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## Last Naval Battle Ceremony and the Battle of Thomas Creek Commemoration





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

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## FSCAR Convention

On February 14th and 15th, the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution held their annual convention at the Melbourne Rialto Hilton Hotel in Melbourne, FL. Society President Jim Gaskins brought greetings and members of the color guard were in attendance.



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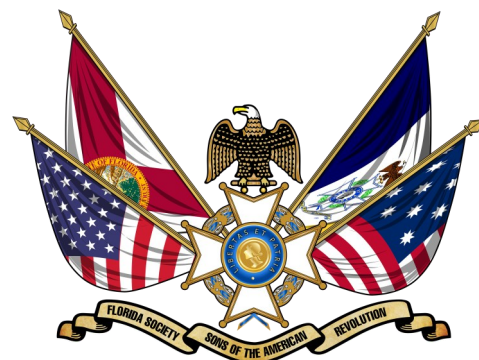
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In order for your news & articles to be published in upcoming issues, please submit before the cutoff dates listed below.

Summer 2025 Issue	6/15/2025
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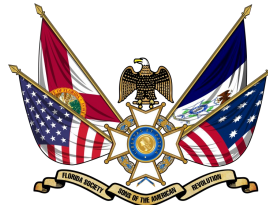
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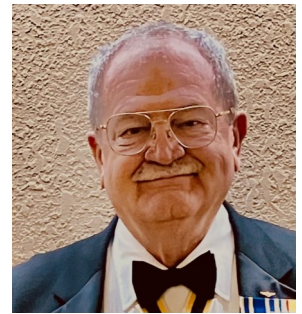
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## Society President's Message



### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot Ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring generations about the founding principles of our Country.*

Hail Compatriots of the Florida Society,

It's hard to imagine that the 2024-2025 year is approaching an end. I've had the honor of attending and participating in NSSAR Leadership, Congress, Leadership again, as many Regions and Chapters as feasible, the Children of the American Revolution Conference, the DAR Spring Conference, DAR Dedications, Color Guard events and home Chapter meetings as I could. I tried to learn how the "sausage was made" at Leadership and what matters at the Society level at the Region and Chapter meeting...mostly by LISTENING and sharing with our most capable Committee Chairmen, their committee men (and ladies) and EX-COM. Simply put, it's been a year of growth and "Life Lessons" for me. I hope I've been able to pay it forward.

The elected officers and appointed Chairmen and Committeemen who've served us all so professionally and loyally have provided the leadership and personal commitment needed this year (and every year) to hit the high expectations requirements needed to hit and exceed our Society and National goals. The investments of "sweat equity", time and treasure of all our VOLUNTEER Compatriots has, and will continue to pay dividends in the form of membership and esprit de corps. Kudos to Scott Breckenridge for two very successful, productive years as FLSSAR Color Guard Commander.

The Children of the American Revolution are among those who will be our future. I was most impressed by the conduct of their Conference in Melbourne this year. The quality of the leadership and mentoring was obvious in all aspects of their weekend AND in the recognitions presented for their labors throughout the year. I offer a reminder that the NSSAR SAR University has a newly-minted Youth Protection Training on-line training/certification program that we should ALL take advantage of. Any meeting or event that SAR members participate in or attend that includes youth (under age 18) should also have at least one certified Compatriot in attendance. Certification is valid for three (3) years and only takes about 30 minutes of your time. Please, go to [sar.org](http://sar.org), then SAR University, then General Training, then Youth Protection Training for the course.

The State of Florida has created an America 250 Commission to coordinate state-wide events to celebrate and commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of this great nation. I'm proud to say that the Florida Society is represented on that Commission. SVP Chris Washler has served admirably as the Chair of the FLSSAR A-250 Committee Participation is America 250 Moments has been brisk and we've had an increasing number of Gold A-250 medals awarded to reflect that enthusiasm.

The FLSSAR has embarked on a mission of design/build of a monument to commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> Amphibious landing of the United



## 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>.



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States Marines during the American Revolutionary War. Our goal is to have the monument constructed in time for the 250th anniversary of the assault landings that took place in the Bahamas on 3-4 March 1776. We have been working on the plans for several months and have received approval by officials in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Looking to the recent and future at this writing, we have the Battle of Pensacola, The Battle of Thomas Creek, several combined SAR/DAR events and (drum roll) the FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting and Annual meeting and election of officers for the 2025-2026 year are at hand.

Not long after our BOM is the NSSAR Congress to be held at Uncasville, CT July 12-18 and Fall Leadership in Louisville October 2-5, 2025. All Compatriots and their Ladies are invited and encouraged to attend the annual Congress and its associated events.

**NOTE:** Chapter Presidents should ensure that their Chapter delegates are registered to attend and that their names have been forwarded to the State Secretary Scott Breckenridge.

The Friday night banquet will present the opportunity to recognize superlative performance throughout the year, make presentations of state youth and public safety awards and the annual memorial service. My term as president concludes with the installation of the 2025-2026 elected officers at the Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

Hopefully this won't be my last opportunity to recognize and express appreciation for all the Compatriots and their Ladies of the Florida Ladies Auxiliary who have mentored me, leaned in and kept the Society on an even keel and especially supporting the Youth Awards Programs.

Until we meet again, I offer many thanks for everyone who made this a very successful and rewarding year for the Florida Society and have laid the foundation for even more growth and fellowship in the future. Harmony is the strength of all societies, especially ours.

God bless each of us and God Bless the United States of America.

**Jim Gaskins**

Florida Society President, 2024-2025

## Event Calendar

May 9, 2025: 2025 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration & Galvez Day Celebration.

May 24, 2025: George Roger Clark Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

June 6, 2025: 2025 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution at the Maryland Inn.

June 14, 2025: 250th Commemoration of the United States Army at Mount Vernon.

June 28, 2025: Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge - Callahan, Florida.

July 12, 2025: 135th Annual NSSAR Congress

August 29, 2025: 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Eataw Springs

October 7, 2025: Fall Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY.



## NSSAR 2025 Hotel Reservation Information

The registration link for rooms at the Mohegan Sun is listed below. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Please read the whole message before you make your reservations as it is a different schedule than in the past.

For your planning purposes the following dates and information is provided

Saturday, 12 Jul, Excom/SARF meets  
 Sunday, 13 Jul, Tours/Host Reception  
 Monday, 14 Jul, Memorial Service, First Lady's Tea, Rumbaugh Orations, Trustees  
 Tuesday, 15 Jul, Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon  
 Wednesday, 16 Jul, District Breakfasts, Voting, PG Banquet, Ladies Luncheon  
 Thursday, 17 Jul, Last session, tours, Installation Banquet.  
 Friday, 18 Jul, Excom/SARF meets

The Congress is slipped one day due to costs for rooms on certain nights as was briefed at Leadership.

The on-line address for registration is as follows: <https://book.passkey.com/go/NSSAR25> If you prefer to call in for a reservation the toll-free number is 1-888-226-7711 and the group code is NSSAR25

Please do not call National Headquarters or the Connecticut Society SAR if you have an issue. They cannot assist you.

Please contact Paul Callanan at [LTCMRSC@aol.com](mailto:LTCMRSC@aol.com) or (704) 756 - 0363 if you have problems. When you do contact him please make sure you explain the issues and if it is in regards to adjusting a reservation please make sure you have the reservation confirmation number available.

## America 250 Updates



The end of 2024 brought some fantastic news for the State of Florida! For those who may not have heard, on Friday, December 6, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order Number 24-267 which officially established an America 250 Commission in the State of Florida! Lieutenant Governor Jeanette

Núñez will chair the commission which will consist of her and four additional members appointed by the Governor. The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution is actively seeking a seat on the commission.

In more news, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution been working on an agreement to become a Supporting Partner of the United States America

250 Commission. This partnership, once established, will give the Sons of the American Revolution even greater visibility in the nation's celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence!

With these happenings, now is the perfect time for the chapters of the FLSSAR to step up their America 250 activities! Several chapters have already started holding America 250 events for the public, and we encourage all chapters to look at what you can do to raise awareness of the upcoming Semiquincentennial. Just a few ideas of public events are Grave Markings, Liberty Tree Dedications, and even Op-Ed submissions to your local newspapers. For more ideas on America 250 programs, please visit [www.america250sar.org](http://www.america250sar.org) and look for the America 250 Toolkit!

Finally, I'd like to continue to encourage every chapter to continue to submit their members for the Silver and Gold America 250 medals! At the Fall BOM, I issued a challenge for Florida to reach 50 Gold Medal recipients by the Annual meeting. We still have a long way to go to reach that goal, so take a look at what activities your chapter has done that qualify as America 250 events and start submitting those medal applications! For questions about the medal scoring, reach out to either Chris Washler or Robin Preston – we'll be happy to help!





## New Members

The FLSSAR would like to welcome the following new members that has joined the Sons of the American Revolution since the last publication of the *FLSSAR Florida Patriot*. Please welcome them as they attend one of the local SAR chapter meetings.

