

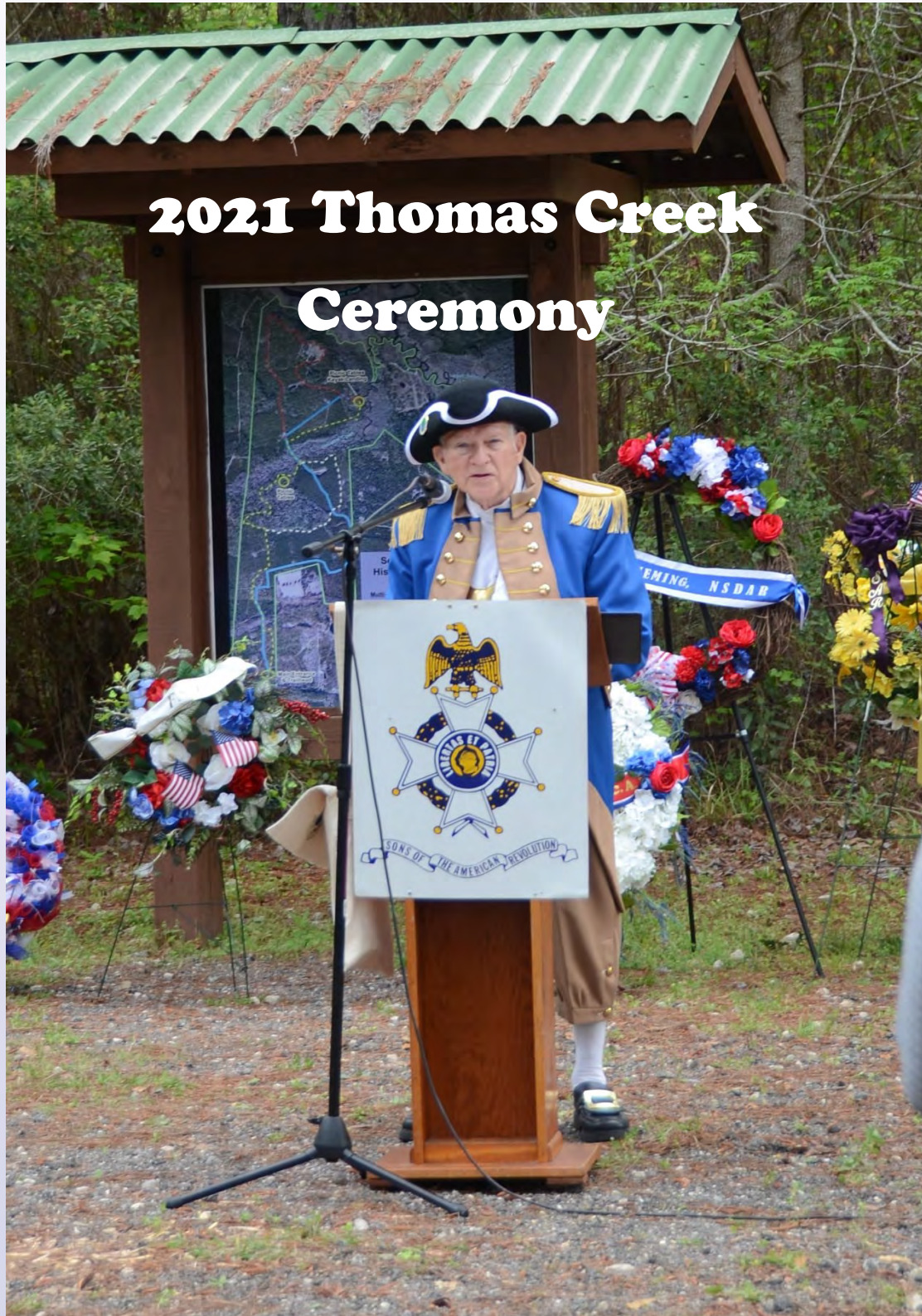


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The Editor of the Florida Patriot actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics are articles about the state and local SAR, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should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

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## Society President's Message

Compatriots,

There are many things for which I am thankful in life. One of those is when you humbled me with the respect that you have shown by electing me to lead the FLSSAR as its President for 2021-2022 at our Spring Annual Meeting. Expectantly, I will endeavor to fulfill the faith, trust, and confidence that you have placed in my capabilities to lead us in the upcoming year.



It is a relief to notice that many of the prior restrictions are slowly being removed, allowing us to gather more conveniently. I have not seen one location be it a commercial establishment, post office, antique store, church, etc. that requires a mask in the last several weeks. People are beginning to gather and enjoy themselves every day. That is not to say that if a store (or airline) requests that a mask be used, accommodate them. After all a legitimate rule is a rule. My chapter has been meeting face-to-face during most of this time with no adverse consequences. Even attendance at our BOMs has been increasing and expectations are that we will soon be back to normal.

I shall be representing us in Reston, VA at the 131<sup>st</sup> NSSAR Congress from July 8 – July 14, 2021. It is a long flight (6 ½ hours), but Lady Delores and I will arrive a couple of days early to rest before the work begins. This will be a good time to pick up some pointers for our own event as it will quickly approach.

As we move forward together, please know that our overarching challenge will be to foster the environment for an excellent 133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress that will convene in Orlando in 2023. We already have an organizational structure and a group of Task Force Commanders that are engaged in providing expertise in their respective areas of concern. Part of the key to securing our success will be fund-raising efforts to provide the capital to fund our financial responsibilities to the Congress.

The latest project began at the 2021 Annual Meeting where an agreement was reached to procure a bronze sculpture called the Sons of Liberty-1775 by James N. Muir whose work can be seen in front of the NSSAR headquarters in Louisville, KY. To our eternal gratitude, the sculpture was donated to the Congress fund-raising effort by Past President Ray Wess. Ours is a faithful replica of the signature piece albeit in a more manageable size. It stands approximately 24" high and will make a notable impact and conversation piece for any office or home.

The next endeavor to pursue is installing within the NSSAR pantheon of historic sites the addition of the Battle of Alligator (Creek) Bridge. A plaque was installed by the Jacksonville Chapter in 1936 but the site has only been visited from time to time by disparate groups. As this was the largest battle fought in Florida by our patriot ancestors, it is fitting and right that their efforts should be recognized for their sacrifices.

Many of you have heard me discuss adopting a formal Mission Statement for the FLSSAR. The idea is to recognize our three interests in education, history and patriotism in a slightly different fashion. By that I mean to say that these three constructs are related in a specific way. Education must form the base of our system. Only by learning about the period in which we have an interest are we able to understand our history and its place in the order of things. Once we have these two issues in our grasp, we can develop the sense of patriotism more fully that we all feel. When these three interests come together, they are joined by our ability to

## 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.

provide responsible citizenship to our communities, states, and national government. I see many instances of this within our association. We, along with other patriotic organizations, form the bedrock of our society and it is incumbent upon us to maintain our watch to keep our nation united by promoting the founding principles upon which we were formed. As Adlai Stevenson once said: "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

### *Bernard W. Wolff, MPA*

President, 2021-2022

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

## From the New Chapter Development Committee

At the present time, the New Chapter Development Committee has had an inquiry for a new chapter to be chartered in the Venice / Northport / Englewood Market area of Florida. Compatriot Bill Battles is heading up this effort as he will be serving as the chapter president. If you have anyone you know living in this area that you could encourage to join the Sons of the American Revolution, please let either the committee know or let Compatriot Battles know by sending an email to him at [webattlesiii@gmail.com](mailto:webattlesiii@gmail.com). Your efforts will greatly be appreciated.

On another note, the committee has also had some inquiries as to starting a chapter in the Florida Keys and about re-starting the chapter in Deland, FL. To start a new chapter, there needs to be at least 12 members with many of such members willing to take on chapter officer positions and to serve as various committee chairmen for the various SAR activities that promote and get members involved in their community. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Sizemore at [swampfox-sar@gmail.com](mailto:swampfox-sar@gmail.com).

