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Society President's Message



Compatriots,

It's hard to believe, but 2025 is in the rearview mirror, and we're now officially in the year of America's Semiquincentennial! Last year was a fantastic year for the Florida Society, but this year is going to be even better – this is a momentous time for our nation and our Society!

Speaking of 2025 and how fantastic the year was – I want to congratulate everyone. At last year's Congress, Florida was awarded the Senator Robert A Taft Award for enrolling the largest number of new members, and we did that with 288 new members in the 2024 year. For 2025, we enrolled a whopping 410 new members!! I don't know how other states did in 2025, but I am incredibly proud of the Florida Society's recruiting efforts!

As we head into 2026, I want all of you to continue to focus on recruitment because there will be a lot of attention on the American Revolution this year, and it's our time to shine! But I also challenge each and every one of you to also focus on engagement and retention. The NSSAR Strategic plan calls for States to achieve a goal of 95% retention by 2030. The intermediate goal was to hit 90% by 2026, and unfortunately, Florida fell below that mark, so we have some work to do.

Retention doesn't begin with sending out dues notices. Retention begins the day that a prospect shows interest in joining the SAR. Find out what their interests are – why do they want to join the SAR? Then harness that interest! Get them involved in small things at first. Far too often, we have a new member join, and we immediately ask them to chair a committee or worse yet – be an officer. I would encourage you to get them involved slowly. Find small things for them to do – like awarding a Flag Certificate to someone in their neighborhood. (This is one of the PG's priorities this year!) Getting them involved in small things has two effects – it helps identify their interests, and it gives them a sense of ownership in the SAR. That sense of ownership is the key to retaining our members. The more value they find in their SAR membership, the more likely they are to stay with us year after year.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and this Spring is going to be busy with activities! We have Liberty Tree dedications happening across the state, we have our FOUR national commemorations – Last Naval Battle, Thomas Creek, Battle of Pensacola, and Alligator Creek Bridge. And let's not forget our showcase piece for the year – the dedication of the First Amphibious Assault Memorial in Pompano Beach! These are just the "National" events that are taking place. I know that chapters across the state have many, many other events happening this spring and throughout the year to celebrate America's 250th.

American Creed

by William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

–Written 1917, accepted by the United States House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

Preamble of the U.S. Constitution

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



Compatriots, as I have been saying all year long – now is our time as a Society! Get out there and keep doing what you do so well. Encourage Patriotism, serve your communities, and educate and inspire this and future generation – live out our SAR Mission! I'll be on the road for much of the next few months, so I hope to see as many of you as possible at all of our events. Let's show the entire state how amazing the Sons of the American Revolution is!

Yours in patriotism,

Chris Washler

Florida Society President, 2025-2026

Event Calendar

February 14, 2026: Battle of Kettle Creek - Washington, GA
 February 21, 2026: Commemoration of Vann's Creek - Elberton, GA
 February 27, 2026: 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore Creek
 March 5, 2026: Spring Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY.
 March 14, 2026: First Amphibious Assault Monument Unveiling in Pompano Beach, FL
 March 21, 2026: Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution - Merritt Island, FL
 March 28, 2026: 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek - Jacksonville, FL
 May 15 - 16, 2026: FLSSAR BOM & Annual Meeting - Kissimmee, FL
 July 2, 2026: 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence - Philadelphia, PA
 July 9 - 11, 2026: 136th NSSAR Congress - Greensboro, SC
 September 27, 2026: 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge, LA
 October 2, 2026: Fall Leadership at the Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY.
 July 9, 2027: 137th NSSAR Congress - New Orleans, LA
 July 6, 2028: 138th NSSAR Congress - Columbus, OH

From the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the FLSSAR would like to thank the following Chapters and individuals for their generous donations to our Fall BOM fundraisers to support the Auxiliary activities including the Youth History awards.

Chapter Financial donations: Brevard, Jacksonville, Panama City, Pensacola, St. Augustine, and Withlacoochee.

Chapter Basket Raffle donations: Caloosa, Central Florida, Daytona-Ormand, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Highlands, Miami, Naples, and Saramana

Musket Raffle: Johnathan Hunt (Caloosa Chapter) made a generous donation of a Firing Brown Bess Flintlock Musket (reproduction). We planned to sell only 175 tickets but realized it may take until the Spring meeting to sell all the tickets at \$20 each (6 for \$100). To our amazement, ALL 175 tickets sold in just 24 hours! Benny Raffield (Panama City Chapter) was the lucky winner, and the raffle raised \$3,040 for the Ladies Auxiliary.

50/50 Drawing and Silent Auction: \$195 Raised. Additionally, the winner of the 50/50 drawing donated their winnings (\$120) to the FLSSAR First Amphibious Assault Memorial.

A big thank you to those who participated by purchasing tickets and silent auction items!

The Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon for the LAFLSSAR will be held at Noon on Friday, May 15, 2026 concurrently with the Fall BOM.

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	Jr/Mem	Chapter
Merkel Jr, Charles E		Emerald Coast
Neumeyer Sr, Stephen Lowell		Palm Beach
Neumeyer Jr, Stephen Lowell		Palm Beach
Neumeyer, Mark Alden Lowell		Palm Beach
Anderson, William Alan		Daytona-Ormond
Matthews, Colin Patrick	JR	Daytona-Ormond
Cook, James LeFever		Withlacoochee
Puscas, Daniel Brian		Naples
Vodoklys, Steven Francis		Naples
Steelfox, John William		Withlacoochee
Hudson, Philip L		Withlacoochee
Shivertaker, Lawrence W		Jacksonville
Milligan III, Carnot Guille		Panama City
Williams, Gary Allen		St Augustine
Williams, Scott Allen		St Augustine
Kiesling, Judah Daniel	JR	St Augustine
Byer, Matthew Alexander		Emerald Coast
Valloch, Gregory S		Emerald Coast
Valloch, Noah J H		Emerald Coast
Chamberlain, Charles Thacher		Emerald Coast
Sadler Jr, Woodson A		Jacksonville
Scott, Thomas C		Brevard
Williams, Michael Jacob		Tampa
Adams, Paul Wesley		Central Florida

Adams, Jamie Paul		Central Florida
Adams, Gabriel Jameson	JR	Central Florida
Adams, Dylan Edward	JR	Central Florida
Wells, William John		Central Florida
Turner, Harvey Ethern		South Shore
Sebastian, Robert James		Panama City
Card, Michael Scott		Emerald Coast
Rierson, David Michael		Emerald Coast
Coughlin, Matthew Lamar		Central Florida
Coughlin, Lamar Stone		Central Florida
Coughlin, Matthew Arcus		Central Florida
Conrad, Nicholas Cutchin		Clearwater
Neret, Eduardo Enrique		Miami
Dobozy, Christopher Stephen		Lake-Sumter
Liljeberg, Stephen Nillson		Lake-Sumter
Meier, Richard Orr		Charlotte
Meier, Noah Pierce		Charlotte
Meenan, William Daniel		Brevard
Yost Sr, Basil Otto	Mem	Jacksonville
Whipple, Leon Robert	JR	South Shore
Murphy, Thomas Richard		Panama City
Swigart, Christopher Michael		Central Florida

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.