Name	Chapter
Nixon Sr, Drew Cameron	Jacksonville
Nixon Jr, Drew Cameron	Jacksonville
Atwood, Anthony Dewey	Miami
Schoch, Jason H	Miami
Schoch, Christopher John	Miami
Schoch, Theodore Austin	Miami
Sharp, Alex	St. Augustine
Dunwody III, Dean Munro	Clearwater
Patton, Charles Lee	Central Florida
Patton, Robert Lee	Central Florida
Nichols, William	Miami
Nichols, Len Marcus	Miami
Besore, Thomas George	Clearwater
Rutherford II, James Edgar	The Villages
Moore, Michael T	Miami
Moore, Emmett Russell Lott	Miami
Moore, Iren Russell Stone	Miami
Preston, William Jack	Naples
Chapman, Jerriid Donald	Flagler
Atwood, Richard Martin	Emerald Coast
White, Roger Eldridge	St. Augustine
Schuster, Larry Gene	Lake-Sumter
Burke, Zachary Adam	Withlacoochee
Goodwin III, Robert Almon	Emerald Coast
Butt II, Steven Noah	Daytona-Ormond
Hart, Jonathan Andrew	Palm Beach
Kessler, Brandon Scott	Palm Beach

Kessler, Benjamin Aaron	Palm Beach
Outten Jr, Elridge David	Jacksonville
Fisher, Michael Medill	Jacksonville
Cole, Samuel James	St. Augustine
Lehrkamp, Jeffrey J	Tallahassee
Lehrkamp, Dennis W	Tallahassee
Lehrkamp, Joshua Wayne	Tallahassee
Peters, Jaden Michael	Tallahassee
Simonson, Archibald Van Buskirk	The Villages
DiGiorgi, Paul Lancaster	Caloosa
DiGiorgi, Paul Albert	Caloosa
DiGiorgi, John Douglas	Caloosa
Maynes Jr, Robert Raphael	St. Lucie River
Thomas, Michael Herdon	Tallahassee
Rhodes Jr, James Louis	Okeechobee
Joyner Jr, Albert Arthur	The Villages
Wall, Jason Barrett	Jacksonville
Evans, Alfred Clayton	Ft. Lauderdale
Lindsey, Jay Hampton	Tallahassee
Embry, Nicholas Coley	Emerald Coast
McKee, Tyler Norris	Pensacola
Reynolds, Alan Anthony	Naples
Helt, Joseph Scott	Emerald Coast
Holler, Dennis Harvey	Jacksonville
Nutt, Dennis Lee	Lakeland
Nutt, Jason Lee	Lakeland
McFarlin, David Newman	Ocala
McFarlin, Connor Newman	Ocala
McFarlin, Ian David	Ocala

## The Last Roll

It is with deep sympathy that the FLSSAR announce the passing of the following members since the last publication of the *FLSSAR Florida Patriot*. Please remember & let the families know that we are thinking of them at this time.

Name:	National #:	Chapter:	Deceased Date:
Frank Allen Lane	133236	Miami	8/15/2024
Charles Louis Day	164064	Withlacoochee	4/22/2025



# FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Landing Monument

## " 250 for the 250th"

### ANSWER THE CALL!



If you have attended a recent FLSSAR Board of Management meeting in Orlando, you probably heard about the First Amphibious Assault Landing Memorial. Unfortunately, if you have not attended a BOM, you most likely have not heard about this monument or why we intend to have one constructed here in the state of Florida.

As a bit of history, on 3-4 March 1776, Continental marines and sailors landed in the Bahamas to attack British forts in order to obtain gunpowder and cannons to be used by fellow patriots as part of the Revolutionary War effort. This was the very first time US Marines landed on foreign soil. As a result of this assault, the British were forced to keep some of their naval and land forces in the Caribbean to protect their colonies from being attacked in the future. This diluted their military resources that could be used against the American patriots.

Unfortunately, there is no monument to memorialize this significant event. That is why the FLSSAR made the decision to construct a monument in Florida that will support the SAR mission of promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring our future generations about the founding principles of our country. We have decided on having the monument erected near the shore in Pompano Beach, FL, which is the closest logical location in America to the actual assault landing by the Continental Marines on foreign lands. It is a vibrant location full of activity, with a reported 280,000 visitors annually. Our plan is to have the monument constructed by 7 March 2026, one year from now. We envision the ribbon cutting ceremony will be part of the State of Florida's planned 250th Anniversary celebrations.

A committee has been formed to work on the project and there have been some significant accomplishments so far. However, as it is with any project of significance, funding is always a challenge, and that is where you can help.

The Assault Memorial Committee has a subcommittee focused on fund-raising activities, but everyone is encouraged to be a fundraiser--we need all hands on deck. We commend those chapters such as Palm Beach (\$1050), Miami (\$2500) and Fort Lauderdale (\$3000) that have already answered the call and provided donations for the monument, but we still have a long way to go in order to ensure we have the monument built in time for the 250th anniversary

ribbon-cutting ceremony on 7 March 2026. If you are willing to donate, please do so.

We have set up a new campaign called "250 for the 250th." Here is how you can help. As a compatriot, a donation of \$250 will put you on the FLSSAR "250 Muster Roll." The benefits include the following: 1) you can claim a tax-deductible donation to a most worthy cause, 2) your name will be included in the "250 Muster Roll" that will be printed in each of the FLSSAR Patriot magazines for the next year, on Facebook, and other venues, and 3) you will receive a limited-edition commemorative First Amphibious Assault Landing Memorial coin that lets everyone know you supported a once-in-a-lifetime event. (See Muster Roll for depiction.)

If you know of a company or organization that may be interested in contributing, please let us know and our financial subcommittee will be glad to provide donors any information they may request about the monument and how to donate to this highly worthwhile project. We are looking at ways we can recognize large contributions and will provide more details later.

As you can see from the artist's rendition, this will be a monument that will be a lasting reminder to our current and future generations about the efforts and sacrifices made by our patriot ancestors. This will be a monument that each and every compatriot in the FLSSAR can take pride in supporting and may inspire those who may or may not have otherwise heard of the SAR to explore our organization.

For more information about the monument or how to contribute, please contact one of the Assault Landing Committee members listed below. Mail your "250 for the 250th" checks to Committee Secretary Robbie Robinson at the address below, payable to FLSSAR.

Thank You,  
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Chris Washler: cwashler@outlook.com  
Matt Mathews: emathewsjr@comcast.net  
Steve Fields: federalist84@protonmail.com  
Dick Young: dyoung22@aol.com  
Robbie Robinson: Robbierobinson56@yahoo.com,  
20210 Moss Hill Way, Tampa, FL 33747

#### FLSSAR 250 For 250th MUSTER ROLL (Donations of \$250 or more)

Jim Gaskins	Jacksonville
Jim Clark	Ft Lauderdale
Steve DePaul	Ft Lauderdale
Herb Gardner	Ft Lauderdale
Robbie Robinson	Tampa
Robert Bowling	Ft Lauderdale
Kathy Robinson	DeSoto DAR
Mark Parker	Ft Lauderdale
Chuck Adams	Ft Lauderdale
Bruce Angier	Ft Lauderdale
Pete Stevenson	Ft Lauderdale
Jim Lohmyer	Ft Lauderdale
Walter Arnold	Clearwater
Jim Blakeslee	Ft Lauderdale
Joseph Carroll	Lake City

**FLSSAR MINUTMEN  
MUSTER ROLL**  
(Donations of \$100 or more)

Blair Collins	Ft Lauderdale
Paul Moore	Ft Lauderdale
John Sauerwald	Ft Lauderdale

**MONUMENT CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

Ft Lauderdale	\$10,700
Miami	\$2500
Palm Beach	\$1050

NOTES: As of 2pm on 26 March 2025. Total funds raised to date: \$29,200; including \$10K from FLSSAR at December 2024 BOM. Monument Chapter Challenge includes individual and Chapter organizational donations.

## **Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence 2025 American History Teacher Award**

The American History Teacher Award Committee is pleased to announce that the FLSSAR has once again honored exceptional secondary school educators across the Sunshine State!

The 2025 recipient of this prestigious award is Hannah Levitt, sponsored by the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR. A graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Master's in Secondary Social Studies Education, Ms. Levitt began her teaching career in 2006 at Lorenzo Walker Technical High School in Naples, Florida, where she taught AP/Honors Psychology. Since 2017, she has been teaching AP/Honors World History at McFatter Technical High School in Davie, Florida, where she also serves as the Social Studies Department Chair. Ms. Levitt is highly regarded for her professionalism and has received several accolades, including the Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction, the UChicago Outstanding Educator Award, and the 2024 Yale Educator Award. She is also a member of the Fontenada Chapter DAR.