## From the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

It's been a slow year for requests so far – 12 requests (from only 4 chapters) for a total of \$3,321. The first checks went out to chapters at the end of May. This year those initial checks will be for the full approved amount, not half. We have about \$18,000 available this year to reimburse chapters. This is a great way for chapters to expand their outreach programs. Medals are reimbursed at 100% and other qualifying items like certificates, folders, meals and donations are reimbursed at 75%. The rules and submission form are on the state web site under the forms tab. I will be glad to assist in any way I can.

### *Ron Grove,*

Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee

## Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

Dr. Bob Cundiff presented Jennifer Butera, the state award winner. Ms. Butera is from East Ridge HS in Clermont. She was the Lake-Sumter chapter teacher of the year. Ms. Butera has encouraged several students to participate in our contests and they include this year's essay winner, Jackson Cheplick and Adrianna Brown, who placed second in the oration contest. We learned the following week that Ms. Butera was chosen the national contest winner. We are very proud of her!

## George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

Congratulations to this year's winners:

First - Jackson Cheplick, Clermont - Lake-Sumter Chapter  
Bryce Sweely, Lehigh Acres - Caloosa Chapter  
Oliver Hess, St. Petersburg - St. Petersburg Chapter

It was a pleasure for the Committee to present Jackson with his medal and scholarships at the youth luncheon during the BOM and have him read his essay. We have forwarded it on to the national level and wish him the best of luck! Thanks also from Committee Chairman, Ron Groove, to committee members, Bob and Kevin Yarnell.

## Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

We held the live competition Saturday morning at the BOM. Many members attended and were pleased with the speeches delivered by our contestants. The winners were announced at the youth luncheon and presented with their awards. They are:

First – Kelsey Lopp, Vanguard HS – Ocala Chapter  
Second – Adrianna Brown, East Ridge HS – Lake-Sumter Chapter  
Third – Hudson Hale, Benjamin School – Palm Beach Chapter

We then submitted a video of Kelsey to the national competition and she was chosen, one of six, to attend the congress for the final competition in July. We wish her the best of luck! Thanks to my committee members, Dwight Elam, Earl Matthews and William Wicks.

## From the Publicity Committee

It is the purpose of this committee to promote the Sons of the American Revolution and the FLSSAR in various community publications in the form of press releases. We appreciate all the efforts that the various chapters have done throughout the State of Florida. This effort will be very important as we gear up for the NSSAR Congress in 2023 that will be held at the Rosen Center in Orlando, Florida.

Chapters are welcome to contribute to this effort so that we can as an organization can let the public know who we are and what we are about. In doing so, we can recruit others to join the SAR. If you have contacts in the various community papers, blogs, and other digital medians that the Florida Society SAR can promote and release press releases to, please submit the information to Committee Chairman Jeff Sizemore at [swampfoxsar@gmail.com](mailto:swampfoxsar@gmail.com).

The committee is also involved in the Spring of each year in viewing the various chapter submittals for the Earl Martin Award. More details about this award will appear in the next issue.

## The Battle of Thomas Creek ends the Second Florida Expedition

On this day in history, May 17, 1777, the Battle of Thomas Creek ends the Second Florida Expedition, an attempt by Georgia patriots to invade British East Florida during the American Revolution. After the French and Indian War, eastern Florida was ceded to Great Britain by Spain. It became a separate colonial province with its capital at Saint Augustine.

East Florida had a very small population, but Saint Augustine became an important British military base. When the Revolution began, it remained loyal to the Crown and thousands of Loyalists fled there to escape persecution. The influx of people brought about a food shortage and raiding parties into Georgia were established to confiscate food and wreak havoc on Georgia patriots. In addition, the Creek Nation to the southeast was allied with the British and aided the raiding parties into Georgia.

In response to all this, three attempts were made by Georgia to capture Saint Augustine. All three failed and were plagued by infighting. The first expedition in late 1776 failed due to food shortages and the recall of Continental Army General Charles Lee back to the main army. The third expedition, in the spring and summer of 1778, failed due to infighting of the leaders of different militia factions and a superior British opposing force.

The Second Florida Expedition ended in disaster and the death of Button Gwinnett, a Georgia signer of the Declaration of Independence. As President of Georgia in early 1777, Gwinnett planned an expedition against Saint Augustine. He had no military experience, so command of the mission was given to Brigadier General Lachlan McIntosh, Gwinnett's chief political rival. Both tried to lead the mission, causing unnecessary delays. Their constant fighting caused the General Assembly to call them both back to Savannah after they had already left on the mission, command of which was given to Colonel Samuel Elbert. McIntosh and Gwinnett would famously fight a duel over who was to blame for the mission's delays and Gwinnett would be mortally wounded.

Colonel Elbert continued the expedition to East Florida, sending the cavalry over land and taking the rest himself down the coast in ships. The cavalry arrived first at the Nassau River, but were forced to wait for days for Elbert's flotilla. Meanwhile, East Florida governor, Patrick Tonyn, sent 200 Loyalists and Creek to ambush the approaching patriots. On May 14, Indians captured some of the patriots' horses, but one of the Indians was caught and allegedly tortured and killed by the militia, which outraged the Indians.

On May 17, the cavalry reached the Loyalists who were hiding in wait at Thomas Creek. When they were fired upon, the surprised Georgia militia turned to flee, only to run right into more Loyalists who had come up behind them. A handful of Georgia patriots were killed or wounded, but more than 30 were captured. Unfortunately, the Creek Indians tortured half of them to death in retaliation for the alleged murder of their compatriot a few days before. The rest of the Georgia

militia escaped and made their way to rendezvous with Colonel Elbert. When Elbert discovered what happened at the Battle of Thomas Creek, he called off the mission. They were already deep inside enemy territory, many had already been killed or captured, they suffered from food shortages and a fleet of British ships was nearby. The Americans would not attempt another invasion of East Florida.

The British forces in Saint Augustine would later play an important part in the overall British strategy to reclaim the south during the latter part of the Revolution. All of East Florida would eventually be ceded to Spain by Britain at the end of the war and would not become part of the United States until 1822.

<http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com>

Jack Manning  
 President General  
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"They define a republic to be a government of laws, and not of men."  
 John Adams (1775)

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## Ladies Auxiliary Grapevine

Our BOM activities began with our Friday Luncheon. We got together and made centerpieces with fresh flowers and pixy lights. Something special for our special guest, First Lady Sheila Manning. This was their first in-person meeting after the COVID lockdown. We not only asked Sheila for a bio, but to be our Guest Speaker. She was made our Honorary Poster child. Indeed, a very special lady.

During the meeting, Billie Brock brought ideas for the Congress centerpieces. One was the tea cup. There were also elections for the new 2021-2022 Officers. Current and elected officers later got together to share and transition information.



Saturday was the Youth Luncheon. The Auxiliary gave out Certificates and \$1,475 in monetary awards. The Florida First Place Eagle Scout winner, Nathaniel Hebert went on to place second at National. These awards are so special. And



the baskets make it all possible. This BOM raised \$1426. Thank you



The new officers were installed by Florida SAR President David Bussone. The gavel was passed and the transition was complete. L to R: Arlene Stone, Registrar; Martha Grove, Treasurer; Jan Brunelle, Secretary; Debi Allen, Chaplain; Loni Laramore, Vice President; Delores Wolff, President; and Anne McGuire, Historian.

## Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge Event



Our major event was the chapter meeting at The Pig BBQ in Callahan on June 26th. It was originally intended to draw in our Nassau County compatriots who find it difficult to attend our meetings and other event. That was mighty successful, in that we had a record number of attending members and guests.

During the course of the meeting, we recognized to service of Dick Cardell, by awarding him a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to his Roger Sherman Medal, and presented Certificates of Commendation to Larry Scott and Robbie Stokes. Grey Chandler also inducted Dan Staifer, with the aid of his spouse, Victoria.

To this we added a brief presentation of colors and wreath laying at the nearby US 1 site of an early Jacksonville SAR Chapter road sign (1936) commemorating the 30 June 1778 Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge. Regrettably, our afternoon thunder-boomers gave us a bit too much "liquid sunshine", causing us to hold the ceremony in abeyance.

