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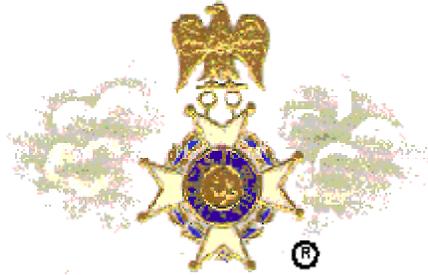
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Introduction

The FLSSAR Procedures Manual and Handbook is designed to provide important information on the structure and operation of the Florida Society SAR and local chapters.

Rules and regulations change from time to time and these directives will come from the State and National Societies between publications or updates of this manual. They will be filtered to the chapters through correspondence, publications and other means. The FLSSAR's quarterly newsletter, *The Florida Patriot* is a valuable tool for keeping abreast of rules and current happenings.

In order for this reference guide to be useful, all members must be aware of its existence. Each chapter in the FLSSAR should have its own copy for ready reference by the chapter president and secretary, and it should be a resource to all its members. In that regard we would like to encourage all new chapter officers to review Volume 2 sections 1.0 and 4.0 for some general guidelines/responsibilities of the various officers. Special attention should be made to that very important position of Chapter Secretary, particularly as it relates to his reporting responsibilities.

The structure of the Procedures Manual and Handbook is divided into three parts: Volume 1 is for topics mainly concerning the Florida State Society organization; Volume 2 is for topics mainly concerning chapter organization; and Volume 3 is used to provide information on topics not covered in Volumes 1 and 2: C.A.R., Awards & Medals, and media presentations among other topics.

Although, a team of compatriots has proofed it, you will find errors. Report any errors and they will be corrected during subsequent updates. There are no copyright infringements here. Copy what you need and copy at will.

It is hoped that this document will be both an excellent educational and reference tool.

Respectfully submitted,
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2008-2009 Procedures Manual Committee Chairman

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Volume 3 Handbook

1.0 SAR Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Pledge to the SAR

We, the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.

2.0 United States Flag Protocol

It is the universal custom to display the Flag only from sunrise to sunset on stationary flag staffs in the open. The Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The Flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right, that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of the line.

The Flag should not be displayed on a float in parade except from a staff.

No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the Flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy.

The Flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag. The Flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the Flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the Flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.

When used on a speaker's platform, the Flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the Flag of the United States should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

The Flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as a covering for a statue or monument.

The Flag when flown at half-staff should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The Flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day, the Flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.

When the Flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The Flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

2.1 Respect For The Flag

No disrespect should be shown to the Flag of the United States of America; the Flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, state flags, and organizational or institutional flags are to be dipped as mark of honor.

The Flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of the dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

The Flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

The Flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

Bunting of blue, white and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping in front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

The Flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. When left raised at night, it should have a light on the Flag and staff.

No part of the Flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, fireman, and members of patriotic organizations. The Flag represents a living country and it should be considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel Flag being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

When a Flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferable by burning.

2.2 Hoisting, Lowering Or Passing Of The Flag

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Flag, or when the Flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the Flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the Flag in moving column should be rendered at the moment the Flag passes.

3.0 Children of the American Revolution (CAR)

3.1 How To Organize A C.A.R. Society

WHO MAY ORGANIZE A C.A.R. SOCIETY?

Any DAR, SAR or SR Chapter who wishes to sponsor a Society and accept the responsibility for leadership, moral support and financial support.

WHO MAY BE AN ORGANIZING PRESIDENT?

Any DAR, SAR, or SR in good standing willing to accept the responsibility of the position or Organizing President of a Society.

ORGANIZING PROCEDURE:

The DAR Regent or FLSSAR Chapter President wishing to sponsor a Society submits in writing the name and address of a person willing to serve as Organizing President of the new Society to the Senior State President of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). (Note: The Organizing President need not be a member of the sponsoring chapter - he/she simply needs to be a member in good standing.)

The senior State President will submit this name to the Senior National Board of Management for confirmation.

Following confirmation of the Organizing President, a Notice of Confirmation is sent by N.S.C.A.R. to the Organizing President along with an Organization Kit.

During this period between submission of the Organizing President for confirmation and the notification of confirmation, the Organizing President and members of the sponsoring chapter can begin the work of organizing. Canvas the area for members, and as soon as possible start selecting a name for the Society.