A special second-place recognition in the High School competition is extended to Ms. Cyndal Houts of Crystal River, Florida. Ms. Houts, also a University of Florida alumna, teaches AP Social Studies courses and has been a dedicated educator at Crystal River High School in Citrus County since 2018. She serves as the Social Studies Department Chair and has earned the Crystal River High School Teacher-of-the-Year and Fort Cooper DAR American History awards.

Hannah Levitt, along with her guest, plans to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday, May 17, 2025, where she will be formally presented the FLSSAR 2025 American History Teacher Award and the NSSAR 2025 Award for securing second place among the nation's high school teachers.

## **Society Treasurer's Report**

Upon doing an analysis of the treasurer's records, it has come to my attention that from the 2024 Spring BOM Awards the following checks still have NOT been cashed:

Ch# 2354 to Genevieve Schimkat for \$500.00 JROTC  
Ch# 2360 to Saramana Chapter \$125.00 Newsletter Award  
Ch# 2372 to Scarlett Taylor Poster Award  
Ch# 2374 to Zion Havlykke \$50.00 Poster Award

The FLSSAR is willing to replace these checks if lost or misplaced. If these checks are not replaced and/or cashed no later than 01 November 2025; they will be "Void".

Respectfully,  
Walter Arnold  
FLSSAR Treasurer  
National Membership Committee, Member  
State Membership Committee, Member  
Genealogist & Registrar, Clearwater & St Petersburg Chapter

## **The Military HONOR CODE and CORE VALUES:**

### **Are They Necessary in Today's World?**

by Ben Findley

(Segments of this article were given as a Keynote Address to AFROTC Cadets at the University of West Florida, 2025.)

For many past years, the simple, unwritten code of conduct and core values were for anyone that a person's word was his/her bond. In particular, a military officer's word, their values, and behavior were absolute in all situations because he/she was an officer and a gentleman or lady, with respected moral principles, high standards, and excellent character beyond reproach. The integrity and service to others then could not be criticized or even questioned. But is this true today?

There are so many complex interactions, variables, limitations, restrictions, and unique circumstances that do not permit a "carte blanche" response that allows use of standard and constant discretion and decisions in so many diverse situations. Should establishing a general guide or set of mandatory rules, Core Values, or a standard code governing all behavior and activities in today's modern world and challenging situations even exist or be honored? Well, let's explore this and look at some key factors about whether or not core values and standard rules are important today and some examples.

An Honor Code is a system of ethics, CORE VALUES, and code of behavioral conduct that apply to higher education students, as well as to cadets studying to be officers at military academies and universities, and in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) And really to any person or organization. These codes and values have existed for years at the



federal service academies, like the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, and at the senior military colleges, like Air University, R.O.T.C. detachments, as well as other military schools and colleges, and for Officers' Training School (OTS.)

The U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy have a related standard, known as the Honor Concept.

After serving 30 years in the Air Force, I know, and you also know, the Air Force has a very concise set of three Core Values that underlie and affect everything that happens in the Air Force. They are:

INTEGRITY FIRST.

SERVICE BEFORE SELF, and

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO.

These are pretty direct and straightforward guides to duty and behaviors. INTEGRITY precedes action and you cannot lead or follow without integrity. Integrity is the quality of consistently being honest and having strong moral principles. It's about doing the right thing, being truthful and earnest in all your actions, being trustworthy and dependable, not easily being swayed by external influences, even when it's difficult or no one is watching.

And SERVICE BEFORE SELF is closely related. We are not in the military to get personally rich and we should not have rank or command as our primary overshadowing goal. It means putting the needs of others ahead of your own and prioritizing professional responsibilities over personal desires. Sacrificing your personal desires, well-being, recognition, and character of others for the benefit of the team or organization. Simply doing your duty with respect and taking accountability and responsibility for your actions. Not seeking praise or recognition for the outcome of situations where you lead and serve.

You should recognize that we are in the military TO SERVE OTHERS, TO DO OUR DUTY, PROVIDE A SERVICE TO OTHERS, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOMETHING LARGER THAN WHO WE ARE AS INDIVIDUALS. We want to advocate and defend the freedoms, liberty, and rights of our fellow citizens. We are not in the military just for ourselves. This is a huge responsibility and major obligation and duty, since after all, we are sometimes laying our lives on the line for others. All our citizens that make up this complex system depend on us.

EXCELLENCE means greatness, the very best. Achieving it is never easy to do and is hard to find and to identify its key components. It is the result of caring about what we do and of putting our very best effort into what we care about and getting outstanding results. Here are some of the components that affect it and lead to it.

Recognize that ANY TOTAL, WHOLE SYSTEM IS GREATER AND SHOULD BE THE FOCUS, RATHER THAN THE SUBSYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS OF THE WHOLE, BIG PICTURE. So, are we willing to stop what we happen to be doing, to help someone else in need. This is a challenge for a lot of us. But, try to remember that the total system is greater, larger, and more important than any subsystem or any one person. We are striving for the greater "good" and outstanding results for what we care about.

Consider that 1+1 can equal 3 or more. This is called SYNERGY, which means that the combined effect of two entities is greater than the sum of individual effects. So, two people

working together effectively as a Team can accomplish more than the sum of what they could achieve individually. And two people in a relationship can create a dynamic that is more fulfilling than the sum of their individual lives. In brief, it is when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

There can be many more benefits gained from focusing on the total system's most important objectives and dedicating the majority of your efforts, time, money, and resources to getting the overall, long-term total organizational or system outcomes. Not what you believe for yourself are what the objectives should be. Results for the total system and its perpetuation are greater than the efforts expended by a few on one matter. If the total system or organization doesn't exist, then an individual will not exist because he/she will have no job. This concept is called "SATISFICING" and may lead to better results than optimizing. In our world of limited resources and information, individuals and organizations may aim to make decisions that are satisfactory that get the job done and meet the primary objective, rather than spending inordinate amount of time, money, effort, and resources on secondary tasks or pursuing "perfection." Remember, there is a difference between what is urgent and what is important.

We should all always do our best at all times, striving for excellence especially with our military duties and the military profession, but also in all aspects of our total system or as an individual. That is being the best friend, husband, father, mother, brother, or sister that we can be in the various aspects of our life. I think Abraham Maslow had a very good system approach in his Hierarchy of Needs. I believe that we all need to strive for that high-level need of SELF-ACTUALIZATION that is present in everyone. We all have the need for self-actualization, but it exists differently for each individual and emerges as a higher-level need when our other lower-level needs are "fairly-well" satisfied. It is being everything we can become, the realization or fulfillment of one's talent, skills, and potentialities. To continuously strive to meet that need for personal growth and development throughout one's life. I try to learn something every day of my life, even if it's how to properly tie my shoelaces so the knots don't slip. I ask myself at the end of the day "what did I learn today?" Even something simple. THOSE WHO ARE SELF-ACTUALIZED ARE FULFILLED AND DOING ALL THEY ARE CAPABLE OF DOING. The quest for knowledge that has meaning for that particular individual and the desire to give to society are examples of self actualization. Some may not be at that level of striving to fulfill self-actualization at a certain time, because they are still striving to meet their basic, lower-level needs. These lower-level needs include physiological needs like food, adequate shelter, water, clothing, air and breathing, and safety needs like protection and security. They must be met before one moves on to higher-level needs.

POINT: CORE VALUES, representing what are truly important to an individual, are higher-level needs, since they relate to personal ideals, beliefs, and principles that guide life choices, decisions, and are the foundation of a person's "character."

Follow Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and shoot for self actualization of your high-level need. A challenge, but doable. And in the military with our critical duties, half measures and not doing our best get people killed. We don't want mistakes and slip-ups, but TOTAL FOCUS AND EFFORTS ON OUR FOUNDATIONAL CORE VALUES FOR SHORT-TERM AND FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS. If you

let down in any areas of your life, your Core Values will not be able to sustain themselves because you are corroding them and not supporting what you believe. Your Core Values and related behaviors must become a habit for all times, whether in uniform or not. They must be instilled in your total makeup, who you are, and what you represent. Integral to your CHARACTER.

So the answer to this topic's title is YES, WE SHOULD FOCUS ON OUR CORE VALUES IN TODAY'S WORLD. Probably even more so than earlier more simple times. The Core Values are what we strive to live up to every day and are aspirational and represent "Who" we are and our "Character." One cannot place a value on them because they are priceless. No one is perfect, but we should all strive to follow and live up to these, our foundation principles and Core Values. Our Core Values represent who we are and our CHARACTER and give us a strong sense of PURPOSE and IDENTITY. Core Values act as guiding principles that shape our decision making, behavior, and culture, providing a foundation for individuals and organizations to navigate challenges and make choices aligned with our beliefs.

Here are some examples of military Core Values and a related Honor Code. Since it applies to all facets of a cadet's life, a cadet Honor Code with its Core Values is distinct from an Academic Honor Code, which is used at many universities and colleges around the world, but applies to academic conduct only. Even these codes apply to all cadets enrolled in the military programs at the institutions which use them.