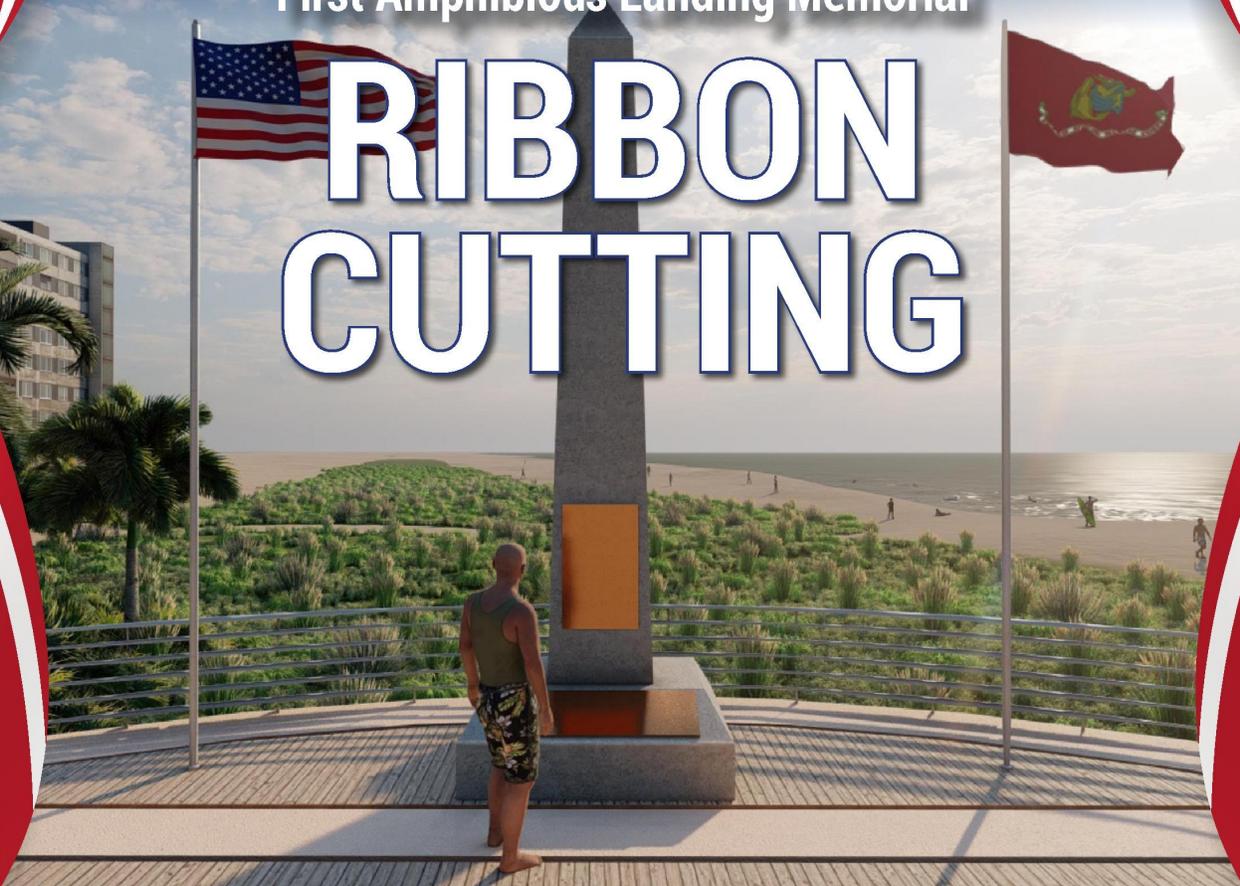
Name	Chapter
Lehrkamp, Dennis Wayne	Tallahassee
Koontz, James Emory	Clearwater
Bradley, James Russell	Tampa
Sellers, Jeffery Wayne	Lakeland

Liebler, Robert Francis	Miami
Cockerham, Frank Edward	Brevard
Moody, Dorris Leverage	Caloosa
Vildosola, Jose Ignacio	Miami

SAVE the DATE

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution and the City of Pompano Beach invite you to honor our patriot ancestors at the First Amphibious Landing Memorial

RIBBON CUTTING



MARCH 14 | 10 AM

Fisher Family Pier | 222 N Pompano Beach Boulevard



SKELTONS IN THE CLOSET - No 1

Ramblings of a SAR Registrar/Genealogist

By Harry Rinker

Welcome to issue No 1 of “Skeletons in the Closet,” a quarterly column focusing on issues of interest to SAR chapter registrar/genealogists and other chapter members. The goal is to share knowledge that will aid in understanding the SAR application process from initial contact through final “registration” of a successful application.

It is a fortunate SAR chapter that has a separate genealogist and registrar. The chapter is even more fortunate if each does his job (rather than just holding a title to be on the Board) and works in partnership with the other. A chapter genealogist is responsible for working with an applicant to assemble the documents needed for an application, reviewing the documents to determine what is and is not eligible to appear on the application, properly mark the documents, and prepare the online digital application. The chapter registrar, usually an experienced former genealogist, reviews the work of the chapter genealogist. If he approves the application, he forwards it to the state Registrar for a final review before sending it to NSSAR national headquarters.

This above is the ideal situation. The reality is that most chapters have one individual who fills both roles - the chapter registrar/genealogist.

There is key distinction between the abilities of a chapter genealogist and chapter registrar in respect to working on a SAR digital application. The chapter genealogist can input data into the application but cannot go back in and change it. Only a chapter registrar can change an application once it is complete. This is why any individuals working on applications within a chapter be registered by the chapter with the state either as a chapter registrar or assistant registrar, thus giving the individual full access to the chapter dashboard and the ability to function fully.

The position of chapter registrar/genealogist is one of the most demanding, frustrating, time consuming, mentally stressful, and pressured positions in a chapter. It is not for everyone. It requires constant training, a commitment to exhaustive research, and the ability to absorb many of costs for hardware, software, and supplies. Most SAR chapters cannot begin to fund the costs of the position, which can easily run into the high hundreds or thousands of dollars per year.

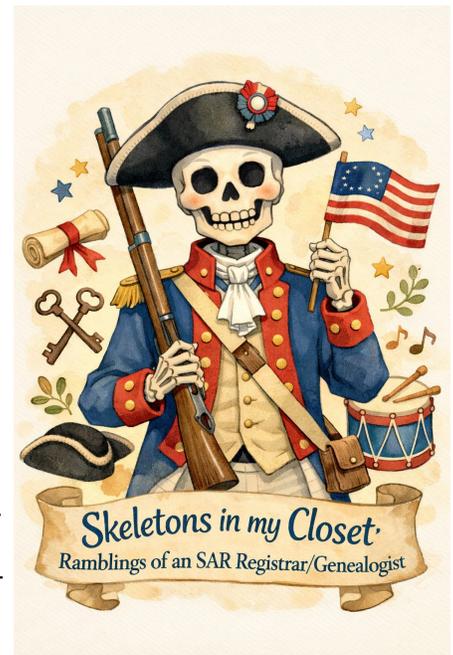
SAR registrar/genealogists are volunteers. Most will not accept a fee for their services. They do what they do for two reasons. First, they have a strong commitment to helping their chapters and the SAR grow. Second, they relish the challenge or assembling a documented family legacy that can be passed down from one generation to another.

Given the above, why become a chapter registrar/genealogist? The answer is twofold - it is an adventure and fun. Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken” ends with these lines: “I took the one less traveled by / And that has made all the difference.” Each applicant’s application is a road less traveled by.” The application is an invitation to a new adventure, a new challenge, and a test on one’s abilities. If keeping one’s mind active is one of ways to prevent dementia or Alzheimer’s disease, the SAR chapter registrar/genealogist is lessening his risk. Also, the mental high of solving a difficult application far exceeds that achieved by drugs.

Finally, the chapter registrar/genealogist experiences Christmas multiple times a month. Each new application is a gift waiting for him to wrap, play with, and experience its joy.

Being a chapter registrar/genealogist is FUN.

PS: Do not forget to thank and honor your chapter registrar/genealogists. A little praise goes a long way.
WHAT’S NEXT - The role of the chapter registrar/genealogist in the membership recruitment process.



President GEORGE WASHINGTON - First State of the Union: George Washington's Blueprint Betrayed

By: Michael Boldin**, 1/7/2026

<https://TenthAmendmentCenter.com>

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined."

January 8, 1790. George Washington walked into the Senate Chamber of Federal Hall in New York City and delivered his first annual message to a joint session of Congress. Today, we call it the State of the Union. In his speech, Washington set the standard for how a president should act. From the clothes he wore to how he approached the separation of powers in the Constitution, to his support for an educated and armed people, ready to defend their own constitution and liberty. Once you read just what he said and did, it's pretty obvious this blueprint has been betrayed for a long, long time.

ANTI-SPECTACLE

Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution mandates a simple, but important task for the President: reporting to Congress.

"He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Washington treated it as duty, not theater. No applause lines. No guests. No pomp. In his diary, he simply referred to it as "my speech." Washington didn't just talk about American independence or how to preserve a free republic. He walked the walk, even in the clothes he wore. He could have dressed like a general or an aristocrat. He chose neither. As the *Virginia Herald* reported, everything on him was American made.

"was dressed in a crow coloured suit of clothes, of American manufacture ... This elegant fabric was from the manufactory in Hartford." Even the buttons, Washington noted, were 100% American-made.

He didn't waste anyone's time either. At 1,089 words, it remains the shortest State of the Union in history. But the impact was still massive.

UNION OF CONSENT

Washington kicked off his address by celebrating some good news.

"I embrace with great satisfaction the opportunity which now presents itself of congratulating you on the present favorable prospects of our public affairs."

First on the list, after nearly 18 months as an independent republic, North Carolina had finally decided to join the union.

"The recent accession of the important state of North Carolina to the Constitution of the United States (of which official information has been received)"

As Dave Benner points out, during that time Washington didn't act like a conqueror – at all.

"During this time, the United States did not attempt to use coercion against the state, view North Carolina's status as an independent republic as a 'rebellion,' or raise an army to force its approval."

This proves that the union was voluntary right from the start.

DEFENSE

After celebrating the good news, Washington moved to his top priorities. First on the list? What he called the common defense.

"Among the many interesting objects which will engage your attention that of providing for the common defense will merit particular regard. To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

But Washington wasn't giving us the modern take on defense. Instead, he understood that a truly free country required a heavily armed population.

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined; to which end a uniform and well-digested plan is requisite"

Ten days later, Secretary of War Henry Knox spelled that plan out.