THE NAME OF A SOCIETY:

Select 2, 3 or even 4 names for the Society. By doing this your choice for a name will be selected out of those submitted. List the names in order of your choice. List the names with a short history of the names chosen, with a reference notation, and send to the Senior Organizing Secretary, N.S.C.A.R., National Headquarters, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20066

The names MUST be for historical persons, places or events prior to 1825, in America.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PAPERS:

Membership applications papers are submitted to N.S.C.A.R. before official organization of the Society. Membership applications papers along with the necessary fees and dues are sent in as applications from an Organizing Society.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS NECESSARY TO ORGANIZE:

The new Society is ready for organizing when it has at least SIX (6) new members accepted by N.S.C.A.R. and has received confirmation of the Society name for N.S.C.A.R. Any members at large who have never been affiliated with a local Society shall be considered "new" members and can be included in your membership.

PRE-ORGANIZING MEETINGS:

You can hold pre-organizing meetings to plan and work on application papers. You MUST NOT call the meetings the ORGANIZATION MEETING until you have six new members accepted by the N.S.C.A.R. and you have been informed. These new members are called CHARTER members of the new Society. The Society holds a local meeting where the Society is officially organized and the officers are installed. The election or appointment of officers takes place at the Organizational Meeting.

AFTER ORGANIZING:

After the organizational meeting the Senior Organizing President fills out the REPORT OF ORGANIZATION in duplicate and sends both copies to the Senior National Organizing Secretary at National Headquarters. An Organization card is completed and sent to the Senior State President. The Society is NOT OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED until the confirmation is received by the Society from National Headquarters. In the Origination Kit is a Report of Organization and card for the Senior State President. YOU should plan to have the next meeting within the month.

HOW MANY MEETINGS A YEAR ARE NECESSARY?

Plan to have at least SIX (6) meetings a year. A Society with a meeting a month is a more active and lively Society.

ORGANIZING PRESIDENT'S TERM AND FEE:

Upon appointment as Organizing President a fee of \$10.00 is payable to the Senior National Treasurer, N.S.C.A.R. to apply for the calendar year in which appointment and annually thereafter on January 1 until the Society is organized.

The Term of office is one year from appointment with one year re-appointment possible if organization is not completed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-one is eligible for membership in the National Society Children of the American Revolution who is linearly descended from a soldier, sailor, civil officer or recognized patriot of the American Revolution.

APPLICATION BLANKS (long only) are obtained from the Senior National Treasurer. The cost is \$.30 per set short form and \$.50 per set long form pre-paid.

Each applicant for membership pays to the Senior National Treasurer an entrance fee of \$10.00 and one year's dues of \$8.00, a total of \$18.00. This Amount is to accompany the application. However, when two or more children of the same parents apply for membership on the SAME IDENTICAL LINE at the SAME TIME, the entrance fee is reduced to \$4.00 each. Dues remain the same \$8.00 each. An additional \$8.00 submitted at the time of application will give a subscription to the National Magazine - one subscription per family.

NATIONAL HANDBOOK:

It is necessary for each Senior Society President to have the National Handbook. These are secured from your Senior State President or from National headquarters for \$3.00 each. The National By-laws are also secured from these two sources for \$1.00.

ONE copy of the member's application papers are returned to the Senior Society President to be kept permanently in the local Society files.

HELPFUL HINTS:

Appoint at least two (2) members of your Society to help you as Senior Leaders to assist in preparing application papers and planning Society events.

KEEP IN TOUCH with your Senior State President. He/She is there to help you. DO NOT WAIT for the official organization or acceptance of applications to get together. You can create interest by having get togethers and get to know each other. You could have suggestions as to trips to historic places, or types of get togethers you would like to have. KEEP EXTRA SETS of application papers on hand for any new prospective members.

SUBMITTING APPLICATION PAPERS:

Remember for new applicants submit papers to National in time for the Senior National Board of Management Meetings. They meet in June, October, December and April. Have new applications in to National one month before the Board meets.

SEND: All correspondence to the appropriate National Officer in care of national headquarters, 1776 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20066

MOST of all have fun with the young people with whom you will be working. They are a GREAT group of young people and worth our efforts. They are OUR FUTURE!!

INVITATIONS:

You could send out special invitations to prospective members about becoming a Charter member or later to become a member. Make it seem, which it is, IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL to become a member of this organization.

