the end of the meeting.

Flagler Chapter



On behalf of the Flagler Chapter, on February 12, 2020, Compatriot Donald Gingles, Commander, US Navy (Ret) presented a Flagler Chapter check for \$100 in support of the Flagler Palm Coast High School JROTC program. Accepting on behalf of FPCHS JROTC was Cadet Major Riley Johnson. The JROTC program is led by Melvin Baskerville, LTC, USAF (Ret) and Gardner Holland, MSgt, USAF (Ret).



Deputy Sheriff Gregg Yackel and his wife Carrie received the Sons of American Revolution Certificate In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of the American Flag from Flagler Chapter President Charles Hayes on 30 July 2020. The group is standing in front of the flag that Deputy Yackel installed three months ago on their home in Palm Coast. Gregg is very diligent about taking the flag down in the evening when he comes home from his duty shift and replaces it each morning when he leaves to go to work. He also has set up a Betsy Ross American Flag in the lanai area overlooking the backyard which is also displayed daily. Gregg is proud to be a Florida Law Enforcement Officer and displays his American Flags proudly. The couple was also presented with a copy of the SAR U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights booklet.



On July 4, 2020, the gravesite of Compatriot Thomas Evan Beauchamp, Colonel, U.S. Army, was honored by Compatriots Randall Morris and David Kelsey. Tom was a long-time Chapter Vice President, Chapter President in 2003, and a past NE Regional SAR Vice President. On his second tour of duty in Vietnam, Tom commanded a helicopter battalion and received a Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Tom has been missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Palm Beach Chapter

Both Chapter meetings and activities of the Chapter Officers and Compatriots have been greatly restricted given the CDC Covid-19 shelter in place restrictions. To compensate, Chapter officers and board members have met virtually using FreeConferenceCall.com to conduct important chapter business.

In addition, the Chapter continued with its Operation Virtual Outreach program that includes special newsletters, notices, emails, personal calls and in person visits with fellow Compatriots, and DAR Daughters during the Pandemic to check on their physical and mental welfare and to offer assistance where needed.

Operation Virtual Outreach includes Chapter Officers, FMR Presidents and Compatriots. Pictured here are President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miller, Chaplain, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms & FMR President, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton, FMR Chapter President Don Lanman, and NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Ray Wess.



The Chapter has 10+ new member applications in process, and plans to induct 6 new Compatriots at its October 20 meeting including: William Civitella Jr., Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, & David Wratistlaw.

The Palm Beach Chapter recognized FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson with a service pin on his 35th Year in the NSSAR and awarded him with the Chapter's Distinguished Service Medal.

FMR Palm Beach Chapter President & FLSSAR Member @ Large, Don Lanman was awarded the prestigious FLSSAR Patriot Medal along with the Meritorious Service Medal at the Fall Board of Management meeting, and NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President, Ray Wess was awarded the OLC for his Roger Sherman Medal.

FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Chairman Don Lanman inducted 6 Chapter Compatriot/Veterans into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion in the first half of the year including: Mark Wess, Reeve Bright, W. A. Parkinson, James Lanpher, Bill Richards & Bob Phinney, bringing the Chapter's VB membership to 39 or 23% of its total membership.

While Chapter Compatriots were disappointed with the cancellation of several important patriotic events including: Missing in America Veteran Internment Ceremonies, Fall Veterans Memorial Day Flag placement ceremony and the annual Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day to Remember Ceremony, we continued our support of these great organizations virtually.

St. Petersburg Chapter

For several years, the St. Petersburg Chapter has been developing an innovative education outreach initiative consistent with the directives set out by former NSSAR President General Michael Tomme. The chapter has experienced rapid and dramatic success in its endeavors, particularly with the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in Tallahassee. The achievements include developing close working relationships with FLDOE chancellors, Education Commissioner Corcoran, and other top leaders at the Department. Substantial time and resources have been invested personally by Compatriot leaders, and by the Chapter in this effort with unprecedented results.

Subject matter experts at the St. Petersburg Chapter were requested by the Department to review and assess textbooks under consideration by the FLDOE for nearly a million Florida students as Common Core was phased out by Governor DeSantis.