"An energetic national militia is to be regarded as the Capital security of a free republic; and not a standing army, forming a distinct class in the community."

General Knox, like General Washington, wanted the people to be their own first line of defense. Because they – like almost the entire founding generation – understood that large, permanent standing armies are always a great danger to liberty. And Knox grounded his position in natural rights.

“But whoever seriously and Candidly estimates the power of discipline and the tendency of military habits, will be Constrained to Confess, that whatever may be the efficacy of a standing army in war, it cannot in peace be considered as friendly to the rights of human nature.”

Back to the speech, and Washington wasn't done. An armed people are essential to a free country, that much was already widely understood from the War for Independence. But that won't last long if you give up your independence by relying on foreigners for the tools of defense.

“and their safety and interest require that they should promote such manufactories as tend to render them independent of others for essential, particularly military, supplies.”

WAR POWERS

Washington wasn't speaking in theory. There were active hostilities on the frontier. But instead of deciding to take action on his own, he came to Congress with a status report.

“There was reason to hope that the pacific measures adopted with regard to certain hostile tribes of Indians would have relieved the inhabitants of our southern and western frontiers from their depredations”

He didn't ask them to just take his word for it, either. He put the documented proof right on the table.

“but you will perceive from the information contained in the papers which I shall direct to be laid before you (comprehending a communication from the Commonwealth of Virginia)”

Despite all this, Washington didn't move troops. He didn't issue orders. He wasn't even asking to act in response. In a show of constitutional restraint that would sound incredible to any modern observer, he was asking Congress for permission to merely prepare militarily, in case there arose a need to punish aggressors later.

“We ought to be prepared to afford protection to those parts of the Union, and, if necessary, to punish aggressors.”

THE MACHINERY

He continued his respect for the constitution's separation of powers as he went on to ask Congress for the practical machinery of government – naturalization, currency, paying foreign diplomats, post roads, and the like. Basic government functions, Washington checked those boxes quickly. But then he got to what really mattered for a free republic to survive.

“Nor am I less persuaded that you will agree with me in opinion that there is nothing which can better deserve your patronage than the promotion of science and literature.”

Washington considered education not just the foundation of happiness, but essential to the system under the Constitution.

“Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness. In one in which the measures of government receive their impressions so immediately from the sense of the community as in ours it is proportionably essential.”

His vision for education was explicitly about teaching people to understand their rights, recognize when government violates them, and take action to defend them.

“by teaching the people themselves to know and to value their own rights; to discern and provide against invasions of them”

Washington was calling for the people to be smart enough to stop the government if it got out of line. And to know the difference when it didn't.

“uniting a speedy but temperate vigilance against encroachments, with an inviolable respect to the laws.”

PUBLIC CREDIT

Washington opened his speech celebrating some wins – like North Carolina joining. But also the improved financial status of the union, which he referred to as *“the rising credit and respectability of our country.”*

He ended the speech by warning that public credit must be protected.

“I saw with peculiar pleasure at the close of the last session the resolution entered into by you expressive of your opinion that an adequate provision for the support of the public credit is a matter of high importance to the national honor and prosperity.”

Congress was already on record. Washington made sure they knew where he stood.

“In this sentiment I entirely concur.”

THE BLUEPRINT BETRAYED

This is the blueprint, the standard that President George Washington set for what a president looks like under the Constitution.

Washington didn't act without Congress. He wouldn't even prepare for military action without their say-so. He asked for basic government machinery, then immediately pivoted to what really mattered: an educated population capable of checking government power. Every point in his 1,089-word address shows restraint. Constitutional restraint. The kind that treats the legislature as a co-equal branch, not a rubber stamp.

He celebrated a voluntary union, called for well-armed people instead of standing armies, and emphasized protecting public credit.

Compare that to any modern State of the Union. Compare it to any modern presidency.

Here's how Washington ended his address:

"The welfare of our country is the great object to which our cares and efforts ought to be directed, and I shall derive great satisfaction from a cooperation with you in the pleasing though arduous task of insuring to our fellow citizens the blessings which they have a right to expect from a free, efficient, and equal government."

The blessings of a free government. The gap between Washington's standard and today's reality isn't an accident. It's not drift. It's a complete betrayal of the blueprint he laid out on January 8, 1790.

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Spring BOM / Annual Meeting

The Spring BOM and Annual Meetings will be held on Friday/Saturday, May 15-16, 2026. Details, including registration and hotel reservations link, are posted on the FLSSAR website under the BOM tab. The schedule has not been finalized, and will be updated as meetings are scheduled. As always, it will be subject to change.

Voting meetings will be on Saturday afternoon. Those two voting meetings are the "Board of Management (BOM) Meeting", followed by the "Annual Meeting". These are the voting requirements for those two meetings:

Annual Meeting

All FLSSAR members in good standing in attendance may vote at the Annual Meeting. Of particular note for the Annual Meeting, business to be accomplished are proposed by-laws changes (as published in the Patriot magazine) and the election of officers for the next term.

BOM Meeting

Only members of the Board of Management (BOM) in attendance may vote at the BOM Meeting. In accordance with the FLSSAR by-laws, the members of the BOM include:

- Persons who are lifetime members of the BOM by virtue of being a past President of the FLSSAR, a recipient of the Patriot Medal, or an incumbent or past elected officer of the NSSAR.
- Persons who are members of the BOM by virtue of being, and while being, an elected officer of the FLSSAR; appointed incumbent FLSSAR Committee Chairman; an incumbent National Trustee from Florida; an incumbent Chapter President; and the most recent Past President of a chapter, i.e., the person who preceded an incumbent Chapter President in office; if a chapter has no recent Past President it shall name another of its members to serve on the BOM;
- Persons who have been appointed by chapters having more than forty members on the basis of one additional member of the BOM for each forty chapter members or fraction thereof more than the first forty, the term of office of such additional members of the BOM to be coterminous with that of the Chapter President incumbent at the time of their appointment to the BOM.

I already know everyone who is in categories a. and b, assuming that I have been kept informed of the current chapter officers. For category c., the chapter must provide names to me, in writing, prior to the BOM. In addition, the by-laws provide for:

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote. Members of the FLSSAR who are not members of the BOM may attend and participate in debate but may not vote. Visiting dignitaries, especially those from other State Societies or from the National Society, may attend and may be invited to address the meeting but may not participate in debate or vote.

Chapter Challenge Contest

The Florida Society Chapter Challenge Contest is designed to recognize chapters for various activities that meet the goals of the SAR. Chapters are judged against each other based on size (small-red, medium-white, large-blue). The top three winners in each category are recognized at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. The contest period is the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

Scoring for the contest is done using the NSSAR Americanism Award / President General's Activity Streamer Combined Score Sheet, available on the NSSAR website (<https://www.sar.org/committees/americanism-committee/>).

If you choose to enter your chapter in the Chapter Challenge contest, please submit your scoresheet to the FLSSAR State Secretary (Scott Breckenridge), no later than Mar 15th, 2026, for inclusion in the Florida Society contest.

For the National contest, send your scoresheet to the chairman of the Americanism and Chapter Challenge committee, Phil Thieler.

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

In early December, HS&C committee member Brian Jensen discovered a document from the fall 2005 Board of Management meeting indicating that Florida had many more Liberty Trees than previously thought. That document showed that there was 22 dedicated Liberty Trees in the state. Two of those trees had been counted in the National Registry because of rededications, leaving the state with a net gain of 20 Liberty Trees. Those trees were approved for the National Registry on January 13. Once they are added to the registry, Florida will have 22 trees, with four more dedications planned between now and July 4. Fifteen chapters, including one defunct chapter, each have one or more Liberty Trees. Thanks to Brian Jensen for discovering the lost Liberty Trees.

Marlin Publicity Contest Update

The purpose of the Marlin Publicity Contest is to recognize chapters for promoting their chapter to the public in their regional area through various medias such as local news organization, and digital media platforms. The intent of this contest is to encourage chapter to promote themselves to add to their membership and to make the chapter known in a particular regional area.

The public media platforms that will be considered are newspaper, radio advertisements, radio announcements of events, recruitment tables with publications at local events, and presentations at schools, Veterans organizations, other lineage organizations, and museums. The points for each event on a news media announcement is 75 points and each presentation is worth 100 points for each event. The digital media platforms that will be considered are webpages, face book, Instagram, digital magazines, and digital blogs. The points for each of these sources per event is 50 points.

Note that the FLSSAR Florida Patriot should not be your primary reference in this contest such it is distributed to the FLSSAR membership and not to the general public. Therefore, points for news in the FLSSAR Florida Patriot is limited to a total of 100 points with each article submitted being 10 points.

The deadline for consideration of this year's contest is March 15th. Submit a summary of your chapter's activities to the committee chair at swampfoxeditor@gmail.com.