Invitations can be secured from your Senior State President, or your Senior Organizing Secretary. INVITE to your organizational meeting parents, all nearby C.A.R. Societies, DAR, SAR, SR Chapters near by,

any State and Senior State Officers, any town officials you wish and which would help make the occasion important to the young people.

CHARTERS:

It is not necessary for a Society to have a Charter. They are costly, around \$60.00, so most Societies do not have one.

3.1.1 How individuals or Chapters can support CAR Societies

1. Provide senior leaders for a local society or the state society.
 2. Provide new members (children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews).
 3. Provide speakers or programs for one or more CAR societies.
 4. Invite CAR societies to join your chapter for programs or activities.
 5. Contribute to the State Project.
 6. Help societies attain State Standard of Excellence by doing one of the following:
 - a. Be a State Patriot-\$5-get a subscription to CAR Orange Blossom, the State newsletter. (Each society needs six each year.) A trophy is given to the society credited with the most State Patriots and another is given for the most SAR State Patriots.
 - b. Buy Florida Honor Pins for \$10. (Each society needs at least one of these.) A trophy is given to the society credited with the most Honor Pins purchased.
 - c. Have your name or honor someone else with a brass plaque on the FSCAR Honor Board-\$10. (Each society needs at least one of these.) A trophy is given to the society with the most plaques purchased.
 7. Help a society to win the National Merit Award by doing the following:
 - a. Buy an Archival Preservation Spoon-\$200
 - b. Buy a Centennial Pin-\$100
 - c. Buy an Endowment Fund Pin-\$100
 - d. Buy a Liberty Fund Pin-\$100
 - e. Become a Life Promoter-\$100-receive a lifetime subscription to the CAR magazine
 - f. Buy a Magazine Fund Pin-\$100
 - g. Buy a Magazine Donor Medallion-\$1000
 - h. Buy a Miniature Bronze Eagle-\$400
- Become a Museum Major Benefactor-\$1000

3.2 Suggested Program For Organizing Ceremony

Front cover of program - Insignia at the top

**Organizing Ceremony
Of the
Name of the new Society
City, State
Date, time and place
Name of Sponsoring Organization**

Inside cover

Program

Procession - (color bearers, pages, those taking part in program, charter members)

Call to Order - Organizing President

Invocation - CAR State Chaplain or local Minister

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - The Assemblage

The National Anthem - Lead by CAR State National Heritage Chairman

American's Creed - Led by a CAR State Officer

CAR Creed - Led by a CAR state Officer (Creed should be printed in program)

Welcome to New Society - Mayor, a CAR State Officer or a resident of the community

Response - President of New Society or other Charter Member

Greeting from the State Society CAR - State or Senior State President

Brief Message to New Society - a CAR, DAR, SAR, SR Local, State or National Official

Installation of Society and Senior Officers - Senior State President or officer designated in "How to Organize a Society,"

Presentation of Charter Members - Organizing President, State Organizing Secretary or Senior State Organizing Secretary

Greeting from Honored Guests --

Objects of the C.A.R. - Newly Installed CAR Officers

C.A.R. Song - Lead by the Charter Members

Benediction - Newly Installed CAR Chaplain

Adjournment

Retiring of the Colors

Reception

3.3 Florida State Officers of Florida Society Children Of The American Revolution

STATE OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUAL SOCIETIES 2004-2005

See the Fall 2004 edition of the F.S.C.A.R. Orange Blossom at:

SAR MEMBERS call the Senior Chapter President and coordinate with her on the times and locations which the individual society meets. They compete with all of the outside activities and THEY NEED AND ARE MOST APRECIATIVE IN ANY AND ALL HELP YOU CAN GIVE TO THEM. Their programs for your chapter meetings would be great.

Thank you for helping. You are contributing to the future leaders of our country.
IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR FOREFATHERS

3.4 N.S.C.A.R. Officers

Contact the N.S.C.A.R.

Website: www.nscar.org

Contact: hq@nscar.org

3.5 Activities Of The CAR And SAR Support Of CAR Societies

It has been said many times that the life's blood of the Sons of the American Revolution is membership. There are several programs in existence today that promote membership at the youth and young adult level. The Children of the American Revolution is one of these very important programs.

The FLSSAR budgets a contribution of \$250.00 each year which will be given each February to the State CAR to assist them with whatever expenses they choose to apply it toward. The presentation of the \$250.00 should be made by the SAR to the CAR at their annual meeting held in Florida each year at that time. At this meeting, the Florida CAR Society is recognized for their efforts in obtaining the goals of the CAR. These alone are most remarkable.