The first major step toward formalizing an unwritten Honor Code including Core Values for a military academy came in 1922 when West Point Military Academy Superintendent Douglas MacArthur formed the first Cadet Honor Committee, which reviewed all allegations of honor infractions. A few years later a formal Honor Code was established. It gave priority to Integrity and said that:

"A CADET WILL NOT LIE, CHEAT, OR STEAL, OR TOLERATE THOSE THAT DO."

When I was serving as Deputy Commander for the Air Force Academy's Liaison Officers for the Alabama and Northwest Florida Region in the 1990s, my Team and I emphasized to cadets the importance of the Air Force Academy's Code of Conduct, which was adopted based largely on West Point's Honor Code, but was modified slightly to its current wording:

"We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

And this sentence was added:

"Furthermore, I resolve to do my duty and to live honorably (so help me God)."

A significant misunderstanding exists for some who are unfamiliar with the various military schools' non-toleration clause in the military Honor Codes, as well as for some cadets as well. This applies to the West Point Military Academy's Honor Code, as well as to the Air Force Academy's Honor Code, and their Core Values. The non-toleration clauses in the military academies make it a cadet's duty to whistleblow. A "whistleblower" is a person who informs on a person or organization engaged in an illegal or illicit activity..

The U.S. Naval Academy's Honor Code does not include the non-toleration clause. However, toleration of other midshipmen's dishonesty is viewed as a disciplinary matter and not as a matter of honor. Either way, lying, cheating, stealing, and, of course, tolerating dishonesty at any U.S. service academy can be officially met with severe sanctions, including disenrollment.

Without a doubt, THE NON-TOLERATION CLAUSES IN THE MILITARY ACADEMIES MAKE IT A CADET'S DUTY TO "WHISTLEBLOW."

Of course, the "whistleblowing" wrongdoing that is disclosed must be in the public interest. It is not ratting out your friend or the company or organization or the system. But, instead it is meant to help and improve the total system, organization, and individual for optimal long-term results and benefits.

Some try to rationalize their dishonesty and cheating either by themselves or from observing another cheating by denying the responsibility, believing that they are not hurting anybody by not saying anything, or just want to avoid and stay out of the situation. But, by making those assumptions and not taking "whistleblowing" action they are damaging the total system and being selfish in just looking out for themselves. They are not maintaining the integrity of the system, hindering rather than helping the cheating person, not placing others and the organization before themselves, not serving the long-term interests and purpose of the team and others, and are not "Satisficing," not self-actualizing, and not getting excellent results.

To respect integrity, practice service to others and the total system, and always strive for the best have priority over what is convenient or a matter that benefits one or a few. Recognize that as a whistleblower you are protected by law, should you happen to be treated unfairly or lose your job or organizational position or status because you "blew the whistle." Sadly, retaliation is sometimes a result, but in the long-run it smoothes over for the benefit of everyone and the total system. Reporting another's unethical behavior or Core Values violation to a third party may in the short-run cause a conflict between competing moral concerns and values, but it does promote long-term justice and fairness for the total system and direction.

In 2020 at West Point, 73 cadets were accused of cheating on a calculus exam in May, when West Point had shifted to virtual classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 59 cadets admitted to cheating on the exam with 55 of those to be enrolled in the academy's "willful admissions" process, a rehabilitation program that involves after-hours classes, discussions on ethics, core values, and the Honor Code, as well as being on probation for the rest of the year. The four others didn't qualify for that process, faced a cadet advisory board composed of fellow students, and were expelled by the superintendent. Also in 2020, the Air Force Academy placed 210 students on probation, while nearly two dozen others were either expelled or chose to resign from the school, according to Military.com. The 2005 ESPN made-for-TV movie "Code Breakers" was about the 1951 scandal in which 83 West Point cadets were implicated in violations of the Cadet Honor Code in order to help the West Point football team.

A recent story on February 28, 2025, reports that about 100 cadets at the Air Force Academy in Colorado are being investigated now after widespread cheating was discovered on a weekly Knowledge Test, which is a violation of the school's Honor Code. Air Force Academy officials said they are still investigating whether cadets cheated or assisted in cheating. Supposedly, some cadets have admitted to either cheating OR tolerating cheating on the test and were supposedly punished. Those who admitted to the Honor Code violations probably received punitive sanctions and



rehabilitation actions. THIS WAS A DISREGARD FOR THE AIR FORCE'S CORE VALUES. INTEGRITY WAS INDEED NOT PRACTICED. "The honor code is foundational to the U.S. Air Force Academy and the character necessary of warrior leaders," Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind, the academy superintendent, said in a news release. "Everyone at our academy must live and enforce the Honor Code."

Whistleblowing may have unpleasant social side effects, including ostracism, retaliation by the exposed offender, and in extreme cases, death threats (Malmstrom, 2011). Research by Malmstrom and Mullin concludes that the more an individual tolerated others' Honor Code violations, the more likely he/she was to commit additional honor violations. There was an  $R^2 = .65$ , per the study "Dishonesty and cheating in Service Academies: Toleration is the main ingredient" by Malmstrom and Mullin. I remember from teaching university statistics that " $R^2 = .65$  means that a statistical model explains 65% of the variation in the dependent variable, indicating a moderately strong relationship between the independent (likeliness to commit violations) and dependent (toleration of violations) variables in the model, i.e. the higher the  $R^2$  value (closer to 1), the better the model fits the data."

I was shocked to learn that Malmstrom and Mullin's research in the Higher Education Journal shows that EACH SERVICE ACADEMY NORMALLY HEARS OR PROCESSES 120 TO 140 FORMAL HONOR CASES PER YEAR. But, other recent research shows that the Air Force Academy's honor division conducts no more than two investigations of toleration of dishonesty per year. In contrast, longitudinal surveys of 2,464 graduates of the three major academies from the classes of 1959 through 2010 consistently indicate that historically over 50% of these academy graduates have, in retrospect, admitted to having witnessed and tolerated other cadets' and midshipmen's dishonesty at least once (Malmstrom, Oraker, & Mullin, 2012).

POINT: Clearly, these graduates' behaviors, Core Values, and character and their professed attitudes and character are disconnected.

Formal anonymous exit surveys by two university professors at the University of Rockies and the University of Colorado were administered to 747 former cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy from years 2002 to 2011. Survey results indicated there was a significant, measurable toleration of dishonesty and cheating by these former cadets. Over 62% of these former cadets had admitted tolerating other cadets violating the honor code at least once, but less than 9% had actually reported these violations. These former cadets rationalized their behavior by simply disregarding toleration of dishonesty as a genuine honor violation, thus denying responsibility for their actions. They DIDN'T PERSONALLY VIOLATE THE HONOR CODE AND CORE VALUES AND SO THEY DISREGARDED OTHERS THAT DID AS NOT BEING SIGNIFICANT. But they were violations of the existing Honor Code and Core Values as written.

Edward Brent and Curtis Atkisson (2011) then reformulated these techniques utilizing a qualitative Pareto analysis. Their review of the higher education literature identified:

SIX MAJOR TECHNIQUES/REASONS STUDENTS JUSTIFIED DISHONESTY and not emphasizing Integrity as a Core Value:

Their major neutralization themes for not following an Honor Code and Core Values were:

(1) Denial of responsibility; ["It was beyond my control."],

(2) Denial of injury; ["I'm not hurting anybody."],

(3) Condemning the condemners; ["The Internet makes it too easy to cheat."],

(4) Self-fulfillment; ["For the thrill of it."],

(5) Appeal to higher loyalties; ["I did it for my classmates."], and

(6) Denial of the victim; ["The system is unfair and so deserves some payoff."].

Most Military Academies Have A Standard Honor Code and Core Values

Cadets at almost all of the academies accused of violating the Honor Code face a standardized investigative and hearing process. First they are tried by a jury of their peers. If they are found guilty, the case will go to the superintendent of the academy, who has the discretion to either impose sanctions or recommend that the military Secretary expel the cadet from the academy.

### THREE SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR DECIDING AN HONOR CODE VIOLATION

Based on my experiences, there are three general guidelines that help determine if there has been a violation of an Honor Code or Core Values:

Does the specific action attempt to deceive anyone or allow anyone to be deceived or harmed?

Does the specific action gain or allow the gain of privilege or advantage to which I or someone else would not otherwise be entitled?

Would I be satisfied by the outcome if I were on the receiving end of this action?

As a former President of a Rotary International Club in Texas, I am familiar with the basic FOUR-WAY TEST of 4 questions each Rotarian answers for him/herself to help guide their personal and professional decisions. It is based on CORE VALUES. This simple guide has been interpreted in 100 languages worldwide. The four questions are:

1) Is it the TRUTH?

2) Is it FAIR to ALL concerned?

3) Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?

4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned?

So keep these three Guidelines and four questions in mind when you are faced with a tough decision or action or behavior that might jeopardize, harm, or cause you to make a wrong decision for your duty, job, career, or life situations.