We were honored by the presence of Bernard Wolff and his spouse Delores, plus President General Lindsey Brock and Billie. chapter presidents James Ward (Brevard) and Joseph Carroll (Lake City). We were also joined by Cindy Addisson, Sharon Driscoll, and Theresa Emery of our sister DAR chapters, plus Joann Welker from the Vaughn-Latham Chapter of CAR. John Hendricks of the West Nassau Heritage Society and his spouse also joined us. President Wolff and PG Brock strongly encouraged us to continue and expand our commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, with a goal of raising the commemoration to a National Color Guard event. WILCO!

We also encouraged members to support our 2023 SAR National Congress by volunteering to serve on the congress staff. We noted fund-raising efforts that include a bronze statue of a Minuteman, Kentucky long rifle, and possibly a Brown musket.

## From the Genealogist

All Chapter Registrars:

Since I am the new Genealogist for the Florida Society, I would like to extend my help to all the chapters in Florida to help find the proofs on troubled applications that each chapter has to deal with on a daily basis. As the Registrar for the Jacksonville Chapter since 2012, I have handled the approval of over 480 applications. I still have a few that have "brick walls". Please contact me if you have any of the applications issues that I may can give some assistance.

Gray Chandler  
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## From the Nominating Committee

Compatriots - each year, at its Annual Meeting in May, the FLSSAR elects officers for a variety of positions. These men are responsible for the operation of our Society in accordance with our governing documents.

I am reaching out to you as chairman of the Nominating Committee. We are seeking candidates for the FLSSAR year 2022-2023. If you have thought about serving the FLSSAR by sharing your skills and talent, please seriously consider applying for an officer position. A list of positions follows:

President; Sr. Vice President; Regional VP (for each of our 7 regions); Secretary; Treasurer; Registrar; Recording Secretary; Sergeant-at-arms; Historian; Genealogist; Chaplain; Chancellor; Webmaster; At-large ExCom member.

Included in this publication is the FLSSAR Officer Nomination Form. If you wish to be considered for a position, please complete the attached form and return it to me at: MAPatriot@flsar.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

David Bussone  
FLSSAR President (2020-2021)

## Chapter Charters

In the event that your chapter charter has been lost, worn out, or faded, your local SAR Chapter can acquire a new charter. Contact NSSAR to order a replacement through the NSSAR Merchandise Department via email to Susan Griffin sgriffin@sar.org.

## Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker (1937 – 2021)

It is with deep regret that the FLSSAR announce the passing of our past Florida Society President Larry Fehrenbaker. He died peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at The Ambassador of Scarsdale in White Plains, N.Y.

He was born on January 31, 1937, in Ypsilanti, Mich., the only child of the late Cecil G. Fehrenbaker and Georgia Taylor Fehrenbaker. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs, Fla. for the past 20 years and previously lived in Danville, Va. for 33 years.

Larry's was a life well-lived and filled with professional and personal accomplishments. He graduated from the University of Michigan and fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a doctor upon graduating from the

Wayne State University School of Medicine. He served his country as a physician in the United States Air Force and then completed his residency and fellowship in Urology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn. The next stop was Danville, Va. where he joined the Danville Urologic Clinic and practiced urology for 33 years as well as serving as a past CEO. In addition to his work as a practicing surgeon, Larry also taught medicine as an associate professor of surgery at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Larry was a pilot, boater, botanist, amateur radio operator, dog lover, genealogist, traveler, wine enthusiast, gourmand, and frustrated golfer. He was a committed member and volunteer of the First Presbyterian Church in Danville and, in retirement, Moorings Presbyterian Church of Naples. He was also a dedicated member of the Sons of the American Revolution where he was honored to serve as past president of the Naples Chapter and vice president general of the South Atlantic Chapter. It was his family, however, that brought him the most joy - his wife, who he had known since junior high school and to whom he was married for 57 years, his two children, and his five grandchildren.

Larry is survived by one son, Lawrence G. Fehren-





baker Jr. and his wife, Allison Picket Fehrenbaker of Scarsdale, N.Y.; one daughter, Suzanne Fehrenbaker Bell and her husband, Ryan Devins Bell of Westport, Conn. and five devoted grandchildren, Kate Samantha Fehrenbaker, Abigail Sara Fehrenbaker, Ethan Samuel Fehrenbaker, Madeline Georgia Bell and Zachary Lawrence Bell.

He will be interred in the memorial garden at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples in a private family service. The family wishes to express their gratitude to Larry's caregivers at The Ambassador of Scarsdale and Calvary Hospice.

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## Chapter News

### Aaron Snowden Chapter



The last three months have been busy for Aaron Snowden Chapter. JROTC awards were presented to four local High Schools. Pace High School award presented to CPO Jackson Vegeler. Pace High School NJROTC also placed first in state for 2021 in Academic, Athletic, Drill Competition. Navarre High School award presented to SCPO Ivan Bateman. Gulf Breeze High School award went to ILT Lucas Arnold, and Milton award to PO3 Jared Bevan.

Chapter was asked to participate in the Area Boy Scout Awards Ceremony. Eagle Scout Nicholas Salazar won the Aaron Snowden Chapter Essay Contest and placed second in Florida state essay competition. Chapter President Bert Outlaw and Vice President Lonnie Jones presented Nicholas with a \$100 check as chapter winner, a \$500 check for second in state, and the local DAR matched the \$100 as chapter winner. This presentation of \$700 in checks in front of large crowd of Boy Scouts and parents should generate greater interest in next years' SAR Essay Contest.

Good Citizenship Certificates were presented to students chosen by their teachers. More than 250 Certificates to over 15 county schools participated from late May to mid-June. Schools were calling us asking about certificates for this year

even with Covid issues.

Memorial Day Ceremony went well at Milton Veterans Park where a SAR wreath along with seven other veterans' organizations was presented for display on the Veterans Park wall.

### Central Florida Chapter



Each year, the Central Florida Chapter selects an outstanding individual in the field of Law Enforcement to receive the Law Enforcement Commendation Award. The selected candidate had to display exemplary service with the Apopka Law Enforcement with distinction and devotion to the field. As pictured herein, Burt Fairchild of the Central Florida Chapter presented this award to Police Officer Quintin Need of the Apopka Police Department.

## Clearwater Chapter

At the March meeting, our speaker was our Chapter President James Grayshaw, who gave a presentation about Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia. We presented the Lafayette Volunteer Service Award to Walter Arnold for digitizing the Clearwater Chapter application records to the National SAR records system.

Then at the April meeting, we recognized our 2020-21 Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship recipient Aron Bryce, and Jody Craig, St. Petersburg College Foundation Development Officer, who gave us an overview of our scholarship at the college. To make a gift to the Sons of the American Revolution, Clearwater Chapter Scholarship Fund, checks are to be made out to the St. Petersburg College Foundation stating that it is for the Clearwater SAR Chapter Scholarship and mailed to: Attn: Jody Craig/SAR Scholarship, SPC Foundation P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733 We also inducted new Compatriots Dillon Eversole and Glenn Humphreys.

At the Dunedin Encampment on April 24, 2021, Clearwater SAR Chapter and Caladesi DAR Chapter participated in the Revolutionary War Campsite Reenactment and Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Dunedin History Museum. Our chapter genealogist Parks Honeywell was there with a membership information table and we talked to some potential members.

## Flagler Chapter



On December 19, 2020 at the Espanola Cemetery in Flagler County, 220 Veteran burial sites were remembered with Wreaths Across America by American Legion Post 115, local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the DAR Old King's Highway Chapter, Flagler Chapter SAR, and family members of interred Veterans. Three Flagler Chapter members were present and participated in the ceremony, but the largest contribution was made by Chapter Vice President Randall Morris who worked all year long identifying and coordinating the actual locations of the 220 veteran sites so that the Wreath Across America placement was smoothly accomplished. Approximately 80 people participated, Chapter President Charles Hayes with wife Sally (DAR), Second VP Paul Pritchard and wife Sharon (DAR) and Flagler Chapter Historian Jeffery Schaller. Flagler Chapter President Charles Hayes in front of memorial identifying all of the services repre-

sented by veteran burial sites in Espanola Cemetery Flagler County Florida during Wreaths Across America ceremony 19 Dec 2020.