Chapters are encouraged to adopt a CAR Society in their area to assist them with their activities. This can be in the form of a \$5.00 contribution to be a State Patriot or by providing support by attending such events as SAR/CAR meetings, Flag Day, Christmas and weekend celebrations in support of the CAR Societies. Refer to Chapter 3 Section 3.0 of this Procedure Manual.

Each CAR Society has an adult presence, usually a DAR member, and frankly they need our support in the following areas:

- Assist them in obtaining Youth Registration forms and encourage them to be future SAR members when they reach the age of 18.
- Encourage your SAR chapter members to be State and National Patriots for the CAR.
- Invite the CAR State President or the local Society President to speak to your chapter about the CAR.

If you have questions about the CAR program you may contact your FLSSAR CAR/SAR Chairman who is listed on the FLSSAR Committee pages at <http://flssar.org/Docs/FLSSARCommittees.pdf>

3.6 Florida Active C.A.R. Societies

See the Florida's Society Children of the American Revolution Web site at:
<http://www.geocities.com/floridacarchapter/index.html>

3.7 Florida Inactive C.A.R. Societies

This list of inactive and disbanded societies will be provided because if anyone is interested in starting a Society in these areas, it is much easier to reactivate an old Society than to start one from scratch. Contact the appropriate C.A.R. State Officers for more details.

3.8 Youth Registration And Application

The Youth Registration Program has changed as of February 2001. The following two sided brochure can be printed and three folded as an information pass-out. This brochure explains the program in a basic way. The new software updates for completing the application provide the necessary format for the Youth Application and Youth Life Application. The following was provided to all chapters as a result of its immediate implementation.

This is an SAR program and not to be confused with the National Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), covered earlier in Volume 3 Section 3.6.

At the September 2000 National Trustees meeting the Executive Committee voted to accept the youth registrant policy recommended by the Membership Committee:

"The current Youth Registration Program shall be replaced by following:

A youth under the age of 18 may file a Youth Application along with the documentation required to support his lineage. The application fee shall be the same as the admission fee for a member under the age of 25. If the lineage is approved, the youth will receive a registration number and a Youth Registrant certificate. The application will be held in escrow, separate from the SAR membership database. When the youth becomes 18 years of age and applies to join through a state society he will be granted membership based on the escrowed application, with its approved lineage, without further review or documentation."

This revised policy will be made an explicit part of the Bylaws by an amendment voted on at the 2001 Annual Congress. Since this is a clarification of present policy and none of it is contrary to the present Bylaws it was immediately implemented.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Local Student Honored

John Doe of Tallahassee, Florida recently received an Outstanding Citizenship Award from Roy O. Wilham, President of the Tallahassee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution for his participation in several Revolutionary War Soldier Grave Markings by the Tallahassee Chapter. John Fletcher, Sr. is buried in the Old Salem Cemetery, Havana, Florida Moses Munson is buried on the banks of the Ochlockonee River, Florida

The award consists of a pin, which contains the image of a “Minuteman,” with his musket in hand ready to defend his country. In the background is his plowshare. The pin is encircled with the inscription “Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding Citizenship Award.” The award also comes with a certificate.

Mr. Doe is a ninth grade student at Tallahassee High School and is a member of the Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution. Mr. Jackson presented wreaths on behalf of the Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution at each service.

The Tallahassee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution The Chapter meets four times a year- February, the Saturday nearest George Washington's birthday and the second Thursday in May, September and December. All meetings are in the evening at 7:00 PM at the Silver Slipper, 531 Silver Slipper Lane.

The Tallahassee Chapter serves the Tallahassee area, including Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison Taylor, and Wakula counties.

For Immediate Release
Constitution Week Proclamation

Blue Springs, Florida Society CAR had a busy September and October. Members watched as the mayor signed the Constitution Week proclamation. Blue Springs members helped with the Constitution Day Bell Ringing Service. John Parrish gave the invocation. Brent, Tommy, Drew, Danielle, and Dillon Melvin gave the preamble. Markie and Marshall Parrish told of the history and objectives of Constitution Week. Elizabeth Glover served as official marshal.

A Proclamation
Constitution Week

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States, the guardian of our liberties, is a product of reflection and choice, embodying the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, not by men and

Whereas: September 17, 2004 marks the two hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitution Convention: and

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercises that will commemorate the occasion, and

Whereas: Public Law 915, guarantees the issue of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week.