FLSSAR 2026-27 Officer Nominees

Submitted by the FLSSAR Nominating Committee Compatriots (12/18/2025)

Robert Frank Amason, Jr., PhD – Chair
 Robin Lee Preston
 David Charles Thomas
 Kevin Ray Shurte
 William Lies IV

Office	Nominee	Nominee
President	Jonathan Hunt	
WC Regional V.P.	Walter Richard Young	
Sr. Vice President	Willard Douglas Gibbens	Colonel Garald K. Robinson
SE Regional V.P.	Charles Austin Adams, II	
EC Regional V.P.	Robin Lee Preston	
Secretary	M. Scott Breckenridge	
Registrar	Raymond Clyde Lantz	
At Large Executive Committee	Hampton Eugene Allen, Jr.	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
Historian	Kevin Shurte	
Editor	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Philip B. Markoe	
Chaplain	Larry A. Burns, Jr.	
NC Regional V.P.	David Hitchcock	
Chancellor	Charles Klug	
NW Regional V.P.	Graham Fountain	
NE Regional V.P.	Robert F. Amason, Jr.	
Recording Secretary	Randal Allen	
Treasurer	William Wagner-Hart	
Genealogist	Mark Leonard Barie	
Webmaster	Note 1	
SW Regional V.P.	Note 2	
National Trustee	Christopher Edwin Washler	
Alt. National Trustee	Jonathan Hunt	

Note 1: It is our understanding that the Webmaster position will become a paid position and an appropriate bylaws change is forthcoming.

Note 2: We were unable to identify a candidate for this position. FLSSAR Senior Executive assistance is needed.

Chapter News

Brevard Chapter



The Brevard Chapter conducted a joint operation with the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. America 250 Flags were bought for all JROTC units in Brevard county as well as all High Schools. Members of the Brevard SAR and MOAACC were present at the presentation of the America 250 Flag to Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell of the Brevard County School District. The flag is currently flying at the Brevard County School District Headquarters in Viera. The distribution of the America 250 Flags to schools, JROTC units, scouting units, etc. promotes the spirit of America in celebration of 250 years of our Constitutional Republic and the effort that went into the establishment of our Great Nation.



Brian Jensen—Liberty Medal

At the December meeting, the chapter held their annual Christmas meeting that consisted of an Ornamental Exchange.



USS Stark Memorial Award 2024-2025



Caloosa Chapter

The Compatriots of the Caloosa SAR Chapter have been very busy with a variety of activities beginning with our annual election and swearing-in of new Chapter Officers for 2026. On hand from the FLSSAR to assist with the swearing-in of new Caloosa Chapter Officers, and pictured at left below, are **Doug Gibbens**, VP SW Region FLSSAR and to Doug's right, our own **Jonathan Hunt**, Senior VP FLSSAR. Following election proceedings our 2026 officers took their oaths of office. We are lucky to have such a great group to chart our course for the coming year.



Pictured above (L to R): Doug Gibbens, Exec VP FLSSAR; Jonathan Hunt, Exec VP FLSSAR and Member-at-Large Caloosa SAR; Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Chaplain; Rick Parfitt, President; Bill Jenks, Secretary; Dr. Ron Peck, Genealogist; John Maier, VP; Jeff Brunelle, Treasurer; Tom Gillaspie, Sgt-at-Arms; Chris Jenner, Registrar; Hugh Myers, Historian (not pictured are Camden Myers, Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, and Edward "Mike" Buff, Color Guard Commander)

Not only did we put in place a great group of officers for the coming year, but we also swore-in two more Compatriots – **Ryan Danis**, whose Patriot ancestor was John Rawlinson, and **Kevin Gourley**, whose Patriot ancestor was Thomas Goorley. The addition of Ryan and Kevin brought the total number of new Chapter Compatriots in 2025 to twenty! And we also have more applications submitted and pending.



(L to R) Doug Gibbens, Jonathan Hunt, Ryan Danis, Kevin Gourley, Chris Jenner and Jeff Brunelle



It would not be a complete Chapter meeting without another SAR America 250 moment given by our Chaplain, **Rev. Dr. Randy Moody**, who chose to detail the details of both the "First Battle of Ninety-Six" which occurred November 19-21, 1775, as well as the Snow Campaign of 1775 which followed, as part of the program for our last two meetings. These battles were part of the earliest series of military actions of the American Revolutionary War, and took place in the South Carolina backcountry during November and December 1775. Tensions between Patriots and Loyalists had been rising throughout the year, especially in the interior where allegiance to the Crown remained strong. When Loyalist leaders began organizing armed resistance against the Patriot-controlled Provincial Congress, Patriot commanders—most notably Colonel Richard Richardson and Colonel William Thomson—mobilized militia forces to suppress the uprising. Rather than a single pitched battle, the campaign consisted of rapid marches, skirmishes, and the systematic breaking up of Loyalist camps. Facing harsh weather, supply shortages, and superior Patriot numbers, most Loyalist groups surrendered without major fighting. Compatriot Moody concluded by reporting that the Snow Campaign effectively ended organized Loyalist resistance in South Carolina for over a year, secured Patriot political control of the colony, and demonstrated the growing effectiveness of militia forces early in the Revolution



Jonathan Hunt (on right) presented with Bronze Roger Sherman Medal By Chapter President Jeff Brunelle (at left)

In addition to the award of the Bronze Roger Sherman medal to **Jonathan Hunt**, Compatriots Chapter Genealogist **Ron Peck**, Secretary **Bill Jenks**, Webmaster **Larry Hughes**, and Chaplain **Rev. Dr. Randy Moody** were each presented with the Bronze Henry Knox Medal. Our Registrar, **Chris Jenner**, received the Meritorious Service Medal, as did **Earl Kennedy**. And Chapter President-elect **Rick Parfitt** was recognized with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, presented to him by outgoing President **Jeff Brunelle**.

The service of each of these Compatriots has, together with all of our other Chapter Members, resulted in a Chapter which takes great pride in its dedication to the Mission of the SAR, and committed to succeeding in furthering the goals expressed in the Mission Statement.

Members of our Caloosa Chapter took part in the Fort Myers' Bill of Rights Day Celebration on Dec. 12, 2025. Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Federal Court Bar Association, and the Federal Judges in Fort Myers, the event is held annually on the steps of the Federal Courthouse in downtown Fort Myers for the purpose of publicly and enthusiastically celebrating the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, and encouraging everyone to pause and reflect on how fortunate we are to be Americans! Proudly, and in uniform and accompanied by their muskets (a "first" for our Federal Judiciary), our SAR Color Guard was invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and also to read the Second Amendment to the Constitution to the gathered celebrants.

Flanking the young woman celebrating the US citizenship having just been conferred upon her, and her friend, are (L to R) Jonathan Hunt, Sr. Vice-President FLSSAR; Doug Gibbens, Vice-President SW Region FLSSAR; Jeff Brunelle, President Caloosa Chapter FLSSAR; and Andy Peterson, Member Caloosa Chapter FLSSAR Color Guard



The event began with a Naturalization Ceremony, and included the reading of the Bill of Rights, voter registration, and speeches by a variety of public officials. Of course, in addition to the newly "minted" citizens whose pride was apparent to all as they were being sworn-in, the stars of the proceeding were our uniformed Revolutionary-War Era Sons of the American Revolution representatives who reminded all of the birth of our country and the adoption of the Constitution.

The Mission of the SAR is to honor our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country. What a great opportunity our Compatriots were given to carry out this Mission, and congratulations to them for carrying it out so well. Their participation in the celebration of our Constitution and Bill of Rights and the induction of new citizens will never be forgotten by those in attendance on December 12, 2025. Well done FLSSAR Compatriots!

Our Chapter activities have also included the enthused re-commitment to participation in the annual Americanism Youth Awards, Contests, and Events which are sponsored by the National Society SAR, including the American History Teacher Grant Contest. We have already submitted Chapter entrants to the FLSSAR for the Knight Essay Contest, and Middle and High School level teachers for the

American History Teacher Grant Contest. Our goal for this academic year is to encourage participation in every one of the Youth Award contests, and to submit our Chapter winners to the FLSSAR for the State-level competition.

Central Florida Chapter



We had an outstanding Honor Flight reception on Wednesday, October 29, at the Orlando-Sanford Int'l Airport. Those who attended were Cara Elder, Linda Rinker, Robin Preston, Kathy Markoe, Maria Preston, Andrew Sechler, Phil Markoe, Bill Elder (Daytona-Ormond Chapter), Kelly Crumley (Daytona-Ormond Chapter), Michael Meyer, Harry Rinker, Rob Patton, Gary Smith, Art Bullock, Jane Bullock, and Randal Allen.



There was another strong turnout for the inaugural Orlando Veterans Day Parade in its new location, Lake Nona. Robin Preston, Michael Meyer, Andrew Sechler, Kim Cullars, Gary Smith, Randal Allen, Harry Rinker, and Phil Markoe.