Be true to your Core Values and what you expect from others and the way they treat you and the way you treat them.

The Golden Rule is also a strong guideline and Rule to live by.

CONTINUED SUCCESS to you, your decisions, and in practicing your Core Values and decisions for a Win-Win-Win-Win result for all... for your duty, for others and you, for the Air Force and Country, and for your SUCCESS in LIFE.

## 248th Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle Ceremony March 29, 2025

The 248<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek (The Southmost Battle of the American Revolutionist War) was held on Saturday March 29, 2025. With beautiful weather again the ceremony was held at the battle location of Seaton Creek Historic Preservation Park in Jacksonville. Attendance was great again with SAR Compatriots, DAR Daughters and C.A.R. Children along with guests with a large, estimated attendance of 150 for our eleventh year.

For this National Color Guard Event, we were honored to have our National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, who commanded a 32-man color guard. Greetings were given by the City of Jacksonville, NSSAR from VPG Scott Collins, Florida State President, James Gaskins. Greeting were given by FSSDAR Regent Elect Kim Zeman, N.E. Regents Council, by Marsha Byers, FSSC.A.R. by State President Caleb Golden. Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith again gave us an enthusiastic presentation on why General George Washington wanted to make N.E. Florida our 14<sup>th</sup> Colony.

At the ceremony people were encouraged to register for the Alligator Bridge ceremony on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. This battle was the fourth attempt after the Thomas Creek Battle to make N.E. Florida the 14<sup>th</sup> Colony as ordered by General George Washington

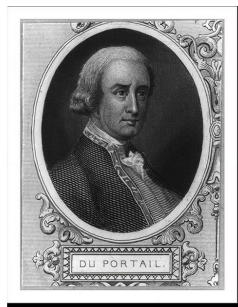
We are looking forward to next year's Thomas Creek Ceremony to be held at the Seaton Creek Historic Preservation Park on Saturday March 28, 2026, as we march towards our Nations 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## Happy Birthday to the Army Corps of Engineers!

By Mark Barie

On June 16, 1775, Congress resolved that "if General Washington think it proper, Colonel R. Gridley be continued as Chief Engineer in the army at Cambridge."

And so it was, some 250 years ago, that the United States Army Corps of Engineers, was born. A few years later, Washington would formally request an organized corps of engineers. On December 27, 1776, Congress would authorize Washington to "raise and collect a corps of engineers and establish their pay...". A severe shortage of engineers at the time, prevented Washington from taking any action on the Army Corps but the French would eventually come to our rescue. The American government could not even afford the cost of their cross- Atlantic journey, but three French officers from the French Royal Corps of Engineers, were dispatched to serve in the American Army under George Washington. Lieutenant Colonel Louis Lebegue Duportail led the three-some and, upon his arrival, immediately went to work. In his capacity as chief engineer, he would submit a written pro-



posal to the commander in chief to, among other things, supplement his two-man crew with companies of combat engineers. The sappers and miners, as they were called in Europe, would dig tunnels, construct underground mines, and execute a variety of tasks required for field-works. This included the removal of dirt, the construction of protective berms, the erection of palisades, and the creation of fascines. (Long bundles of brushwood used to strengthen earthen structures.)

Duportail's memo also stipulated rates of pay, education requirements, command structures, and the specific equipment required for the Corps' effective deployment. As a technical matter, Duportail would be responsible for every project that might protect "a town, city, fort, or outpost." He delegated, of course, but George Washington himself came to rely on Duportail as a "military genius" and deserving of Washington's "warmest thanks."

Duportail would take charge of the winter encampments at both Valley Forge and Morristown. He would also be on hand during the fortification of Charleston, South Carolina, a British victory which led to Duportail's imprisonment for six months. He was released in a prisoner of war swap, approved by George Washington.

After his release from prison, Duportail built the battle works at Yorktown. He was credited with laying out the siege lines and artillery positions. Washington thought so highly of Duportail's successful efforts at Yorktown, that he commended the engineer in a letter to the President of Congress and promptly promoted him to Major General in the Continental Army. In October, 1783, two years after the Battle at Yorktown and just a month after the Treaty of Paris was signed, Duportail requested and received permission to resign and return to his native France. After a brief stint as the French Minister of War plus a great deal of political turmoil in the French government, Duportail returned to the United States. In 1794, was appointed as head of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In 1795 he bought a farm very near Valley Forge and settled into his new life as a semi-retired farmer. In 1801, while on-board an American ship to La Havre, Duportail suffered a gastric hemorrhage. The attack, very likely caused by the dysentery he suffered while a prisoner in Charleston, caused his premature death at the age of 58.

There can be no doubt. George Washington's favorite engineer has earned the right to blow out all 250 candles on the Army Corp's well deserved birthday cake.

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Sources: National Park Service, [USACE.military.mil](http://USACE.military.mil), [battlefield.org](http://battlefield.org), "Engineers of Independence" by Paul K. Walker, and "Washington's Engineer" by Norman Desmarais.



# Chapter News

## Brevard Chapter

At the January meeting, the chapter presented the Eagle Scout award and heard from this year's recipient who later was announced was being recognized by the FLSSAR.

At the February meeting, the chapter held this meeting in conjunction with the local DAR chapters in Brevard County for the George Washington Birthday observance. The speaker was Mrs. Oeting who talked about the letters between John Adams & his wife, Abigail.

At the April meeting, the chapter presented the 250th anniversary medals to various chapter members along with the Law Enforcement medal to Ernest W. Dowling. Our recipient also spoke about his law enforcement experience in various state and federal agencies.

## Caloosa Chapter



Four new Compatriots were sworn in by our Chapter Member-at-Large and FLSSAR RVP SW Officer, Jonathan Hunt. A prouder and happier bunch of guys you'll never meet. Caleb and Levi Golden were inducted as Junior Members, not having yet reached age of 18, but nevertheless, they already have been active in the Florida State Society Children of the American Revolution. Levi is the current State Chaplain, and Caleb is the current State President. Their Patriot ancestor, William Lynch, is the subject of this month's Compatriot Corner article, and Caleb penned an article on the State C.A.R. Project he is sponsoring.



On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the gathered Compatriots of the Caloosa Chapter SAR were treated to a tour de force lecture from one of their own (Jack Bovee) about the exploits of the little-remembered ally who helped America win the Revolution – the Governor of Louisiana, Spanish General Bernardo de Galvez. One could guess, after the first three minutes into his passionate talk, that one of Jack Bovee's missions in life was to educate as many of us as he could about the importance of Galvez to the success of the American cause, and to the post-Revolutionary War ability of the fledgling country to grow and flourish.

Armed with an outstanding set of slides assembled into a power point show, and decades of experience teaching advanced placement courses to high school students in US History, Jack's only struggle was in attempting to restrain himself to a 30-minute talk. We all wished we could have let him go on as long as he wanted, and were certain it would have lasted until nighttime. Jack stressed that it is largely due in fact to the recent efforts of the Sons of the American Revolution that the significance of de Galvez will become better known in the years to come – especially as the Hispanic population of the United States continues to increase.

## Central Florida Chapter



On February 15, members of the CFLSAR Chapter participated in a Color Guard at the C.A.R. State Conference held in Merritt Island. Then on March 7 and 8, Scott Cook, Philip Markoe, and Robin Preston of the CFLSAR assisted in manning the SAR information table at the Florida State Society DAR 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Conference held at Champions Gate. Besides manning the SAR table, Philip and Robin participated in the color guard at the Friday night banquet.





On Saturday, March 8, Philip Markoe, CFLSAR Immediate Past President, spoke at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History Day in DeBary. Phil spoke to the group of approximately 30 about his Patriot, Abram Markoe, Founder of the Philadelphia Lighthouse Troop.



## Fort Lauderdale Chapter

The Chapter hosted the SE Regional Meeting on January 11. State President Gaskins attended, swore in 2025 chapter officers, and presented America 250 gold and silver medals. Steven DePaul spoke about the First Amphibious Assault Memorial to which the Miami and Palm Beach chapters pledged substantial donations.

On February 14-16, Kevin and Braeden Shurte attended the FSCAR State Conference and participated in the State Color Guard posting and retiring of colors. Braeden Shurte was elected FSCAR Corresponding Secretary for 2025-2026.

Then on February 22, SE Regional VP Chuck Adams attended the Miami Chapter President's Day Luncheon and installed the 2025 officers. The Miami and Fort Lauderdale chapters partnered in recognizing their first place Eagle

Scout, Michael Perez. Michael read his essay on Hamilton and received checks totaling \$500. Michael placed third in the FLSAR contest.

Chuck Adams and Kevin Shurte presented awards to winners of the chapter's Youth Video Contest on February 26. Winner Dana Anduquia also won the FLSSAR top award, and her entry was submitted to the national finals.

Then on March 1, the chapter participated in the Scottish Festival in Plantation. Members collaborated with CAR/DAR promoting brand recognition and soliciting prospective society members. The color guard proudly joined in the parade of clans.