On March 13, 2021, the 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War was celebrated at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Museum on Merritt Island in Florida. The Battle occurred off the Florida coast south of Cape Canaveral on March 10, 1783. Essentially, after a fierce exchange of cannon fire, three attacking British warships were driven off by two Continental Navy ships, which were sailing to Philadelphia with 72,000 Spanish silver dollars to support the Continental Army. The Flagler Chapter Wreath was presented by Flagler Chapter Vice President Randall Morris. Compatriot David Kelsey marched in the Parade. In the photo, Left to Right: Compatriots Randall Morris, Florida Society President David Bussone, David Kelsey, the SAR Cannon dedicated in 2007 and the Wreath.



On January 8, 2021, John Zachary Dillard was inducted into the SAR and the Flagler Chapter by his grandfather, past Chapter President David Kelsey and he was sponsored by his distant cousin, Registrar Randall Morris. The ceremony was held at Heroes Memorial Park in Palm Coast under the shade of the Flagler Chapter Liberty Tree. Zach, at age 8, is the youngest member ever of the Flagler Chapter and he led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He attends school in Georgia where he resides with his parents, Don & Maryann Dillard. Zach's Patriot Ancestor is Jonathan Kelsey of Killingworth, Connecticut. Jonathan Kelsey collected

money to pay Continental Soldiers and to encourage enlistments as well as to furnish supplies to soldier's families. Attending the ceremony were (Left to Right) Compatriots Don Gingles, Chaplain & Sgt-At-Arms, Randall Morris, Registrar, Dr. Jeff Schaller, Historian, our Liberty Tree, Maryann, Zach, Charles Hayes, President, Paul Pritchard, Vice President, and David Kelsey, Secretary. The photo was taken by Victoria Kelsey, grandmother.

## Lake-Sumter Chapter

It's been a busy spring for us in spite of the pandemic. We have had in person meetings each month since February. Smaller attendance than usual but we met. 7 of our members were in Eustis 119<sup>th</sup> Georgefest parade to honor George Washington. This was our 33<sup>rd</sup> year participating.

At our March meeting we were proud to have our Rumbaugh Oration winner, Adrianna Brown from East Ridge HS in Clermont present her speech and receive her awards. Her parents and teacher, Jennifer Butera (our chapter teacher of the year) attended with her. Ms. Butera was the state teacher of the year and the national winner. We are so proud of her!

We had 3 schools participate in our poster contest which members judged at our April meeting. Edielys Negrón from Montverde Academy in Montverde was the winner. She attended our June meeting where she was also recognized as the second place winner in the state contest. Her art teacher, Lori Pollock attended with her and was presented a Good Citizenship medal for her 7 years of participation on our contest.

Allan Lane and I each presented 2 flags to Habitat For Humanity new home owners. Two of these homes got major building assistance from high school construction academies at The Villages Charter School and South Sumter High School.

I was very pleased to give Allan Lane, our past president, a meritorious service medal for all the help he has given me this year and stepped up to be our chaplain when our previous chaplain, Jim Angelos, passed away. I also presented Stewart Dunaway, our first vice-president, a Roger Sherman medal, for the outstanding programs he has presented and the great job he has done on our newsletter. Our officers for the coming year myself, Ron Grove, President, Stewart Dunaway, First Vice-president, Gary Hensley, Second Vice-president, Terry Chapman, Secretary and Chuck Johnson, Treasurer.

We plan to participate in the Tavares July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, start meeting again October 2 and dedicating a Liberty Tree November 9 at East Ridge High in Clermont.

## Jacksonville Chapter



This May has been an eventful month. A jump-start at the beginning with our FLSSAR Board of Management, attended by most of the usual suspects; Lindsey Brock, David Ramseur, Jim Gaskins, Chuck Farmer and Paul Tucker, plus our Registrar, Gray Chandler. Gray, who thought he was going down to take over the post of Genealogist, was delighted, and surprised, with presentation of the Patriot Medal, joining the distinguished company of David Bussone, Bernard Wolff and Lee Popham. May 8th saw a virtual presentation of the Battle of Pensacola.

On May 15th, on the request of the San Diego chapter, we mounted a small color guard to present a wreath at the Naval Station, Mayport Memorial for USS STARK, a fast frigate on patrol in the Arabian Gulf, that was struck by two Iraqi -fired Exocet missiles on 17 May 1987 resulting in the death of 37 sailors. Our color party consisted of Ken Norwood, Darryl Ingle, Scott Breckenridge and Chuck Farmer, all Navy veterans,

plus Josh Jolly. The video of that wreath presentation will play a key role in the Memorial Day tribute by the Dan Diego chapter of SAR. In keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, we offered a brief prayer:

*"Oh, LORD, Creator of the universe, we pray that you have taken our shipmates killed or injured in the attack on USS STARK, to your special care"*

*"We also ask that You protect those who struggle to preserve our Constitution, nation and citizens, on land, at sea, in the air and in space. AMEN"*

Our annual installation and awards dinner was celebrated on May 20th, honoring over a dozen of our compatriots, plus one of our very active DAR/CAR ladies. My sincerest thank you to all our Compatriots who gave their time to making our chapter an active enterprise. I had the honor, and pleasure, of recognizing the outstanding work of our compatriots: Chapter Medal for Distinguished Service - Darryl Ingle, Meritorious Service Medal - Ryan Doane and John Roberson, Roger Sherman Medal - Darryl Ingle. Gray Chandler, David Ramseur and Dick Cardell, Certificate of Appreciation - Tom Booth, Ken Norwood, Paul Tucker, Ike Thornton, Fred Emery, Brian Hancher, Josh Jolly, Larry Scott and Robbie Stokes, and Lydia Darragh Medal - JoAnn Welker

On May 31, at 9:30 AM, we will participate in a wreath-laying and color guard ceremony at the Beaches Veteran's Memorial Park, in Atlantic Beach to honor our veterans from our nation's conflicts.

June 26th will see a brief memorial for the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, a battle occurring on June 30th, 1778 in one of the attempts by American forces to wrest control of East Florida from the British. We will begin the buffet lunch at 12:00 noon at The Pig BBQ on A-1-A on the east side of Callahan with Klynt Farmer, Nassau County Commissioner and Frank Ofeldt, Florida Park Service, as speakers. After lunch we will parade our color guard and present a wreath at the present-day bridge to the Patriots who served in that campaign. Many thanks to Kurt and Sharon Driscoll for spearheading this event.

## Saramana Chapter

The Sarasota Chapter was able to participate in the Independence Day Parade. The parade formed up at 7:15 p.m. and began at 8:00 p.m. with the SAR as one of the lead elements. The local DAR chapters also participated. The parade route went along the waterfront to J.D. Hamel Park on the byside.

Other units that participated were the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the Superbowl trophy and the Orioles Bird. Sarasota and Tampa media and television will be covering the event. Independence Day is a national color guard event for the SAR.

Many thanks to Compatriot Dan Kennedy for being a long-time organizer of patriotic and veteran oriented events and parades in Sarasota. His hard work and dedication are outstanding and he is a great asset to veterans, the Sarasota Community, and the SAR.

## St. Petersburg Chapter



On Saturday, May 29, 2021, members of the Historic St Petersburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the annual placing of flags at the gravesites of U.S. Veterans at the Bay Pines VA National Cemetery.

Compatriots dressed in period uniforms drew significant interest from those attending. In the photo from left are Chapter President, Brett James McMullen, Brig Gen USAF (retired), Chapter Registrar Will Scott, Chapter Genealogist Walter Arnold, along with a member of the Clearwater Daughters of the American Revolution. The Chapter plans on making the flag placement an annual event.

*The C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center Campus, also known as Bay Pines, is one of only three veterans' affairs campuses in the United States that has a national cemetery.*

## William Dunaway Chapter



As pictured above from the left are Matt Mathews, Jesse Smallwood, Dale Macumber, Isaac Williams, Tom Rankin, Maria Andromidas, Michael Matthews, John Richner, Kenny Dunaway, Brad Marble, Ernie McNeill and Jim Dunaway.