On December 6, members of the CFLSAR color guard presented the colors at the Lakeland DAR Chapter's 100th Anniversary Celebration. L-to-R Randal Allen, Phil Markoe, Harry Rinker, Michael Meyer, Robin Preston.

This year, our chapter members' participation in Wreaths Across America was outstanding. We had representation in no fewer than six cemeteries. Those that we are aware of include: Randal Allen, Art Bullock, Kim Cullars, Donald LaJoie, Rich Lester, Phil Markoe, William Morgan, Rob Patton, Harry Rinker, Andrew Sechler, and John Thompson. Many of the compatriots were joined by wives or other family members, and they also have our thanks. .



On January 5, the Magnificent Seven (aka members of the CFLSAR color guard) presented the colors at the State of Hope Veterans homeless shelter. On this day, the Magnificent Seven consisted of Phil Markoe, Robin Preston, Burt Fairchild, Kim Cullars, Gary Smith, Harry Rinker, and Randal Allen.

Fort Lauderdale Chapter

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution remained active throughout December 2025 and January 2026, proudly supporting patriotic and community events across South Florida.

On December 4, 2025, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard marched in the Pompano Beach Yuletide Parade, joined by members of the Fontenada Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Later in the month, on December 13, Fort Lauderdale SAR members attended the Fontenada DAR Wreaths Across America ceremony, where they had the honor of posting the colors for the opening observance.

The chapter began the new year by hosting the FLSSAR Southeast Regional Meeting on January 10, 2026, at the Outback Steakhouse in Davie, Florida. FLSAR State President Chris Washler addressed the gathering, bringing greetings to compatriots from the Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami Chapters. The following day, January 11, the Fort Lauderdale Color Guard partnered with the Miami Color Guard to post and retire the colors at the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Southeast Division 6 Change of Watch Ceremony.



In addition to its ceremonial activities, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter continued its strong commitment to youth and education programs. As of January 17, 2026, the chapter has submitted Education Outreach entries for the FLSSAR Essay Contest, American History Teacher Contest, and the Eagle Scout Contest, reinforcing its dedication to promoting patriotism and historical education.

Clearwater Chapter

On November 24, 2025 President Dwight McEntire and Chaplain Dr. Bob Cundiff of the Clearwater Chapter appeared on the Kelly Kelly radio show in Clearwater, the TanTalk Radio Network (WTAN). They discussed numerous aspects of the SAR, including purpose, membership, the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, the Liberty Tree Project and the upcoming American Battlefield Trust and DAR Revolutionary War Exhibit. They also talked about interesting aspects of their Patriot ancestors from Virginia and North Carolina. They did a great job promoting the SAR! (L to R: Kelly Kelly, Dr. Bob Cundiff and Dwight McEntire)

In December, members of the Color Guard for the Clearwater and Tampa Chapters participated in the Belleair Christmas Parade with the Caladesi Chapter of the DAR; the Dunedin Christmas parade and the Safety Harbor Christmas parade.



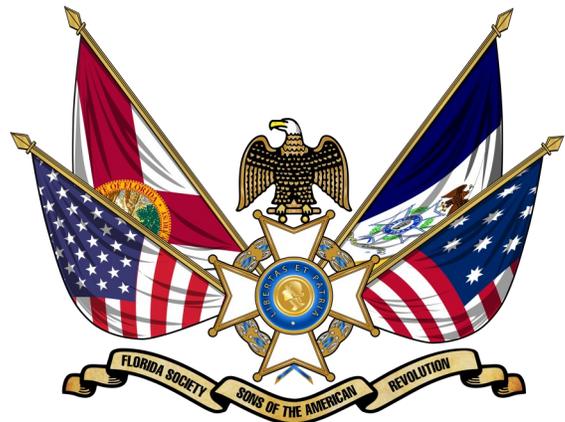
Gainesville Chapter

The Gainesville Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, is excited to share our plans to partner with the City of Newberry in the planting and dedication of a Liberty Tree as part of America250.

At our December chapter meeting, we were honored to welcome Newberry Mayor Tim Marden as our guest speaker. Mayor Marden shared the City's America250 plans and discussed upcoming commemorations, including Battle of Lexington and Concord re-enactments scheduled for April 4, 2026. His presentation highlighted how communities like Newberry are stepping forward to honor the courage, sacrifice, and spirit of our Patriot ancestors.

In colonial times, Liberty Trees stood as living symbols of American Freedom of Speech and Assembly—gathering places where citizens met, organized, and encouraged one another in the cause of liberty. In that same spirit, our chapter is working locally to establish a Liberty Tree in Newberry around July 4, 2026, creating a lasting tribute for future generations. A commemorative stone/plaque is also planned to accompany the tree and explain the historic meaning behind the Liberty Tree tradition.

We look forward to sharing final details as planning progresses, and to welcoming fellow SAR compatriots and community partners to Newberry for this meaningful America250 observance.



Jacksonville Chapter

This year the Jacksonville Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville National Cemetery in which over 23, 000 veterans are interred. As seen herein, the chapter color guard marched in and presented the colors.



Lake City Chapter



On March 21, 2026, the Lake City Chapter along with other local entities will have a Liberty Tree Dedication event. This event will start at 11am at the Heritage Park and Gardens in Live Oak, Florida. We are hoping to get as much positive energy generated for Live Oak, Suwannee County America 250, Heritage Park and Gardens and the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as possible. Please feel free to use both of these as you wish.

Naples Chapter



First Responders Representing Six Agencies standing with Naples Chapter 1st VP Acey Edgemon



Collier County Sheriff Kevin J. Rambosk and Naples Chapter President Philip R. Thieler, COL, USA (Ret.)

On January 8, 2026, the Naples Chapter of the Florida Society SAR held our annual Public Service Awards at the Tiburon Golf Club to honor our First Responders in Collier County, Florida. This corresponds to National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, January 9, 2026.

Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Emergency Medical Services were represented by twenty-three awardees. Medals awarded are as follows: 1 Fire Safety Commendation Medal, 4 Emergency Medicals Services Commendation Medals, 10 Law Enforcement Commendation Medals, 4 Life Saving Medals, and 4 Medals for Heroism.

110 attendees enjoyed a fabulous lunch and fellowship in appreciation to the service and dedication of our men and women here in Collier County. Sheriff Rambosk gave a short summary of the health and wellbeing of our county to close the Public Service Awards Program.

As part of the Naples Chapter outreach program, President Philip R. Thieler provided an America 250 Vignette about the life of Com-patriot Thomas Paine and the impact Thomas Paine's political pamphlet *Common Sense* had in advancing the idea of American independence in the early months of 1776.

Palm Beach Chapter



Compatriots Johnston, Parkinson, Tidwell & Lanman joined by DAR Daughters at the Annual Wreaths Across America, wreath ceremony at the South Florida National Cemetery. Compatriots placed Veteran "Honor Wreaths" at the tombstones of veterans including Compatriot Blackburn.

Palm Beach Chapter is sad to report the untimely passing of Compatriot Richard Linn. The Chapter will conduct a memorial for the former West Palm Beach Mayor & Navy Vetern Linn.



The Chapter continues its focus on supporting NSSAR/FLSSAR Project 250 Anniversary programs presenting 20 Bronze medals & on track for many Silver & Gold medals for Compatriots and DAR Daughters.

As an FVF Ambassador, the Chapter continues supporting Florida Veterans Foundation Gadsden Flag "Don't Tread on Me" Specialty Florida License Plate, [fundraising program.](#)

"Service before Self", 2026 Officers include; President T K Krumenacker, Vice President William Garrison, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Historian, Donald Lanman, Registrar, Robert Boggs, Chaplain, Reeve Bright, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Chapter Genealogist, Robert Boggs.



Panama City Chapter



Saturday, December 13, 2025, Wreaths Across America Bay County Florida WAABC (FL0497), at Millville Cemetery, Millville, Panama City, Bay County, Florida with the FLSSAR Panama City-SAR Chapter, NSDAR St. Andrews Bay Chapter and North Bay Haven Sea Cadets. U.S. Navy, USNSSC, (Ship to Shore Connector).



Photo From Left to Right: Jim Haynes, Kim Kilgore, Jan Williams, Kimberly McCormack, Martha McCormack, Dianna Williams, Sandra Scott, DeCody Brad Marble, Erin Hollern Pickard, Regent Caroline Rivoire Windham, Jo Haynes, Pamm Henderson, Denise Beach and President Benny Raffield.



St. Lucie River Chapter



The St Lucie River Chapter , Presented St Lucie County Sheriff Richard DelToro Jr. the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at our January 10th Meeting, Sheriff Del toro is new to being Sheriff, but he is a long time resident and has spent over 25 years as an officer in the Port St Lucie Police Force and rising to being its Chief of Police before retiring. We were delighted to honor Sheriff Del Toro and hope that he continues the tradition of excellence with the St Lucie County Sheriff’s Office From Left to right Tim Winant, Pres. Sherwin Bostick, Sheriff Richard Del-Toro, Roger Sherman and Hall Riediger.