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We mourn the passing of ISABEL DIAMOND, 101, of Pembroke Pines, Florida on March 1, 2025.

On Veterans' Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Fort Lauderdale SAR Chapter partnered with the Mernie Williams of the Veterans' Administration and Florida State Senator Jason Pizzo to present Isabel Diamond with the Veterans' Administration Centenarian Award. This award recognizes



Veterans over 100 years old. Isabel enlisted in the US Navy in 1943 as a member of the WAVES, served during WWII, and was discharged in 1946, completing three years of service in the Navy. We were saddened to hear of Isabel's passing, but were told she was very honored and appreciative of the recognition she received that day. She was a truly remarkable American Patriot.

The Fort Lauderdale SAR Chapter is proud to have identified and nominated Isabel for this award through our participation with the VAWS.



The Fort Lauderdale Chapter also presented the SAR Wounded Warrior award to two Nininger residents who were wounded in the line of duty.

The first was Master Sergeant James Stubbs. Master Sergeant Stubbs served in Korea and Vietnam. He was leading a group of young soldiers when they came under heavy fire. Some of his troops hesitated and froze in the face of the attack. Putting himself in great personal danger, Master Sergeant Stubbs ran through the fire and shoved them down to safety. In saving others, he was wounded. It was our privilege to present him with the Sons of the American Revolution Wounded Warrior Award.







The second Wounded Warrior Award was presented to Marc McGahey. As a Green Beret in Vietnam, Marc observed a helicopter going down hard after being hit with a rocket. Marc ran into the burning helicopter and pulled five crew members to safety while sustaining injuries. We also identified from discussion with his sister that Marc likely has Patriot Ancestors recognized by the SAR.

## Jacksonville Chapter

The Color Guard of Jacksonville's Chapter of SAR presented the colors at this year's DAR event celebrating George Washington's birthday, held in Ponte Vedra Beach. Martha Washington made an appearance to talk to the audience and tell stories of her life with George and several awards were given out to members of the DAR and CAR.

On Saturday, February 8, the St. Augustine Historical Society, the St Augustine Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Maria Jefferson Chapter of the DAR gathered to dedicate a Liberty Tree in the historic courtyard of the Oldest House

At our March meeting, Ms. J. Lenora Bressler spoke on the Perilous Journey of our Constitution. In addition, we had the Jacksonville Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner Xander Fontaine deliver his Oration.

## Lake City Chapter



The Lake City Chapter has been very active in the communities of Lake City, Live Oak, Lake Butler, Fort White, Mayo and Brandford.

Following the presentation of five NJROTC awards at Columbia High School and Suwannee High School, our members participated in the Columbia High School "Silent March" in which the NJROTC cadets and honor guard in full uniform march silently and solemnly through the halls of the high school to present the American Flag at the school flagpole.

Our chapter Vice President, Joseph Carroll, presented his contribution of \$1,000 to the Suwannee County Emergency Management supervisor, Greg Scott, on behalf of the Lake City Chapter for the repair of the Suwannee County courthouse clock tower that was damaged by Hurricane Helene

Joe also made presentations at the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners to the commissioners who were tireless in their efforts to provide emergency services in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene which made its Category 5 landfall at Taylor and Suwannee Counties. City of Live Oak City Commissioners and First Responders along with SCSO and City of Live Oak Police were recognized at the City of Live Oak City Commission meeting. In April 2025, Joe recognized two SCSO Deputies for Outstanding Recognition at the County Commission regular meeting for Bravery and Heroism

Chapter President, David Chandler, was selected by the Suwannee County School Board and Suwannee County High School administration to be an SAR advocate resource for Civics and American History teachers for historically accurate events prior to, during and following the American Revolution using NSSAR and FLSSAR materials and videos. He has made three presentations so far including the "Shot Heard Round the World" video.

Chapter officers were elected for the next cycle at a dinner in December at Olive Garden which included significant others. Officers were installed in February.

The Lake City Chapter presented JROTC award recognitions. The Lydia Darragh Award was presented to LT Kleinsmith who is the Suwannee High School JROTC Commander along with five recognitions at the annual JROTC Banquet. Similar recognitions will take place this May for Suwannee Columbia and possibly Hamilton County JROTC programs.



## Lake-Sumter Chapter



The Lake Sumter Chapter participated in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual GeorgeFest that was held in downtown Eustis. It all started on February 22, 1902, when Eustis citizens and businesses held an event in the Ocklawaha Hotel (a hotel that was located in Downtown Eustis) in appreciation of the winter visitors. The celebration portrayed historic events from Florida's past. February 22 is also the date of when George Washington, the first president of the United States, was born. Taking that into consideration, they started calling the event, "George Washington's Birthday Celebration."

Over the years, this event has since grown to include a large parade, concerts, a carnival, fireworks, and more and features a new modern name, "GeorgeFest." Our Chapter participated in the Saturday parade. Pictured above (l to r) Ron Toops, Color Guard Commander Paul Pardee, John Moore, Richard Cole and Jack Oden.

## Okeechoobee Chapter



The Okeechobee Chapter SAR Color Guard presented the colors at the Highlands County Heritage Festival. The Okeechobee Color Guard combined with members from the Highlands County and Ft Lauderdale Chapters. James Dean with the Highlands Chapter presented a program on the 250th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War and a member of the Chapter fired a shot in memory of "the shot heard around the world".

The Okeechobee Chapter SAR also participated in the Speckled Perch Festival Parade by riding on a float. Several of the members were in uniform and along the parade route, a child shouted out, "there's George Washington!". The float was well received by the spectators.

The Okeechobee Chapter planted a Liberty Tree at the Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park. The Battlefield was the site of the largest battle during the Second Seminole War and the Federal commander was Col. Zackary Taylor.

## Palm Beach Chapter



The Chapter has a proactive membership recruiting and retention effort; retaining **86%** membership renewal plus inducting **5 new** Compatriots inducted including a Father/Son bringing its total membership to **178** with an additional **10** prospects in the application process.







PB Chapters Ray Wess installed 2025 officers; President, Peter Johnston, Vice President, TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain Reeve Bright, Historian Donald Lanman, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson.

FMR President & Historian Don Lanman was Honored by DAR State Regent Cindy Addison at the recent CAR Conference with the prestigious DAR Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction in recognition of his years of support to the DAR.



Chapter Compatriots & DAR Daughters participated in 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War at the South Florida National Cemetery.



FMR Chapter President & Chaplain Benjamin Tidwell III delivered two moving eulogies for our Dear Departed Compatriots John Annan & James Bradford.



## Panama City Chapter

Brad Marble's Revolutionary War snowman who he inducted into the Panama City Chapter.



The Chapter presented *Compatriot Jeff Joyner* with the *Bronze Project 250 Anniversary Medal* in recognition of his service to the Chapter's 250 Project, community and country.

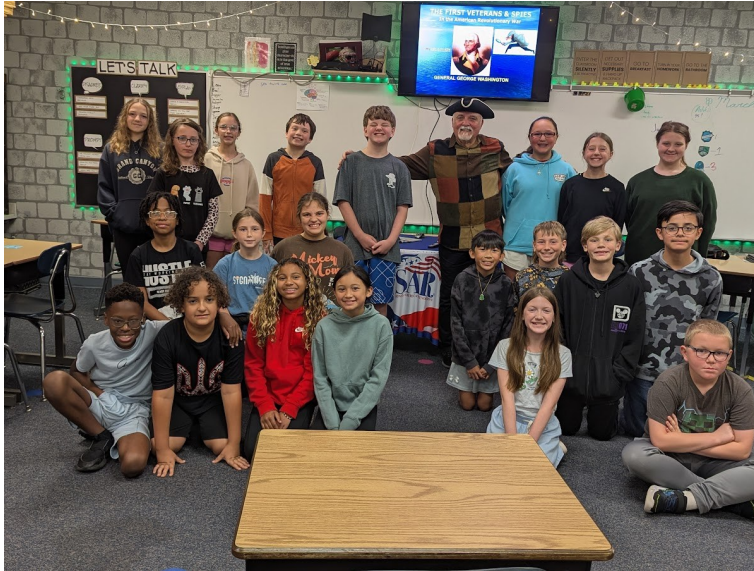




## Pensacola Chapter

Early this year, Pensacola Chapter President, Ben Findley, and Asst. Secretary, Chris Matrone, presented Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Lan don Dahlin with the Bronze Good Citizenship medal in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the Civil Air Patrol.

At the Beulah Elementary School on March 24 Heritage Day for the Beulah Elementary School, Compatriot Ben Findley gave a presentation titled First Veterans and Spies in Revolutionary War to about 200 Students. His wife, Karen, also assisted him.



On March 29, Compatriot Ben Findley was the key not speaker at the University of West Florida Air Force ROTC and staff Annual Military Banquet Ball. A chapter coin was also presented to LtCol Clark.