On Thursday evening, May 13, 2021 the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, William Dunaway Chapter, which meets every second Thursday of the month at Jim's Buffet & Grill Restaurant in Marianna at 5:00 PM held a special ceremony. The installation of Sons of the American Revolution, SAR Flag Drop-Off Box. An USA flag disposal box for the surrounding community, in which citizens can turn in their damaged, no longer used American Flags. The collected flags given to either the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12046 or the American Legion Smith-Kelly Post 100 for proper disposal.

A cooperation between the SAR, and veteran organizations, all represented by their dignitaries in the attached photo. Standing behind the Flag Drop-Off Box is Maria Andromidas, the restaurant owner. To the far right of the front row is James "Jim" Frederick Dunaway, former President of the William Dunaway Chapter, who constructed the box and anchored it by the front door of the Restaurant. Later that evening, Jim received the SAR Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to the William Dunaway Chapter, Florida SAR. The SAR Flag Drop-Off Box project initiated by Earl Frederic "Matt" Mathews, the 2021 Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, Senior Vice President and the President of the William Dunaway Chapter, Florida SAR. Matt is standing in the front to the far left in a colonial military uniform of the American Revolution. The other Colonial Color Guard Uniformed compatriot is DeCody Brad Marble, the 2021 Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, Northwest Regional Vice President from Panama City, Florida. DeCody is wearing the uniform passed down to him from Fletcher Ryals Dunaway, the Founder of the William Dunaway Chapter, who passed in April 2018. Fletcher R. Dunaway is a Sons of the American Revolution mentor of compatriots Matt and DeCody, who were born the same year and one month apart. They both desire to continue the legacy Fletcher R. Dunaway by being a SAR mentor.

## 2021 Last Naval Battle

The 238th anniversary of the Last Naval Battle was held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center Merritt Island, Fl. This year's services consisted of 106 participants representing 38 organizations. National officers in attendance were 2014-2015 President General Lindsey C. Brock and Central District Vice President General William E Sharp. We were grateful to have SAR and DAR chapters from across Florida and the state of Georgia to be present and honor our Patriots who fought in this battle. CAR representatives from Ft Brooke Tampa, Luke Winbun of IA in addition to Brevard's Captain John Barry joined this year's ceremony.

FLSSAR President David Bussone delivered an excellent lecture about this historic battle fought off the coast of Cape Canaveral. The speech gave an exceptional insight to Captains John Barry, John Green, the ships Alliance, Duc de Lauzen and their crews. Compatriot Donn Weaver provided a great performance as MC for this year's observance.

We received media coverage from Senior Scene and Space Coast Daily. Due to Covid-19 this memorial observance was not advertised as it had been in prior years. Invitations

were only sent to SAR, DAR and CAR chapters within Florida, however all organizations wishing to attend were welcomed to participate.

Brevard chapter is grateful for the support received from the Courageous Division of Sea Cadets and the Veterans Center for all behind the scenes support provided to make this year's services successful.

2022 LNB memorial services are just around the corner scheduled for March 12, 2022. Currently there are 27 SAR historic events, we are extremely fortunate to be able to host the LNB memorial.

## A Far Cry from Tents and Trenches

By Kelsey Loop  
(2021 Rumbaugh Finalist)

April 18, 1775. It was a night like any other. A light mist hung over the road, and wispy clouds covered the moon. But then hoofbeats rent the stillness: Paul Revere and William Dawes tore out of Boston, on the road to Lexington and Concord. They rode to warn the garrison there: the Redcoats were coming.

On April 19, Patriots' Day, we celebrated the two hundred and forty-sixth anniversary of that fateful night, when the efforts of a rag-tag band of farmers put the formidable British army in a rout. What most people don't know is that without one exceptional man, the heroics at Lexington Green may not have occurred. On the Sunday prior, a pastor named Jonas Clark urged his congregation to fight for liberty and stand against those who would take their rights and property from them. He did not merely preach, but practiced what he professed: Pastor Clark harbored Samuel Adams and John Hancock within his own home. His congregation went on to defend their garrison bravely and win the first battle of the fledgling American Revolution. The American clergy played a vital role in the American Revolution and the birth of our nation, and their support is critical to its perpetuation.

But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was affected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people. A change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations... This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people, was the real American Revolution. These words by John Adams reflect his perception of the American Revolution: a lens which remains in clear focus today.

This change that Adams describes would have been impossible without the support and unwavering loyalty of American clergy. They were an integral piece in the development of the American people's mindset about their God-given rights to life, liberty, and property. When the pastors of colonial America caught wind of the government's plans to take the colonists' arms, they proceeded to write and deliver fiery sermons in order to rouse their congregations and rally them against tyranny, referencing Galatians 5: "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free".

In the Revolutionary era, pulpit oratory was the main

influence upon the mindset of the people, with most colonists attending church multiple times weekly to listen to hours-long sermons. Many patriotic pastors, like Jonas Clark, would integrate calls to arms into their sermons, urging their congregations to step up to defend liberty. Some even organized militia drills after their service, furnishing their flocks with both the armor of God and the armor of men. These brave and dedicated pastors who stirred up their flocks to fight were collectively known as the “Black-Robed Regiment”, and were especially thanked by George Washington after the war’s ending for their heroic effort.

To the Founding Fathers, the separation of church and state never meant separation of politics and religious morality. It signified the fact that the government would not be run by religious oligarchs and that participation in government did not require citizens to profess a certain creed or belong to a specific religion. Religion was an essential part of early American culture.

The heroes of Lexington and Concord fought valiantly to defend their rights and freedoms from a tyrannical government. Thanks to their pastors, they believed in a nation of liberty. They fought for the right to live their lives for their God and their nation under Him. Modern patriots must be equally fervent in their defense of God and country. Today there exists a radical change in the principles and opinions of Americans, dare I say - a revolution. Marxist mobs are attacking our churches and destroying our historical monuments. In fact, my own church was recently firebombed... This is a pivotal moment in history. Listen closely to hear the echo of Paul Revere cry out. Stand ready to fight for freedom.

The American clergy must continue speaking out against tyranny, following in the footsteps of the great colonial preachers. The spiritual vigor of this nation depends on the zeal and patriotism of its pastors. But over time, the light of our passion has grown dim. The Johnson Amendment, introduced in 1954, defined churches and religious organizations as 501(c)(3) nonprofits, exempt from taxation on the condition that they refrain from endorsing or opposing a candidate for office. As a result, many clergy members have succumbed to tyranny, silencing their teaching of the moral duty to defend our God-given rights of life and liberty. Even worse, many of our churches have been shut down.

The church is the cradle of patriotism, and even if we do not fight with weapons, our clergy can equip us to fight with words and works. The battlefield of modern Minutemen might be a courtroom, a classroom, or even a social media forum. This does not change the spirit with which we must fight. The shot heard round the world continues its trajectory, and it carries the same impact as it did in 1775. However, we must make sure that this nation remains vigilant.

Over time, pulpit oratory has been replaced by entertainment media, diverting our attention away from our civic duty to defend freedom. Americans have exchanged their time in the pews for time on the couch, disdaining the obligation to vigilance. People no longer follow the call of the pastors, many listen to popular sports ‘heroes’, who instead of defending God and country, promote division by taking a knee to the National Anthem. Many Americans look to prominent figures in team jerseys for their moral teachings, disregarding the exhortations of their black-robed shepherds. Pulpit oratory must reclaim its place in the hearts of the American people in order to rally patriots. Only then can we reclaim the blessings of our liberty. Thank you.