St. Augustine Chapter



On October 17, 2025 Peter Foster was placed in nomination for enshrinement into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame was chartered By the U.S. Congress in 1964. Of the millions of people who work or have worked in the Aviation and Aerospace industries only 400 have achieved nomination for enshrinement and of those 400 only 270 have been enshrined. The SAR has one member who has been enshrined that would be Charles Duke who was on apollo 16 as the lunar module pilot. Peter Foster is hoping to be the second SAR



member enshrined. His nomination is somewhat historic because he is not only a world record pilot, but also a world record athlete.

Per David Watts (Color Guard Commander, Gone but not forgotten. My youngest brother died in a car accident 45 years ago. A few months before high school graduation, he was a passenger in the car. A good student and athlete, he was granted delayed entry to the Marine Corps upon graduation, but it never happened. Very few days pass that I don't think about him. I am so glad that The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) offers a Memorial Membership that he and my older brother Mike were eligible for through my membership, having proven an ancestor in the Revolutionary War. I can't help but think that if he knew, he would be proud.

St. Petersburg Chapter

Three Presidents of local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Dwight McEntire of Clearwater Chapter, Roger Roscoe of Tampa Chapter, and Harry Fuller of Saint Petersburg Chapter, represented their respective chapters at the Constitution Day celebration at the Old School House preservation site at the University of Tampa. Each local Sons of the American Revolution chapter donated \$500 to the DeSoto Chapter DAR for renovations for the Old School House. Each SAR Chapter was presented a Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Committee Certificate of Award and Medal.



At our September 20, 2025 meeting, our guest speaker was Past Chapter President and Retired General Brett McMullen, who spoke about his family military history dating back to the Revolutionary War. Also, Stacy Gerardo from the Saint Petersburg DAR Chapter and her daughter Julianne provided an update about the James McMullen Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution located in Saint Petersburg. The James McMullen Chapter is named after Brett's ancestor that fought in the Revolutionary War.

At our October 18, 2025 meeting, our guest speaker was Saint Petersburg City Council Councilman Corey Givens Jr. who spoke about local cemetery preservation efforts. At our November 15, 2025 meeting, Chapter Vice President Hardy Bryan speak to us about several of his experiences in the Vietnam War.

At our December 13, 2025 meeting, our guest speaker was Jeffrey Neben, Concierge and Docent at The Vinoy Resort & Golf Club, who spoke about the history of the resort located in Saint Petersburg.

Tallahassee Chapter

On January 19, 2026, members of our Color Guard, including myself and Compatriot Lee Norris, had an SAR informational table at the Crawfordville FL, Arbor Day celebration. We were joined by Kelly Rentz of the Fort San Luis Chapter NSDAR, and Compatriot Shawn Cloud.

Our outfits and flags attracted many to our table, and we met over half a dozen potential member leads who also



showed interest in attending our upcoming George Washington Birthday Luncheon. We exchanged contact information with them all. We also raised \$5.00 in donations by selling pocket copies of the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution.

In addition, we met one of Ansel Ferrell's grandsons. Ansel Ferrell is the only known Revolutionary War veteran buried in Leon County. Back in 2017, our chapter honored this Patriot Ancestor with a Grave marking ceremony. We informed his Grandson that for the 250th anniversary of America, our chapter would like to return to their family cemetery to honor Ansel Ferrell, this time with a wreath-laying ceremony. He expressed much gratitude for the sentiment and gave me his sister's contact for arranging such an event.

Overall, it was a great success, making our chapter more publicly visible and getting some potential member leads, including a grandson of a local Patriot Ancestor.

On January 24, 2026, the Tallahassee Chapter SAR Color Guard mustered our largest contingent of Color Guardsmen for the Sauls-Bridges American Legion flag retirement ceremony.

Tampa Chapter



The Tampa Chapter has been very busy this fall and throughout the holiday and into 2026. We have an exciting year planned and are looking forward to celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

I want to thank Compatriot Mark Barie who presented his insightful information on the mysterious explosion of the USS Maine at our October meeting. His books to purchase are available at www.markbarie.com. We also recognized numerous local law enforcement officers for their service to our local communities to include 2 SAR Life-Saving medals and a SAR Heroism Medal. During that meeting as well we were honored to have one of our dual members and past PG Bruce Pickette present to assist with our inductions at that meeting.

Father Kevin Yarnell of St. Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin (Tampa Chapter Member) was extremely grateful & happy for all the food donations that you were able to bring at the October & November meetings that helped supply the church's food pantry for the needy.

Our November 8th speaker was Mr. Tom McMillan who Zoomed from Pittsburgh, PA. He is the author of five books; he discussed his latest release, *The Year that Made America*. www.authortommcmillan.com.

January 10th, Mr. Kent Gallamore, a former reenactor and historian, did an outstanding briefing on the Battle of Cowpens, SC, January 17, 1781.

Here is the list of our upcoming speakers for the next few months:

February 14th: Mr. Tom Hand, author of several books. He will be virtual. Please visit his website at www.americancorner.com

March 14th: Mr. Andrew Och, author of several books, he will be discussing the roles of the First Ladies of the United States. He will be virtual from Washington, D.C. Please visit his website at www.firstladiesman.com

April 11th: Mr. Richard Sanchez, author of several books, will be speaking at our meeting on Tampa Bay local history focusing on Egmont Key

May 9th: Ms. Sarah Botstein is an American documentary film producer. She has worked with Ken Burns and directed the six-part PBS miniseries *The American Revolution* that was released November 2025. She will be discussing the series virtually.

In 2025, we had 16 new members, 4 new dual/transfers, 12 new applications, and regrettably 1 current member pass away.

One of our newest members, Nicholas Trusewitsch, while in poor health and confined to a hospital bed, wanted so much to join the SAR through the Tampa Chapter for some time. His sister Beth was able to help make his wishes come true by working with Dick & Lisette Young for several months. As a member of our chapter and the current West Central Regional Vice-President, Dick Young inducted him, while Compatriot Walter Oswald was also in attendance at his induction ceremony at his hospital bedside. Compatriot Trusewitsch gave a huge smile & thumbs up after his swearing in.

The Tampa Chapter would like to extend a huge thank you to 1st VP. Will Wagner-Hart & Bill Hart (chapter photographer) hosting a holiday party at their home/ranch in December.

Our Chapter Color Guard along with some of our members attended again this year's Wreaths Across America ceremony at the American Legion Post #5 on Kennedy Blvd in Tampa. They also attend again the DeSoto DAR Christmas luncheon presenting the colors at both.

Compatriot Terry Doan is our chapter flag committee chairman. We presented the SAR Flag certificate & our chapter coin to the community organization the Tampa Rough Riders. The Rough Riders were formed to commemorate the memory and values of Theodore "Teddy Roosevelt" and his famous regiment "The Rough Riders" through civic actions, patriotic activities, public service and fellowship events. Historically, The Rough Riders were an important part of America's and Tampa's contribution to the Spanish American War in 1898. Today they contribute to a wide variety of charitable and civic events.

We have started having our meetings available virtually as well, starting with our January 2026 meeting. This was done for our homebound and non-local members. We had several takers on this and they were appreciative to be included.

Dick Young, our West Central Regional Vice President will be holding a SAR Chapter President's meeting on Saturday, January 31st at 1:00pm at the Arthenia Joyner Community Library. This meeting is open to everyone and will have a virtual connection. We had a Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony take place on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Dick Young has been the Commander since 2013. He was thanked for his outstanding and distinguished service and presented with a commendative Besty Ross Flag & Certificate. The chapter color guard Vice Commander & 1st Vice President Will Wagner-Hart was appointed by President Roger Roscoe to take over command.

We also had 2 new inductees; war/military service awards; a couple Henry Knox Achievement Medals for outstanding service; and Distinguished Service Medal recipient for maintaining & servicing several aspects of the chapter's functioning; and another 250th Anniversary Gold Medal awardee.

Our 2nd Vice-President Joe Dato is the Chapter 250th Liberty Tree Chairman. We are planning to do a dedication ceremony by the end of 2026. The Tampa Chapter is actively raising funds.

Our Chapter has been invited to attend several 2026 Naturalization Ceremonies. There will be 60 new citizens getting sworn in at the morning and afternoon ceremonies. We are looking for volunteers to attend to welcome and congratulate the newest United States citizens (July 17, August 28, October 23, November 6, December 18). Our Chapter is starting an official Mentorship program this year. The Chairman is our Chaplain Walter Oswald. He is recruiting members to become mentors. We are excited to fully develop this program.

Our Chapter is planning again a "Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs. We will be doing a tour on the USS American Victory; attending the American 250 Ball sponsored by the DeSoto Chapter DAR; and coordinating with the Echebucassassa Chapter DAR for more America 250 Events.