On March 17, 2025, Buster" Hartford- Founding Family Member for Wreaths Across America gave a presentation at our chapter meeting.

## Tampa Chapter

January was our Officers Installation luncheon that took place at Bahama Breeze in Tampa Regional VP, Park Honeywell conducted the installation of our new officers: 1st VP- Will Wagner-Hart; 2nd VP- Joe Dato; Secretary- Bob Yarnell; Treasurer-Gregory Holder; Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Swain; Chancellor-Charles Klug; and Member at Large-Terry Doan

Compatriot Chris Meredith gave outstanding 250th presentation on Florida/St. Augustine highlights during the American Revolution. The following people were awarded medals: Roger Sherman Bronze Medals – Wm, Wagner Hart, and Mathew Balencie; Roger S Sherman Bronze Oakleaf - Robert Yarnell, and Terry Doan; Chapter Distinguished Service Bronze - Walter R



Young, Sr; Silver Color Guard Medal - Garald K Robinson, and William B Swain; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bronze Medal - Charles E Klug, Jr.; Lydia Darragh - Kathy Robinson\*; Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal & eight (8) Oakleaf clusters - Wm Wagner-Hart; Lifetime Membership Service Pin & Certificate - Dwight K Hamborsky; and NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificate - Christopher D Meredith

Our February meeting took place at our new location at the Arthenia L. Joyner Community Library. President-Elect Roger Roscoe was sworn in by Past President and State Chancellor Charles Klug. We welcomed our new member, Morgan Streetman. Charles Klug gave an excellent presentation on Alexander Hamilton from his earliest days to duel with Aaron Burr. We held our very successful 2nd Annual George Washington Birthday Gala. I want to thank Past President Robbie Robinson & his wife Kathy for all of their hard work on another successful dinner.

The following people were awarded medals: Roger Sherman Bronze Medal - Roger Roscoe; Past President's Pin - Garald K Robinson - Bronze Meritorious Service Medal - Garald K Robinson; War Service Medal - Gilbert E Doan, III; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bronze Medal - Charles Bearss; NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificate - Wayne Borden

At the Washington Gala that was held in February, the following people were awarded medals as follows; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Medals - Charles E Klug, Jr, Kathy Robinson\*, Joseph Dato; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bronze Medal - Wm J Hart\*; Silver Meritorious Service Medal - W. Elders; Daughters of Liberty Medal - Cara Elders\*; SAR Certificates of Appreciation - Wm Hart\* & Wagner-Hart (W-Square Ranch), Matt & Kim\* Balencie, Jos. & Pamela\* Dato, Chas & Victoria\* Klug, Christopher Meredith, Robert Yarnell, Garald & Kathy\* Robinson, Dwight McEntire, Walter Arnold, James Grayshaw, Robert Moore, Timothy Shaner, Dillion Moyer\*; and 25 Year Membership Service Pin - Barry Marler

We recognized at our March meeting our local First Responders, Florida Highway Patrol, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa Police Department, and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Heros. 2nd Vice President Joe Dato gave us excellent presentation on Fraunce's Tavern on the British evacuation of New York City.

At the March chapter meeting, the following people were awarded certificates and/or medals as follows: NSSAR Veteran's Corps Certificate - Gilbert E Doan, III; Law Enforcement Award - Lt. Kenneth Petrillo\*, TPD, Res Dep. Javier Matos\*, HCSO, Trpr Orlando Morales\*, FHP; Fire Safety Award - Capt Kevin Kaymeyer\*, HCFR, Scott Van De Boe\*; EMS Award - Marlon Jones\*; Henry Knox Bronze Oakleaf Cluster - Garald K Robinson, Kathy M Robinson\*; 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bronze Medal - Gregory P Holder; and 15 Year Membership Service Pin - Ralph M Young

As picture above, On December 7, 2024, the combined color guard members from the Tampa, St Petersburg and Clearwater chapters led the local chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association in the Annual Safety Harbor, Florida Christmas parade. Standing by one of the dozen or so military vehicles as they await the start of the parade are (l-r) Terry Doan, Joe Dato, Warren Wilson, Matthew Balencie, Harry Fuller and Bill Swain.



## St. Augustine Chapter



On November 11, 2024, Sean Tonnelier, St Augustine FL chapter and associate with the Gainesville chapter, attended the Veterans day event at the Alachua county veterans memorial park in Gainesville FL. The Gainesville chapter made numerous donations to funding the memorial.



On February 12, 2025, Sean Tonnelier attended the Gainesville FL chapter DAR meeting. On the left is Ponte Vedra chapter Florida DAR member, Susan Egelin and on the right, Susan Mulvey, as the speaker, also with the Ponte Vedra chapter. They gave a very informative presentation on pollinators and the kinds of flowers and plants needed.

On March 12, 2025, Sean Tonnelier, color guard commander for the Gainesville FL chapter SAR, enjoyed a presentation on overlooked Patriots of the American Revolution by J Lenora Bressler, past regent for the Lakeland chapter DAR.

## St. Petersburg Chapter

At the January 18, 2025 Saint Petersburg Chapter meeting at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, our guest speaker was Peter Clark, President of Tampa Bay Watch.

We inducted David Randle into our Chapter. We also presented Past President Douglas Maddox with his Past President pin and a Certificate of Appreciation for his past service to the Chapter. Walter Arnold gave a presentation about becoming a member of the local Color Guard unit. Fourteen people attended the meeting.

At the February 15, 2025 meeting, our guest speaker was Robbie Robinson, Past President of Sons of the American Revolution, Tampa Chapter, who spoke about the activities of our local Color Guard unit. We also presented Past President Brett McMullen with his Past President pin and a Certificate of Appreciation for his past service to the Chapter. Thirteen people attended the meeting.





## Withlacoochee Chapter

The Withlacoochee Chapter got their first opportunity to display the replica of the George Washington War Tent on loan from the National SAR museum in Louisville, Kentucky on February 22, 2025 at the annual Brooksville Florida Heritage Days.

This is an event held at the historical former Train Station now museum grounds each year. It was a well-attended event and the Chapter got an opportunity to talk to many attendees and possibly interest them in joining our Chapter.

In a follow up to this event our chapter has a special committee headed by Past President Dave Hitchcock to populate the tent with historically dressed manikins, flags and historical furniture. These were displayed at our recent meeting with a tutorial by Dave Hitchcock and President Hohman.

Our esteemed member and past National Historian General Bill Stone gave an informative speech on the history of our flag through its several evolutions.

At this recent meeting we pinned another George Washington Endowment Fellow John W. Wilder and inducted two more members Arthur Emory Gregory and Zachary Burke. We welcome these new members to our very active chapter.



## FLSSAR Recruitment Booth

An FLSSAR membership recruiting booth was part of the 2025 Pine Castle Pioneer Days event held on Saturday and Sunday February 22 and 23 held in Cypress Grove Park in Orlando. The booth was manned by Philip Markoe, Michael Meyer, and Harry Rinker on Saturday and Meyer and Rinker, joined by his wife Linda (Regent, Mary Virginia Cabell Chapter, DAR), on Sunday. This is the second year the FLSSAR participated in the Pine Castle Pioneer Days event. Over a dozen potential membership leads were recorded. The FLSSAR membership recruitment booth was situated next to a booth sponsored by the William P Duval Chapter of the DAR. Also represented were the Sons of the Confederacy and the Forest Rangers.





# SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

## JANUARY 11, 2025

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Florida Southeast Region was held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Florida. The region is comprised of the Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami chapters. Compatriots and friends attending from all chapters numbered 39.

The meeting was chaired by S.E. RVP, Charles "Chuck" Adams. Our 2024-25 Florida Society President Jim Gaskins was in attendance. He was in good company with past Florida Society Presidents Ted Duay (Fort Lauderdale) and Wm Lee Popham (Miami) along with Immediate Past S.E. RVP, William Wicks (Miami) also in attendance. The Fort Lauderdale Color Guard led by its Commander and Florida State Adjutant, Kevin Shurte, posted colors during the opening ceremonies.

Each chapter gave brief reports on its activities. For membership: Palm Beach Chapter President Peter Johnson stated that they opened the year with 153 and another 15-20 probable reinstatements; Fort Lauderdale Chapter President Chuck Adams reported 80 members, including two non-primary dual members, and a net gain of five; Miami Chapter President George Wysong reported 96 members with 14 new applications pending approval. Florida Education Outreach Chairman, Kevin Shurte, gave updates on State and chapter youth education contest and upcoming submission deadlines. Florida First Amphibious Assault Memorial Chairman, Steve DePaul, explained the funding needs for the proposed obelisk to be constructed at Pompano Beach. Chuck Adams announced that the Fort Lauderdale Chapter has committed \$3,000 and will reach out to membership to raise an additional \$2,000. George Wysong and Wm Lee Popham pledged \$2,500 from the Miami Chapter and invited Steve to attend an upcoming meeting to request additional donations from the Miami membership. Pete Johnson and Don Lanman pledged \$1,050 from the Palm Beach Chapter and also invited Steve to come to an upcoming meeting to make a presentation.