## New Member Application Process & Fees

The application fees were increased as an action of the Delegates attending the 131<sup>st</sup> Congress. This fee increase took effect at the end of the Congress on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The following is a quick breakdown of what this increase involves:

Regular New Member application fee increased from \$80 to \$100

Regular New Member – Family Plan application fee increased from \$30 to \$40

C.A.R. Applicant – current C.A.R. member in good standing, age 18-22 application fee \$0

C.A.R. Applicant – current C.A.R. member in good standing under 18 application fee \$0

Junior Member (under 18) on a NEW line or patriot application fee increased from \$80 to \$100

Junior Member (under 18) on an approved line and patriot or as part of the Family Plan application fee increased \$30 to \$40

Memorial Member (deceased male relative of an active SAR member within two generations) application fee increased from \$80 to \$100

Supplemental Application fee increased from \$60 to \$100  
Supplemental Application – Family Plan fee increased from \$30 to \$40

This is strictly an application fee increase and does not affect the National dues in any way. The National dues are still \$35 for each New Applicant or Memorial Member and \$5 for a Junior applicant or C.A.R. applicant under 18-year-old.

Now let’s explain the “Grace Period” for those applications currently in the pipeline to National. During the discussions of the application fee increase on the floor of Congress, the agreement reached was to base the “Grace Period” on the date of the applicant’s signature. This means if you have an applicant who has already made out a check and signed the application prior to the July 15, 2021 date it will be accepted at National at the old fee structure. It is expected that National will be receiving the applications that fit into this description within the next six to eight weeks.

If National receives applications that have the incorrect application fees, an email will be sent to the State Secretaries requesting the additional funds. The application will be held pending the receipt of the additional funds and processed upon receiving the additional funds.

Any application added to the pipeline on or after the July 15<sup>th</sup> date will require the new fees.

Thank you for your time,

Michael T. Scroggins  
Director of Operations, NSSAR

# 2021 Americanism Score Sheet Training Script

As many compatriots have stated, the Americanism Score Sheet can be considered one of the most important documents utilized by the SAR. It provides a roadmap for a chapter or State Society to follow for meeting the stated goals and purposes of the SAR.

The purpose of this training is to acquaint the membership with the updates and changes that have been made to make the Americanism Score Sheet more user friendly and efficient as well as close a number of data entry loopholes that allowed for double and higher counting of certain items.

While the training occurs, it is asked that all questions be asked through the CHAT feature of Zoom. Each question will be addressed after the form is fully discussed. This will also allow for duplicate questions to be eliminated. All questions will be archived and used to generate an FAQ document that will be posted on the SAR website along with a recorded version of this training session.

The training is being conducted in 4 sessions through the day. It will be comprised of a review of the form that should last between 50 and 60 minutes. This will be followed by the question & answer period where the questions submitted via CHAT will be addressed. The training will consist of reviewing the pertinent changes on each of the tabs but will not be a rote reading of all the directions and other verbiage. Where applicable, real life examples will be used for data entry examples.

The training will also include best practices and suggestions that should help in fully utilizing this form and participation in the various contests that the form gathers data for.

**Overview** The Americanism Score Sheet has been used in various formats since the early 2000s to determine the winners in the annual Americanism, President General's Streamer and President General's Cup contests. Originally, the form was a Word Document that was converted to an Excel format in 2009 to allow for the form to calculate the points instead of relying on hand calculations.

Prior to 2021, the form contained a Cover Sheet, Summary Sheet and 16 separate tabs for data entry. With the 2021 version of the spread sheet, the data entry tabs have been reduced to 12 in total. Sections found on the 16-tab version are contained in the 2021 version and points have been reassigned or increased to reflect specific SAR program focuses.

The second major enhancement is that many sections have had the number of data entry lines increased to the point that all chapters should be able to capture all their activity without having to request additional lines. With respect to state societies, all but about five state societies should be able to use the form without having to request additional lines.

One minor enhancement is that the top two lines of each tab have been frozen so that those entering data can see the impact on the points earned as they scroll through each tab.

**Cover Sheet** The first four lines after the title contain important information. The first line states the deadline for form submissions as 1 March of each year.

The next two lines give specific direction for data entry: first, depending on what version of Excel that is being used, you may encounter highlighted lines at the top of the form asking you to update the form, enable editing and enable content. Do not chose to update the form and then chose to enable editing and the content.

The other major direction is that in all sections where data entry is required, you must enter data into each cell in the line for the embedded formulas to calculate correctly. If a cell is left blank, the formula will not calculate any points in that line.

At the bottom of the Cover Sheet there are two sections. The first provides a calculation that reports on the eligibility of the Score Sheet to be considered for the President General's Cup. The second, at the very bottom of the Cover Sheet reports a date stamp for the version of the Cover Sheet.

**Summary** The Summary Tab begins by providing a general history, information on deadlines and how calculations are done in the first two paragraphs.

The third paragraph discusses how the President General's Cup is adjudicated. While the 20% maximum for any one tab and requirement

that at least 75% of available tabs must have data entry remain, a new change is the addition of requiring a minimum number of both Americanism and President General sections has been added. These minimums are that at least 5 of 8 Americanism tabs must have data entered (Americanism tabs are denoted in RED on the Cover Sheet) and at least 4 of 5 President General tabs must have data entered (President General tabs are denoted in BLUE on the Cover Sheet).

The Awards section provides a description of the 20 separate awards that can be earned. Based on a multi-year review of chapter distributions within the established competition categories, the chapter sizes have been redefined to increase the number of chapters in the higher chapter membership categories. Chapters are now divided into 1-40 members (originally 1-49 members), 41-90 members (originally 50-99 members), 91-150 members (originally 100-199 members) and 151+ members (originally 200+). There has been no change in the state society categories.

The final section includes a series of General Guidelines for utilizing the spread sheet.

**Tab 1 – Media Publicity** There has been no change in the actual components on this tab but how they are structured. The structural change consists of (1) moving the Advertisement purchase section above the Traditional Publicity section and (2) expanding the Traditional Publicity section.

Items of note are as follows: the website must have an update date within the last 6-mns of the year for points to be earned the most common ad purchase in *The SAR Magazine* is a notice of regular meeting dates – this purchase has been set a half inch and can be done in all 4 issues during the year there are specific exclusions as to what constitutes allowable entries and published material across multiple sources.

**Tab 2 – SAR Speakers Bureau** There are many changes to this tab besides the expansion of the two primary data entry sections. The biggest change is that points related to Color Guard activity cannot be recorded on this tab. In fact, all Color Guard activity has been removed to just two tabs instead of being recorded on seven tabs. This is the first tab impacted by that change. Please note that if a member takes credit for Period Attire on this tab, he cannot take similar credit on the Color Guard Activity Tab (Tab 8).

To avoid confusion, the printed directions show how established speakers bureaus can be counted by entering 1/1/21 as the Date Established. Also, any date after 6/30 will not allow points to be earned as there is a minimum 6-month operational period requirement.

This section is also used to gather data for the Ohanesian Family History Award that is beginning in 2021. This award is given to the chapter(s) that make the most school presentations during the year – please see the specific details for this contest on the SAR website. Since it is possible that the same presentation is made multiple times in a single school on a single day, directions are included stating that sufficient data must be entered under the "School/Class" column so that the distinct presentations can be seen. This most often is done through entries like "Main HS/Period 1" or "Main HS/Teacher Name". Finally, there is a new column entitled "Period Attire". This column recognizes that some members who are not formal Color Guard members do present in period clothing. This is where those members, and actual Color Guard members record their participation in classroom presentations. Note that at least 1 member of the group making the presentation must be in period attire for these points to be earned. This section is for all other presentations made by the Speakers Bureau. These can be to SAR, DAR or CAR chapters, other civic groups, other youth organizations or other entities. Again, the same level of detail should be entered to distinguish presentations made on the same day and the Period Attire bonus is available.

**Tab 3 – Support of the C.A.R. & DAR** The primary changes are that Color Guard activity is no longer entered and both sections have been expanded.

This section is only for recording leadership and monetary support of the C.A.R. by SAR members. Any data entered that indicates donations to the DAR will be removed during judging. At a minimum, data entry should consist of the C.A.R. society name and data in 1 of the other 2 columns in each row. A best practice is that when recording entries related to a single C.A.R. society, all

monetary donations should be aggregated to cut down on the number of lines needed. If there are multiple SAR compatriots acting as senior leaders, their names should be entered on separate lines. Planning meetings for commemorative events are specifically excluded. That is, if the primary purpose of a meeting is to plan for a future event, it cannot be counted.