Three new courses were developed and proposed by Compatriot Charles Butler, approved by the Education Committee, and accepted by the FLDOE to be offered to Florida students statewide. Additionally, support was achieved at the FLDOE for the Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Oration contests, and perhaps most significantly, the St. Petersburg Chapter's Education Initiative had achieved sufficient credibility at the FLDOE that it was under consideration to be invited to provide course content input into the Florida University System.

The credibility of the St. Petersburg chapter's program resulted in the Chancellor for FLDOE Education Policy traveling from Tallahassee to St. Petersburg to attend a Chapter event to learn more about the Chapter and its major commitment to education outreach, and its close collaboration with the FLSSAR.

As part of its education outreach efforts, the St. Petersburg Chapter's Board of Governors and Education Initiative leadership has been communicating frequently with chapter membership to encourage support, participation, and financial assistance for its education initiatives.

Who is Harry Lee III

You might recognize the name if I said Light Horse Harry Lee. That is who our Chapters Color Guard is named. You may know that our Chapter is located in Lee County Florida, but was not named for Light Horse Harry Lee, but for his more famous son, Robert E. Lee, the General who led the Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Lee was born on January 29, 1756, at a plantation near the small tobacco port of Dumfries in Prince William County, Virginia. He was the eldest son of Henry Lee II, a planter, politician, and lawyer, and Lucy Grymes Burwell.

As a young man Lee exhibited a passion for classical

literature and horseback riding. From 1770 to 1773, he attended the College of New Jersey later renamed Princeton University.

In 1776, he was commissioned a captain of a company of light dragoons in Virginia and mustered into the Continental army in 1777.

In 1778, at Washington's urging, he was promoted to major and given command of a partisan unit of cavalry and infantry. His skill earned him the nickname Light-Horse Harry, and his unit was known as Lee's Legion.

At the Battle of Paulus Hook, New Jersey, on August 19, 1779, Lee's unit inflicted more than 200 British casualties at a cost of only a handful of men. In a letter to John Jay, Washington wrote that Lee "displayed a remarkable degree of prudence address enterprise and bravery upon this occasion, which does the highest honor to himself and to all the officers and men under his command." The Continental Congress awarded Lee a gold medal for his conduct and praised him for his valor.



Lee was later promoted to lieutenant colonel and transferred to the southern theater of war. One of his most storied victories took place on February 25, 1781, in present-day Alamance County, North Carolina. That day, the Loyalist John Pyle mistook Lee for the British cavalryman Banastre Tarleton and Lee's men for British troops. Lee kept up the ruse and, when they met, Lee ordered his men to fire into the ene-

my ranks. Lee lost no men, while most of the Loyalist militia were injured or killed. He also took part in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, in North Carolina, and the Siege of Ninety-Six and the Battle of Eutaw Springs, both in South Carolina, and was present for the British surrender at Yorktown.

Lee was a delegate to the Confederation Congress, 1786-1788. He served in the General Assembly 1789-1791 and, beginning in 1791, served three consecutive one-year terms as governor of Virginia. His governorship came to an abrupt end in 1794, after Washington, now president, made Lee a major general in the U.S. Army and asked him to lead a federal militia to western Pennsylvania to suppress the tax protest known as the Whiskey Rebellion.

In 1799, Lee won election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's Nineteenth Congressional District. Shortly after the first session opened, Washington died. Congress commissioned Lee to write his old friend's eulogy. "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," Lee wrote, "he was second to none in the humble and enduring scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him, as were the effects of that example lasting."

From 1809 to 1810 Lee was jailed in Westmoreland and Spotsylvania counties for nonpayment of debts. In prison, he wrote *Memoirs of the War in the Southern Department of the United States* (1812).

Lee emerged from prison bankrupt. A few years later, he

lost his last remaining asset: his health. In July 1812, he traveled to Baltimore to defend his friend Alexander C. Hanson, editor of the *Federal Republican* newspaper and an outspoken critic of the War of 1812, against his detractors. On July 26, 1812, a drunken, angry mob attacked a house occupied by Lee, Hanson, and their supporters. Police arrived and moved the men to a jailhouse for their protection, but the mob followed and beat down the door. They beat Lee badly, and left him for dead. He survived, but never fully regained his health.