Withlacoochee, Chapter

The Withlacoochee chapter has been very busy over the past few months. The George Washington War Tent Traveling Exhibit/Museum is continuing to make inroads into our target audiences. The tent was presented at Liberty Park, Inverness Florida on Veterans Day while the Withlacoochee color guard lead the Veterans Day parade. The tent presentation was part of a multi-organization celebration to honor the veterans. Thanks to the outstanding Citrus County Veterans Organization for the invitation and for their support.

The next day, the GW Tent exhibit was set up again at the first of three schools we appeared before from November to December, reaching over 900 students of

multiple grades within just one month. First up was the Wider Horizons private school in Spring Hill, FL where we presented the tent outside, while educational lectures were engaging students inside. Jim Griffith and Jonathan Hunt brought Revolutionary Rarities to the venue and conducted a mock trivia game show revolving around Revolutionary War facts. They also interviewed and filmed students in the colonial dress of their chosen Patriot from a Revolutionary era biography fair held a few weeks earlier. Each recited their winning oration from the school competition. Former National Historian General Bill Stone also shared his presentations on the 'First Four Flags', the Barnabus Webb powder horn, and the 'Wooden Sword' of the Lewis & Clark expedition. The students were also visited by George and Martha Washington (Compatriot Bill Elder and wife Cara), who met with students both inside the school and outside, in the tent, among the exhibits. The students were cycled through visits to the George Washington tent in groups of ten to fifteen and had many intelligent questions for the Withlacoochee uniformed guides. Historical Interpreter Ms. Dee Collier also engaged the students in her character as Deborah Sampson, the only female to fight in the Revolution, while masquerading as a regimental male soldier, and to be paid as such until finally discovered. Many thanks to Dr. Domenick Maglio and wife Julie Maglio, the owners of Wider Horizons, and parents of Withlacoochee Compatriot Rocco Maglio for their excellent welcome and for an entire day of well-run activities.

Withlacoochee next brought the GW War Tent traveling exhibit to two public middle schools - Lecanto Middle School in Lecanto, Florida and the Crystal River Middle School in Crystal River, Florida. The students had essentially the same programs delivered to groups inside and outside the buildings, in both large lecture groups and small groups touring the tent interior exhibits. Lecanto was significant in that the tent was set up inside the gymnasium for the first indoor display of the tent. Bill Stone and Bill and Cara Elder also repeated their appearances. We're grateful to Citrus County Schools Supervisor of Instructional Material, Dr. Alan Balk, for inviting us into their programs and also grateful to Compatriots Nelson Peters and John Longacre for the extensive, ongoing engagement with Citrus County Schools, and for their work with David Hitchcock and the rest of the tent team.

Withlacoochee also engaged the Community in multiple additional events, including our participation in the DAR's Annual 'Bells Across America'. Bells Across America was a Winding Waters DAR event, and included DAR and Withlacoochee SAR members in colonial garb as well as dignitaries from county and state. A state declaration from Governor Ron DeSantis honoring Constitution Week was read by his representative. There were multiple additional moving presentations and speeches including our President Steve Hohman presenting the 'First Four Flags' and Barnabus Webb powderhorn.

The Withlacoochee, Thomas Jefferson Camp II Color Guard was also invited to lead the collection of color guards from regional organizations at the 'Massing of the Colors' held at the Seven Rivers Church at Lecanto, Florida. The event honored all veterans and service branches, but was specifically dedicated to memorialize Navy Seal LCDR Terry H Sullivan whose service extended from active duty through his retirement. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars with combat V, two Navy Commendation medals with combat V, and the Navy/Marine Corps Medal, along with multiple other personal and campaign awards. The musical tribute program was presented by the Nature Coast Community Band led by Director Kathy Thompson. Our Color Guard led both the opening and closing processions (Nelson Peters, Steve Burke, Tom Bowen, John Longacre), flying the American flag,

our SAR unit flag, The Gadsden Flag, and the SAR 250th Anniversary Flag.

Withlacoochee was also represented at the Celebration of a new Historic Marker at the Chinsegut Hill Manor and retreat in Brooksville, FL where we hold our monthly members' meetings. The marker commemorated the historical significance of the manor house and site to the history of the region. Many Hernando County dignitaries appeared including U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis, and Hernando County School Board member and Withlacoochee 1st Vice President Mark Johnson. Chinsegut was the historical home of the family of our Compatriots Ralph Eugene Bell, and Brooksville, FL Mayor Blake Bell. Mayor Bell addressed the groups and led the rest of the program. Congressman Bilirakis spoke to honor the event and its significance to Hernando County and to Florida's history.

Congressman Bilirakis also joined Withlacoochee members at our first annual Military Ball to honor our veterans. This event was opened by the Withlacoochee, Thomas Jefferson Camp II, Color Guard. The public was invited to a terrific repast and were encouraged to appear in uniform - either military service or colonial garb. Florida SAR President Chris Washler and his wife even made the trek from their home in Pensacola. Chris appeared in regimental uniform and addressed the gathering emphasizing events such as this and the engagement of chapters like Withlacoochee. Withlacoochee chapter members also had the option of service dress or colonial uniform and appeared in their choice. Thanks to all who attended this very successful fund-raiser for our chapter, to our sponsors, and to Mark Johnson for arranging it all.

Florida President Chris Washler honored us again at our November members' meeting along with Florida Past President Jim Gaskins to assist with, and to present, some of the many medals and certificates presented at the meeting. In addition to many military and SAR service awards (see the Withlacoochee Newsletter for Nov-Dec), our President Steve Hohman was awarded the Silver Henry Knox Medal by Chris Washler, and accepted the Meek Award from Florida Past President Jim Gaskins. Former Registrar John Thomas (Tom) Hellem was also awarded the Liberty Medal for his extensive service as Withlacoochee chapter's Registrar. Chris Washler also presented Withlacoochee Past President David Hitchcock with a Silver Henry Knox Medal for his efforts in Educational Outreach including his leadership in establishing and executing the George Washington War Tent Traveling Exhibit. Dave Hitchcock presented Bronze Henry Knox Medals to multiple Withlacoochee members of his team as well as Certificates of Appreciation to other members and 'civilians' Richard Whitford and wife Sherry Alder-Whitford for their contributions to the tent project. Compatriots William Teater and Jimmie Barnes were recognized among the service awards for 20 years of membership and service to the SAR.

In December, Withlacoochee joined the DAR at the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home at Land-O-Lakes, Florida. This event honors veterans without families. Members of the Withlacoochee chapter 'adopt' a resident from a list and fill their Christmas wish lists with the gifts requested, that often include such simple items as socks, pajamas, body wash, electric razors, etc. SAR and DAR attendees joined in leading a Karaoke-style Christmas sing-a-long to entertain the veterans and then assisted them in opening their Christmas gifts (many are confined to wheelchairs). This was our 20th year of involvement with the Baldomero Lopez Home and we've made innumerable donations over the years to their celebrations and general enjoyment (including Flat screen TVs, razors, DVD players, etc.) Earlier in the Fall, Compatriot David Hitchcock

delivered 60 pumpkins to the Home for use by the veterans in a pumpkin-carving competition for Halloween. This was Dave's third year doing this and we thank him for his efforts. Special thanks also to Compatriot Bill Teater who coordinates all of our interactions with the Veterans home including the annual Christmas event, and also manages our annual Stark Report submission.



The Murder of Jane McCrea

By Mark Barie

A recently published book, (*"The Killing of Jane McCrea"*, by Paul Staiti), has generated renewed interest in a true story which once mesmerized our patriot ancestors.

Jane McCrea was a loyalist citizen of Upstate New York, engaged to British Lieutenant David Jones. At the time, July of 1777, Jones served under British General John Burgoyne. Burgoyne, traveling south from British controlled Canada, was on a mission to separate upstate New York from the lower colonies. Along the way, he enlisted the aid of hundreds of North American Indians to terrorize the local citizenry.

Although loyalist residents in the area had been told to flee to Albany, Jane stayed behind, presumably to be nearer her fiancé. While staying at a friend's house, she received a letter from David announcing that he had dispatched a small band of Indian scouts, who would safely escort her to the British encampment.

On the morning of July 27, 1777, allegedly dressed in wedding attire, Jane rode her horse to a nearby hill where she intended to rendezvous with the Indian escort. She never arrived. A group of marauding Indians found her first. An eyewitness claims they shot and then proceeded to scalp the woman. Her grisly death was not immediate. The Indians, ironically allied with the British, neither knew nor cared if the beautiful woman was a Loyalist or a Patriot. They scalped her for the money.