Attendance at National, District or State SAR meetings is not counted on this Tab. The intent is to increase attendance at the chapter level to build the relationships necessary for all three organizations to succeed. Thus, meetings other than chapter meetings are excluded.

**Tab 4 – Youth Programs** This tab combines two tabs in previous contest forms and eliminates Color Guard activity.

This section records all cash awards made with respect to established National SAR Youth or Teacher Programs. Local state or chapter programs are not allowed in this section and will be eliminated during final judging if entered.

There must be at least 1 named participant in the marked contest recorded in Section 4C to earn points in this section. If this is not met, then the points will be eliminated in final judging.

Awards are specifically defined in the dropdown menu provided in the “Award Presented” column. At a minimum, the “Name of Recipient” column should record the last name of the winner if privacy is a concern. If there is no personal name entered, then the points will be eliminated. A best practice is to enter the winner name and their school/organization as such “Landry (Main HS)”. This allows for planning for future award presentations by recording the schools where the SAR has established relationships and may be able to leverage the relationship into more activity such as classroom presentations or other presentations/activities. Also, note that if a Junior SAR member wins a contest award, that data is entered here and not on the Medals & Awards section (Tab 9).

**Tab 5 – Public Service Programs** This tab combines two former tabs, provides expansion of data entry sections and eliminates Color Guard Activity data entry.

This is the USS Stark Memorial Award carryover section that was previously its own separate tab. Note that the full number of Stark Award points are entered here. The embedded formula will calculate the allowable amount of carryover. Do not short your points by entering only 10% of the total points earned toward the Stark Award.

B, C, D, E) No change to these sections other than expanding the data entry section.

D) As a point of clarification, the date entered in this section should be the date that the exhibition began and not a range of dates.

F) Definitions have been expanded to meet a broader use for this section. Note that this is where activity that is not specifically an official Historic Site & Celebration observance (Tab 6) or similar function is entered. This section includes workshops, seminars, proclamations, history fairs, military service member funerals, annual events at patriot graves etc. Also, specific definitions of participation and sponsoring are included.

**Tab 6 – Historic Sites & Celebrations** Specific wording has been added to clearly define what types of events are entered in this section. Primarily it is for recording participation in the officially approved National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee events more commonly known as “SAR National Events.” A schedule of these events is published annually by that committee on the SAR website, in at least one (1) issue of *The SAR Magazine* and quarterly in *The SAR Colorguardsman* newsletter.

This does not preclude local celebrations of specific Revolutionary War events from being entered. As stated in the directions, this local celebration must be in honor of a Revolutionary War battle or event that occurred in that area. Specifically excluded are parades, local history festivals and funerals which should be entered on Tab 5.

An example of an allowable other event would be a state event such as the recent “Heroes of the Hornet’s Nest” event in Georgia or the annual “Commemoration of the Maryland 400” held in New York City.

Credit can only be taken once regardless of the number of events participated in on national holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day or Veterans Day. However, if there are a series of events that occur around such a holiday over a series of days, then credit can be taken for one event on each day. For example, July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday, but various local communities have parades on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of that extended weekend. Then the chapter or State Society can claim each specific day as long as sufficient data is entered in the “Name of Historic Event” column to properly identify & distinguish the event.

Finally, in recognition of the new ability to participate in more events through virtual or online means, the number of lines available for wreath presentations have been increased.

**Tab 7 – Grave Markings** The major change besides expanding the number of data entry lines is that Color Guard activity has been removed.

Note that while data submissions to the Patriot Records Committee are encouraged at the time a grave marking takes place, if it was overlooked or was not provided in a prior year, then credit can be earned by submitting a Patriot Biography with grave data included in the current contest year being recorded in Section C.

**Tab 8 – Color Guard Activity** This is an entirely new tab for the 2021 form. This is where almost all Color Guard activity is recorded. In other words, instead of entering Color Guard activity in multiple locations (especially when related to an Historic Site Observance where DAR was present), it is now just recorded once on this tab. The data entry format is the same as in prior years. Sufficient identifying detail be provided to allow the judges to be able to distinguish distinct participation at events of a similar date or type.

Note that Color Guard participation at National, District or State meetings is not recorded on this tab. Instead, it is recorded on Tab 12.

Finally, this tab has a total of 750 lines for data entry which should be sufficient for all of the various activities.

**Tab 9 – Medals & Awards** While the data entry section has not been changed, this tab has had a lot of clarifying language added.

Youth Programs awards and Public Service Medals are entered on other tabs and not on this one. Any award made by the National Society or SAR Foundation that is later re-presented at a State or District Meeting is expressly excluded. For example, the Liberty Medal and Lafayette Medal are national level awards that are presented annually at Congress or a special luncheon. Most often, the recipient is not present and receives their award at a later time. As such, these two medals are not found in the provided drop down menu. Likewise, there are certain medals that state societies may present that may be re-presented at a chapter meeting. In this case, the state may take credit but the chapter may not.

Commemorative medals, awards, coins or state/district specific awards are also specifically excluded. The one exception is the Wounded Warrior Coin which was specifically approved by the Americanism Committee for inclusion at the request of the Veterans Committee.

Data regarding allowable awards and presenting authorities can be found in *The SAR Handbook, Volume V*.

**Tab 10 – National Society Service** This tab combines two tabs from the prior scoresheet versions.

Names in the dropdown menu now match the specific fund names held by the SAR Foundation. Data for this section can be obtained by contacting the SAR Foundation and requesting a report that lists fund donations by chapter and/or state.

This report provides total donations made by fund and by chapter without disclosing any donor names. This report should only be requested after the end of the contest year.

This section only requires the name of the donor and the date the required notification is filed with the SAR Foundation. The amount of the bequest is specifically NOT asked for.

No changes made

This is only answerable by a state society

Most states will have only 4 entries in this section. To distinguish the term of each individual, the term years should be entered beside the compatriot’s name.

This section has been expanded to include service on special projects such as the Patriot Research System that is currently in operation. To earn points for special projects, the data should be taken from the list of those earning the Lafayette Medal as presented at the annual Volunteer Luncheon in September.

Refer to NSSAR for more details on the form & filling out the application.





*Florida Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*

**Recommendation for Nomination as FLSSAR Officer**  
**Years: \_\_\_\_\_**

**BEFORE** starting on your FLSSAR Nomination Form below, please follow these "Save" instructions.

Use the "Save As" button. Add Nominee's Name to the front of the Saved file Name.  
 For example, "**George Compatriot FLSSAR Nomination**".

Now **CLOSE** the web page and **OPEN** the saved File on your PC to Continue.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

National Number: \_\_\_\_\_ FLSSAR Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is recommended for the office(s) of:**

**Briefly state life, business, and/or career experiences that would prove helpful to the compatriot in the performance of his duties as an FLSSAR officer in the office for which he is being nominated:**

**Previous SAR National, State or Chapter Positions:**

List where and when you served, and name Committee:

	NSSAR	State Society SAR _____	Chapter(s) _____
President	President General _____	_____	_____
Senior VP/1st VP	Other General Officer _____	_____	_____
2nd VP		_____	_____
Regional VP		_____	_____
Secretary		_____	_____
Recording Secretary		_____	_____
Treasurer		_____	_____
Registrar		_____	_____
Historian		_____	_____
Genealogist		_____	_____
Chancellor		_____	_____
Chaplain		_____	_____
Sergeant at Arms		_____	_____
Editor		_____	_____
Other Positions		_____	_____
Committee Chairman	_____	_____	_____
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Committee Member	_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	_____	_____	_____