President Gaskins officiated in the installation of the 2025 Officers for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter. He also participated with S.E. RVP and Fort Lauderdale Chapter President, Chuck Adams, in the presentation of 250 Silver Medal Award Certificates to Compatriots Jim Clark, Paul Moore, Barry Moss, and Braeden Shurte; and 250 Gold Medal Award Certificates and Medals to Compatriots Steve DePaul and Mark Snider. Fort Lauderdale Chapter President Chuck Adams officiated in the induction ceremony of Compatriot Christopher W.T. Wadsworth.

The meeting concluded with a presentation from Alan Levinson, Esq on George Washington's cover letter to the 1787 newly adopted U.S. Constitution. The "Constitution's Cover Letter" was published in local newspapers across the new nation. It explained in lay terms the essence and importance of the document as it was being submitted to each state for ratification, and it included George Washington's acceptance of serving as the first President of the new nation if approved. Mr. Levinson is a distinguished scholar on early American history and law. His website houses many interesting articles and topics found at [www.statutesandstories.com](http://www.statutesandstories.com). He is well known for his promotion of events celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At the meeting, Chuck Adams presented him with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



Fort Lauderdale Color Guard Left: Braeden Shurte, Mark Snider, Paul Moore, Jim Clark & Commander, Kevin Shurte



Florida Society President James Y. Gaskins & S.E. RVP Charles "Chuck" Adams



Fort Lauderdale 2025 Chapter Officers' Installation Left: Mark Snider, Secretary; Kevin Shurte, Historian; Paul Moore, Chancellor, Chuck Adams, President, Treasurer, Registrar/Genealogist; & Thomas Carpenter Jr, Chaplain





**Sons of the American Revolution  
The Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge  
Ceremony**

**June 28, 2025**

**10:00 am**

The battle took place on June 30, 1778, at the bridge over Alligator Creek in what is now Callahan, Florida in the county of Nassau.

Approximately 1000 Continental and British troops were involved.

The program will take place at the following location:

**543378 US Highway 1  
Callahan, FL 32011-3856  
Multi-Purpose Building**

## RSVP

Notification of attendance will be required no later than Wednesday June 5, 2025. Attendees should contact:

Darryl Ingle, Secretary Jacksonville Chapter FLSSAR to this email "darryl.jaxsar.sec@att.net".

We need to know the number in your party who will attend.

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (s) (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ In  
uniform/Militia/Colonial Dress

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Buffet lunch will be a BBQ, attendees will pay \$20.00 at the beginning of lunch by either cash or check made payable to **JAX SAR.**)



The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society

Sons of the American Revolution

Invites your group to the

## 2025 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

Friday May 9, 2025



On May 9, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration **sponsored by the City of Pensacola**. The Color Guard will muster at 09:00 AM (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest monuments in the United States to General Bernardo de Galvez as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration.

Additionally, the Pensacola Chapter SAR and Pensacola area DAR chapters will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon at the Minuteman Monument located in Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola.

### Schedule of Events:

08:30 am – Color Guard Muster begins at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street)

09:30 am (approx.) – Color Guard Procession to Galvez Monument

10:00 – 11:30 am – Ceremony at Galvez Monument and a short service at St. Michael's Basilica

12 – 2:30 pm – Luncheon at Pensacola Yacht Club (RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – details to follow)

3:00 pm – Wreath Laying at the Minuteman Monument in Veterans Memorial Park

All participating Color Guard Units will receive a **BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER**.

Additional information can be found at: <http://pensacolasar.org/chapter-programs/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration/> Please use the form below to register your participation in the events. Color guard unit position will be based on the order in which reservations are received. For questions email: [battle@pensacolasar.org](mailto:battle@pensacolasar.org)

### RESERVATION FORM

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How does the group wish to be announced?

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of members attending each event:

\_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard Procession (May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Central – Muster starts at 08:30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to [battle@pensacolasar.org](mailto:battle@pensacolasar.org) or mail to:

Pensacola SAR  
c/o Chris Washler  
3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503





## Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Anniversary Celebration



**BREVARD COUNTY'S SONS, DAUGHTERS AND CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION INVITE YOUR GROUP TO MARCH WITH US AT OUR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THAT WAS FOUGHT OFF THE COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL**

**March 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Veteran's Memorial Center**

**400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**

Event will be held inside if it rains

We once again expect a Color Guard of 200+ marchers along a very short parade route - ALL Color Guard units will receive a **FREE 18" LAST NAVAL BATTLE FLAG STREAMER**. There will a "**Wreath laying Ceremony**" for any group that wishes to honor our American Heroes. Water and chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. **Speeches will be kept short! Reservations for Color Guard/group participation and Wreath presentations must be received by February 28, 2025. Parade position is based on completion and receipt of this form.**

Instructions: To make your group's reservation, **Save** this PDF form to your computer, **open** from your computer, **fill out** the fields, then **Save** and **attach** the file to an e-mail message.

### **Reservation for Color Guard unit or group marching in the procession:**

Group/Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in group attending: \_\_\_\_ How does the group want to be announced as? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wreath presentation:**

If you will be laying a wreath to honor our AMERICAN HEROES please list your Group/Individual name presenting the wreath \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your completed form to: email - [swampeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:swampeditor@yahoo.com)**

Or Mail to:

Brevard SAR

1535 Skyline Dr., Kissimmee, FL 34744-6687



FLORIDA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Spring BOM / Annual Meeting May 16 – 17, 2025  
Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee FL 34746

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ National Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address (for confirmation only): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) **Names(s) (list all):** \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a Fill-able PDF form. You MUST save it to your PC *BEFORE* filling out the form FROM your PC's saved location. Filling it out online does not work.**

BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section 1, FLSSAR By-Laws)

BOM Voting Members include FLSSAR members in good standing who are a past FLSSAR President, Patriot Medal recipient, incumbent or past NSSAR officer, incumbent FLSSAR officer or committee chairman, incumbent Florida National Trustee, incumbent chapter President and most recent past President.

Additional voting members from chapters, based on chapter size, must be submitted in writing to the FLSSAR Secretary, from the chapter, prior to the BOM.

**Dress Code: Friday Banquet and Luncheons – Business Dress. Saturday Banquet – Business or Formal Dress.**

**Friday Meetings - Business Casual. Saturday Meetings - Business Dress.**

**Colonial attire is always acceptable.**

Special Dietary Needs:

Enter number of meals here



Enter number of meals here



<b>Friday Ladies Tea Luncheon (Ladies only)</b>						<b>Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon</b>					
Total number of meals		at	\$ 46	=	\$ 0	Total number of meals		at	\$ 60	=	\$ 0
Enter number of Vegetarian meals						Enter number of Vegetarian meals					
Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts						Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts					
<b>Friday Evening Awards Banquet</b>						<b>Saturday Evening Installation Banquet</b>					
Total number of meals		at	\$ 68	=	\$ 0	Total number of meals		at	\$ 68	=	\$ 0
Enter number of Vegetarian meals						Enter number of Vegetarian meals					
Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts						Enter number of No-Sugar Desserts					
Registration Fee (Members only) Enter "20" (or "35" as late fee)											\$ 20
Total Amount Due											\$ 20



You must reserve your hotel room with the Hotel at 407-597-4000 or via the online reservation link 14 days before the BOM - May 1, 2025.

Due to contractual obligations with the hotel, meal reservations MUST be received 14 days before the BOM – May 1, 2025. Cancellations will not be accepted within 72 hours of the BOM start.

Submit your registration form by email, then USPS mail the check (payable to "FLSSAR") to:

FLSSAR c/o Scott Breckenridge  
1862 Buckridge Rd  
Jacksonville, FL 32225  
Email: sbreck61@gmail.com  
Phone: 904-226-9420



## Pictures from the Last Naval Battle Ceremony





# Pictures from the Battle of Thomas Creek



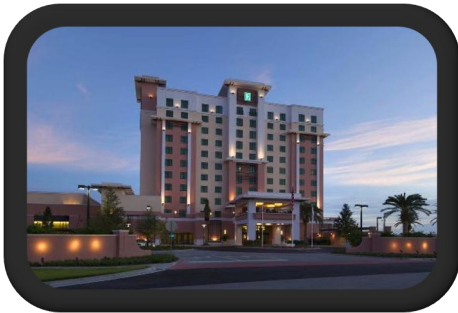




## The Florida Patriot

1535 Skyline Drive

Kissimmee, FL 34744-6687



### The Florida SAR Board of Management Meeting

Embassy Suites - Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

*May 16 & 17, 2025*

*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.

*FROM MELBOURNE ON US192:* From I-95, head west on US192 and go roughly 54 miles. Then turn right at the SR535 traffic light. At the next traffic light on SR535, turn left onto Kyngs Heath Rd. The hotel is on the right.