News of the senseless murder spread like wildfire. The locals were angered, aroused, and hell-bent on revenge. It didn't matter that the woman was a Loyalist. She was an innocent victim. Historians disagree as to whether the incident became a key factor in the unexpectedly stiff resistance that Burgoyne's troops encountered at both Bennington, Vermont and later, at Saratoga, New York. He would suffer unexpected defeats in both battles. Her would-be lover found his fiancée's body under a huge pine tree. He resigned his post with the British army, moved to Canada, and mourned the woman's loss until the day he died, some twenty years later. Jane McCrea's remains can be found at the Fort Edward and Sandy Hill Union Cemetery, situated in between the two upstate New York communities.

Few people know about McCrea or her hideous murder. But in the hearts and minds of those Patriots who were ear-witnesses to her death, Jane McCrea was a hero, whose death led to victory in the American Revolutionary War. Editor's Note: *Mark Barie is the FLSSAR Genealogist and the award-winning author of five historical romance novels on America's earliest wars. He can be reached at: authormarkbarie@gmail.com*



FLSSAR Youth Contests At-A-Glance 2025-2026

Contests	Educational Levels	FLSSAR Deadlines	Award Amounts
Poster	Grades 3, 4, 5	May 1, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50
Brochure	Grades 6, 7, 8	May 1, 2026	\$200, \$100, \$50
Youth Video Contest	Grades 6-12	February 1, 2026	\$500, \$300, \$200
Oration	Grades 9-12	March 31, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Essay	Grades 9-12	December 31, 2025	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Enhanced JROTC	Grade 11	March 31, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
Eagle Scout	Below Age 19	January 15, 2026	\$1000, \$500, \$250
History Teacher	Grades 6-12	January 10, 2026	\$750, \$750

***Please direct contest questions to the corresponding committee chairmen or email Kevin Shurte at kevinshurte2009@comcast.net



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 21, 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

Or Mail to:

Brevard SAR

1535 Skyline Dr., Kissimmee, FL 34744-6687



*243rd Commemoration of
The Last Naval Battle of
the Revolutionary War*

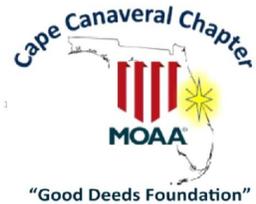


**Saturday, March 21, 2026
Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL
1000-1100 a.m.**

Event will include a Parade, Music, Speakers and Naval Ceremonial Salute



*America's
Semiquincentennial*



**249th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek and 250th National
Saturday 10:00 AM, March 28, 2026 in Jacksonville, Florida***

Please join us as we commemorate the 249th Anniversary the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War) and our Great Nation's 250th Anniversary. The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).



We will have a social and orientation dinner meeting Friday evening at 5:30PM on March 27th at the Long Horn Steak House, 1366 Airport Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218, which is in the same complex as the Hampton Inn and the Marriott, SpringHill Suites, as well as a number of other hotels in the area. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are honored to have as our speaker SAR St. Augustine Past Chapter President Dr. Bob Amason, who is an award winning prolific historical author, especially on the Southern Revolutionary War Period. Again we are honored to have our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" who have performed for various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General and Past FLSSAR President Matt Mathews who will be bringing greetings from our SAR National Society. We are also honored to have our FLSSAR President Chris Washler and again Florida DAR State Regent Kim Zeman bringing greetings, To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2026 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; DavidRamseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

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#** _____

**The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Invites your group to the
2026 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration
and Galvez Day Celebration**



Friday May 8, 2026

On May 8, 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. This year, we also expect members of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez to join us in the procession as they will be holding their convention in Pensacola.

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.

Tentative 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 – 2:00 pm – Luncheon at Pensacola Yacht Club (RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – details to follow)
- 2:30 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

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 8th 9:30 Central – Muster starts at 08:30)

_____ Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 8th at 2:30 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to battle@pensacolasar.org or mail to: Pensacola SAR
c/o Chris Washler 3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503



THE FIRST AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BY THE
CONTINENTAL MARINES
March 2-3, 1776



Dedication of the First Amphibious Assault Memorial
Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Pompano Beach, FL

Join us in honoring the 250th Anniversary of the First Amphibious Assault by the Continental Marines as we proudly dedicate the first and only monument in the United States commemorating the military operation that helped define the legacy of the United States Marine Corps.

Ceremony Location:

Fisher Family Pier
222 N. Pompano Beach Blvd
Pompano Beach, Florida

Color Guard Unit or group marching in procession (please RSVP by January 31, 2026)

Group/Unit name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ How many people in the group _____

Wreath Presentation. Due to limited space during the monument dedication ceremony, the Wreath Presentation will be by invitation only.

Streamers. Streamers will be given to all SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. chapters that have personnel present at the dedication in colonial uniform or dress.

Hotels. Reduced room rates for the event are available at four hotels near the Fisher Family Pier. The link to the hotels is

<https://www.visitpompanobeach.com/sons-of-the-american-revolution/>

Banquet. A Dedication Ceremony Banquet will be held on the evening of the dedication. More information about the banquet, including the banquet registration form, will be released soon.

EMAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

rlpreston0306@gmail.com

OR

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO:

Robin Preston
8691 Bayview Crossing Dr.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Chapter Meeting Locations

Chapter	Meeting Location	Monthly Meeting Day	Months Not Meeting
Brevard	The At-Ease Club at the Indian River Colony Club 1936 Freedom Dr, Melbourne, FL 32940	3rd Sat., 11:00 AM	July & August
Caloosa	Famous Dave's BBQ 12148 S Cleveland Ave, Ft Myers, FL 33907	2nd Tues. 11:45 AM	June - August
Central Florida	Winter Park Elk's Club - 4755 Howell Branch Rd, Winter Park, FL 32792	2nd Sat. (Typically)	June - August
Charlotte	American Legion Post #110 3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952	2nd Fri., 11:30am	June - September
Clearwater	Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Boulevard Dunedin, FL 34698	3rd Wed, 11:30 AM	June - August
Daytona-Ormond	Varies	varies	
Emerald Coast	Faith Independent Baptist Church, 1309 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville, FL 32578	2nd Sat., 8am	
Flagler	Palm Coast Library - 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137	3rd Wed., 1pm	
Ft Lauderdale	Outback Steakhouse, 2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL	3rd Sat., 11:30 a.m.	August & December
Gainesville	Mi Apá Latin Café 14209 W Newberry Rd Suite B, Newberry, FL 32669	3rd Tues., 5:30 PM	June - August
Highlands	Dee's Restaurant, 138 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring Florida 33870	3rd Sat., 11:30 am	June - August
Jacksonville	Holiday Inn & Suites, 620 Wells Rd, Orange Park, FL	3rd Tues.	June - August
Lake City	Ole Times Country Buffet, Lake City Mall	2nd Monday 6pm	June - August
Lakeland	Cleveland Heights Golf Club, 2900 Buckingham Ave, Lakeland, FL	3rd Sat., 11:30am	June - August
Lake-Sumter	John Gella Memorial American Legion Post 219, Fruitland Park, FL	1st Sat., 11am	July - September
Miami	American Legion Post 98, 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33134	3rd Sat., noon	
Naples	Tiburón Golf Club 2620 Tiburón Drive Naples, FL 34109	2nd Thurs., noon	June - September
Ocala	Ocala Elk's Club - 702 NE 25th Ave, Ocala, FL 34470	3rd Wed., 11:30am	
Okeechobee	Brown Cow Sweetery, 103 SW Park St, Okeechobee, FL 34974	2nd Sat.	
Palm Beach	Embassy Suites Hotel, 1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL	3rd Tues.,noon (Typically)	June - September
Panama City	Sonny's BBQ Restaurant at 2240 S. Hwy. 77, Lynn Haven, FL	4th Tues., 05:30 PM CST	
Pensacola	Calverts in the Heights, 670 Scenic Hwy, Pensacola, FL	3rd Mon., 5:00 PM CST	
Sarasota	Der Dutchman Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL 34232-2409	2nd Sat., 11:45am	June - September
South Shore	The Plaza Club at 3932 Upper Creek Drive, Sun City Center, FL	2nd Sat., 11:30 AM	
St Augustine	Chapman Community Education & Conference Center	2nd Sat., 2:00 pm	June - August
St Lucie River	Port St Lucie, FL	2st Sat, 11:00 AM - 1 PM	June - September
St Petersburg	St Petersburg Yacht Club; Quarterdeck Room; 11 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33701	3rd Sat, 9am - 11am	June - August
Tallahassee	Sauls-Bridges Post 13 229 Lake Ella Drive Tallahassee, FL 32303	3rd Sun.,6 pm	
Tampa	Arthenia Joyner Community Library, 13619 N 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33613	2nd Sat., 11:30am	June - August
The Villages	Captiva Recreation Center, the Village of Sanibel, 658 Pinellas Place The Villages, FL 32163	2nd Sat., 10AM to Noon	
William Dunaway	Jim's Buffet and Grill, 4329 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL	2nd Thurs., 6:00pm	
Withla-	22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601	2nd Sat., 10:30 AM	June - August