Lee briefly joined his family in Alexandria, but his injuries and his creditors plagued him. He decided to leave the country and traveled throughout the Caribbean. Lee returned to the United States landing at Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia, where he stayed at the home of Louisa Shaw, the daughter of his former commander Nathanael Greene. Lee died on March 25, 1818.

Lee was buried on the island, which his son Robert visited during the Civil War and later as president of Washington College (later Washington and Lee University). In 1913, Lee's remains were reinterred in the crypt at Lee Memorial Chapel at Washington and Lee University. Lee is buried next to his son Robert, whom he barely knew in life.

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Announcing Patriot Research System (PRS) Extended Access Capabilities

The Patriot Records Committee is pleased to announce Extended Access capabilities for all of our current NSSAR members on the Patriot Research System. Thanks to the cooperation of the staff at HQ (Mike Scroggins and Mick Pitzer), we were able to enable our members to use their NSSAR Single Sign-On account (the same account you use to log into the NSSAR website) to obtain access to additional content on the PRS. NSSAR members can click the Login button on the top of the PRS site; or if you log into the sar.org website, you can click the link on the menu for the PRS and we'll attempt to auto-login to the PRS.

Much of the additional content are reports that our volunteers have had access to over the last 2 1/2+ years, including the overall statistics and the by society reporting on the application reviews and data entry. There is additional functionality, as well, especially with regards to Patriot Grave information. For example, select a county/state, and we can generate a 'book' of graves information, or you can download a KML file that is usable to show gravesites within Google Earth. There are additional search options as well. Part of this effort is to continue to provide our membership new tools, and the other part is to be as transparent as possible about how the volunteer projects are progressing...especially for your chapter/state. There is a FAQ page setup to help highlight some of the new functionality and some potential questions that might arise.

One of the things that these tools will highlight is the importance of having "good and complete" data within the PRS. If you have Patriot grave data that we don't have, or can get such data (location of burial, headstone photos, GPS coordinates of the gravesite itself — not just the cemetery), please share that data with us. Grave mapping functionality requires having GPS coordinates of the grave sites themselves (not just the cemetery), however, by doing so, we're showing Google Maps of a cemetery and the locations of the graves within that cemetery. I specifically mention this because if you are visiting Patriot grave sites, be sure to record the GPS coordinates of each gravesite and let us know, and we will update the records (and thereby, improving the data for you). Or, better yet, opt to volunteer to assist with data entry. While there are currently 100s of volunteers; we have enough work between indexing applications, updating Patriot records and grave info, Patriot Biographies, etc...to stay busy for years.

Additionally, please be kind to the system as we launch this. Simply meaning, give it a look and try the added functionality, etc...however, try not to download books for every county in your state (as we're moving from a few hundred users to potentially 1000s of users).....just pick the ones you need. You will likely find when you look at the book output that we need help with the data (see above). Please also keep in mind that everything about the PRS is done by volunteers.....from the building/development of the PRS website and the integration of all the data resources, to the 100s of volunteers doing data entry and reviewers who double check everything before it gets published, to the team members who are focused specifically on cleaning and improving the Patriot record data, etc. Additionally, I'm proud to say that none of this website has cost our membership anything and all funding to date has come from internal

2023 Official Congress Medal Set on Sale



The 2023 official Congress Medal Set has just been released. (The 2023 Congress is scheduled to be held in Orlando.) The Medal Set is offered at \$40. Please contact Hon. Bernard Wolff, chair of the FLSSAR 2023 Congress Committee at: grafwolff@comcast.net to learn more or place an order.

They are now for sale at \$40.00 per set which includes the standard-size and miniature-sized medal in a box. Shipping will be extra. An alternative is that you can purchase your set at the upcoming BOM meetings for 2020 – 2021.

committee funds and targeted donations.

Finally, if you find a bug or issue, please just let me know and we'll get it fixed. If there are ideas for things that would be useful — as it pertains to the kind of data within the PRS — please let me know, and we can see if it makes sense and feasibility of the effort.

One final thought....with 100s of volunteers working on the PRS, it is likely that you may know some of them from your Chapter or State Society. When you talk to them, give them a "thank you". They are volunteering a tremendous amount of their time to improve this system for yours and every Society. People like to feel appreciated, so remind them that they are. Thanks!

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