**National, FLSSAR, and Chapter Awards & Honors (Give Year Received):**

Good Citizenship Medal	<b>NSSAR</b>	Gold _____	Silver _____	Bronze _____
	<b>FLSSAR</b>	Gold _____	Silver _____	Bronze _____
	<b>Chapter</b>	Gold _____	Silver _____	Bronze _____
Meritorious Service Medal	<b>NSSAR</b>	Year _____	Oak Leaf Cluster(s) _____	
	<b>SAD</b>	Year _____	Oak Leaf Cluster(s) _____	
	<b>FLSSAR</b>	Year _____	Oak Leaf Cluster(s) _____	
	<b>Chapter</b>	Year _____	Oak Leaf Cluster(s) _____	
Roger Sherman Medal	<b>NSSAR Gold</b>	Year _____		
	<b>SAD/FLSSAR Silver</b>	Year _____		
	<b>Chapter Bronze</b>	Year _____		
Color Guard Medals	<b>Medal Name(s) and Year</b> _____			
Other Medals	<b>Medal Name(s) and Year</b> _____			

Minuteman Medal: Year \_\_\_\_\_

Patriot Medal: Year \_\_\_\_\_

Liberty Medal: Year \_\_\_\_\_

Oak Leaf Clusters (number) \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguished Service Medal **NSSAR** Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**FLSSAR** Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** Year \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguished Service Award Certificate **NSSAR** Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
**SAD** Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
**FLSSAR** Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chapter** Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Appreciation: Years(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Awards (Name & Years) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you, the Nominating Compatriot, discussed this nomination recently with the compatriot?  No  Yes

If nominated and elected, does the compatriot agree to serve actively for the full year?  No  Yes

If nominated and elected, does the compatriot agree to perform the duties as outlined in the NSSAR Official Handbooks and the FLSSAR Governing Documents & Procedures Manuals?  No  Yes

Is the compatriot able to perform the duties of the office to which he is being nominated?  No  Yes

He is now: Employed Full Time  No  Yes Part Time  No  Yes

Approximate number of hours per week required by employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Compatriot is Retired  No  Yes

He has retired from: \_\_\_\_\_

His primary duties were: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee active in other organizations: Fraternal:  No  Yes Patriotic:  No  Yes

Lineage:  No  Yes Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, will membership(s) affect the ability of the nominee to perform required duties of the FLSSAR office?  No  Yes

**Signature of the compatriot nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

**Signature of recommending compatriot:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

**Signature of Seconding compatriot:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

Send the "renamed" form as an Email Attachment. When the form is complete and ALL have signed and dated this document, then send the form to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee as an Email Attachment.

Please request a "Read Receipt" so that you will know that your file was received.

## Ladies Auxiliary Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

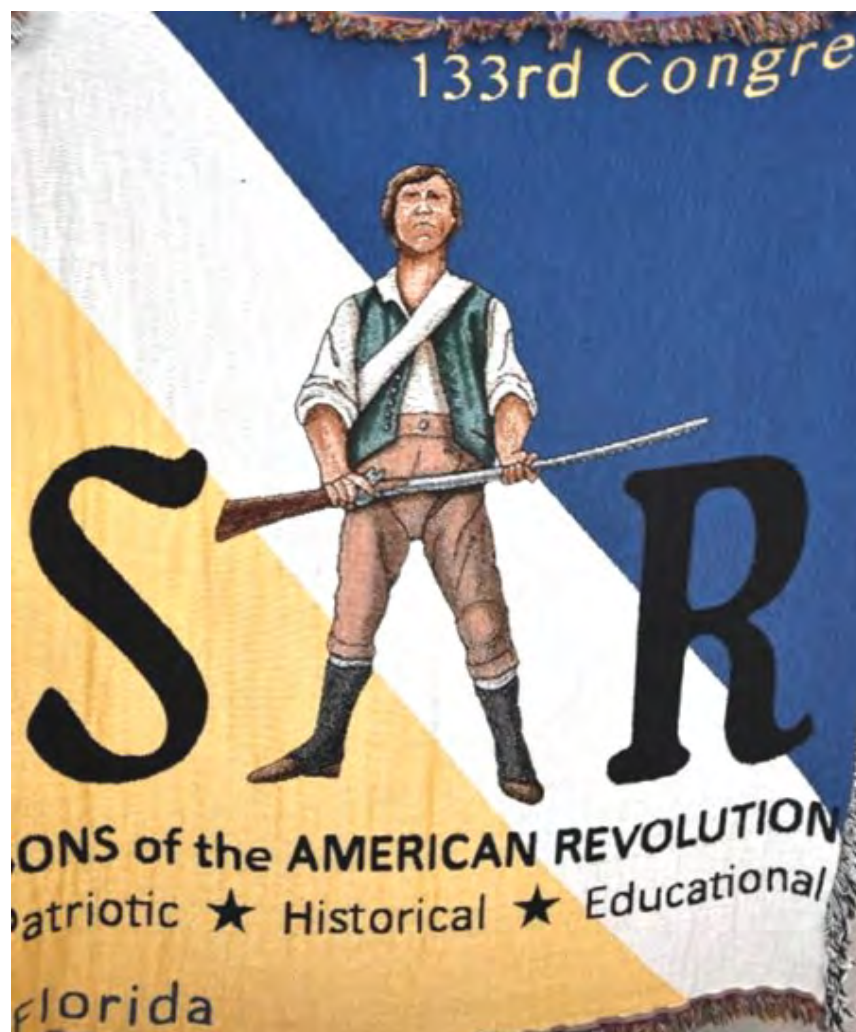
This is our Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fund raising project for the 2023 Congress. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities.

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## The 2023 FLSSAR Medal

Commemorating the 133rd Congress of the  
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Being hosted by the Florida SAR Society

Boxed Set contains one Large Medal  
and one Miniature Medal  
(See graphic depiction below)

Cost per set: \$40.00  
Shipping (USPS with Tracking) \$7.75  
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Bernard W. Wolff  
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Large Medal



Miniature Medal

This medal has been approved by the NSSAR's Medals & Awards Committee  
and the Executive Committee

# 2021 Thomas Creek Ceremony

## AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK May 17, 1777

In May of 1777, 400 soldiers from the Continental Army and 165 members of the Georgia militia organized in Sunbury, Georgia, just north of the Florida border for an expedition into British East Florida in retaliation for raids by British Loyalists. Traveling by water, the Continentals encountered British troops at Amelia Island, which delayed their rendezvous with the Georgia militia who traveled by land. On May 17, a small force of 109 Georgia militia men was ambushed by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Native Americans near the mouth of Thomas Creek in North-east Florida. Lieutenant Colonel John Baker of the Georgia forces and 41 of the Georgia militia men survived the battle. The encounter was the first major engagement and the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade British East Florida. It is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War.

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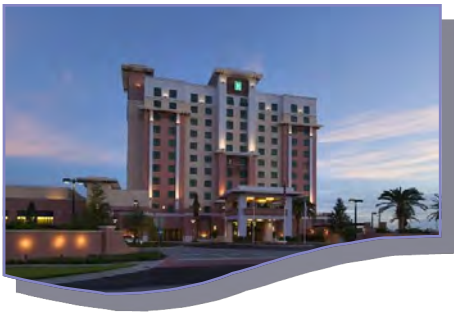


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**Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South**  
*October 1 - 3, 2021*

*(Room Rate = \$143 per night & \$5.00 daily parking fee)*

*4955 Kyngs Heath Road Kissimmee, FL 34746*

*FROM INTERSTATE 4 WEST - (from Tampa):* From I-4, take exit #67 (SR 536/Epcot). At the bottom of the ramp, turn right and continue on SR536 approximately 2 miles to SR535. Turn right at this traffic light and go almost 2 miles and turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel is on the corner of SR535 & Kyngs Heath Rd.

*FROM INTERSTATE 4 EAST - (from Daytona Beach and downtown Orlando):* From I-4, take exit #68 (SR535). Turn left from the ramp traffic light & head to Kissimmee. Upon going about 3.5 miles, turn right onto Kyngs Heath Rd at traffic light. The hotel is on the right.

*FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, NORTH OR SOUTH:* From the Florida Turnpike, take exit #249 (Osceola Parkway Exit), Head west upon getting on Osceola Parkway. Upon going across the Shingle Creek bridge after the toll booth, the next exit is SR535. Turn left onto SR535, and go to the next traffic light (Kyngs Heath Rd) and turn right. The hotel is on the right.

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