NOW THEREFORE: I, as Mayor, proclaim the week of September 17, 2004 through September 23, 2004 as

Constitution Week

And urge all citizens to study the Constitution and to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship in our Republic, functioning under the superb body of laws – the Constitution of the United States of America.

Proclaimed this 12th day of September 2004

Signed by: Mayor _____

4.0 Medals Awarded For Service To The SAR

4.1 Minuteman Medal

The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the National Society. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Awardees are selected by the Minuteman Committee which is appointed by the President General from previous recipients of the medal. The medal is presented by the President General at an Annual Congress to not more than six recipients. It is not presented in absentia. It was authorized in 1952.

The medal is rectangular in shape, struck in sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow in the background. The Liberty Bell appears on it also. On the reverse is inscribed "Highest Award of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Presented to _____, 20__." The medal is worn suspended from a neck ribbon of light blue silk. It is awarded only to individual members on a one-time basis, and is available in miniature.

On Awards Night at each Annual Congress all recipients of the award should attend, dressed in white dinner jacket, and be seated on the dais. The candidates are escorted to the dais by former recipient of the Minuteman Award, the escort being selected by the candidate.

Nominations for the award may be made by a state society (signed by the state society president) and by the National Executive Committee.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before making the nomination. Along with the formal nomination, a complete list of the services rendered must be presented, i.e., national offices held, number of membership applications on which the candidate has been the first-line sponsor, Congresses and Trustees' meetings attended, committees on which he served, etc. The standard application form is obtained from National Headquarters from the Executive Director and returned to him not less than sixty (60) days before the Spring National Trustees' Meeting. For this award, service to a state society, chapter or community is not considered. The names of candidates chosen for the award are announced at the Spring Trustees' Meeting.

4.1 L Example Minuteman Award

For Immediate Release *Local Resident Receives National Award*

Dr. Ralph Nelson was honored at the 112th Annual Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution by being presented with the Minuteman award. The award is the most prestigious award of the National Society. Dr. Nelson is a dual member of the Lake-Sumter Chapter.

The award, established in 1951, is presented only to those Compatriots who have made distinguished and exceptional contributions of service to the National Society. This is the highest award of the national Society and the honored Compatriot may receive it only once.

The medal is of sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background. The medal is suspended from a neck ribbon of light blue silk.

The Florida Society consists of over 1600 members in 29 chapters located throughout Florida. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution. Programs include Essay Contests for both High School students and Eagle Scouts, presentation of medals to College and High School ROTC students, Poster Contests for Elementary School students, American Revolution presentations to Elementary and Middle School students, presentation of medals to Public Safety officials, Revolutionary War Grave Dedications, Volunteer work with Veterans, presentation of Flag Certificates to deserving organizations and schools, and participation in historic battle sites observances and others.

Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to visit the FLSSAR web site at <http://flssar.org/>.

4.2 Patriot Medal

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state or chapter level. Service at the national level should not be considered in making the award.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to _____ for Patriotic Service by the _____ Society SAR, 20__." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur himself. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964 where it is on permanent display. The patriot Medal is available in full and miniature sizes.

The Patriot Medal may be awarded annually by any state society. State societies with fewer than 500 members may present no more than one medal each calendar year. State societies with 500 to 1000 members may present two medals each calendar year. State societies with over 100 members may present one medal for each 500 members.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this medal. The Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients so that societies may contact him in advance to determine if a person has already received the medal and thus avoid an invalid request.

Application must be made to the Executive Director on a standard form at least thirty (30) days before the medal is to be presented. Include with the application, payment for the current cost of the medal, signature of the state society president and complete supporting evidence. Refer to Chapter 3 Section 4.2F of this document for a copy of the nomination form.

The medal is available in miniature and comes with a special certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with it. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting or the state society. The Patriot Medal cannot be accepted by a representative.

4.2 F Patriot Medal Nomination Form

Form available at FLSSAR website <http://flssar.org/Forms.htm>

4.2.1 L Example Patriot Medal

For Immediate Release

Local Resident Receives Award

Jack Coleman of The Jacksonville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution received the Patriot Medal, the highest award given by the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The President of the Florida Society, presented the award at the Florida Society annual meeting.

The Patriot medal is presented for long, faithful and outstanding service to the state society. The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design of the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur himself. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia on October 19, 1964 where it is on permanent display. The medal was accompanied with a special certificate for Compatriot Arnold.

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educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution. Programs include Essay Contests for both High School students and Eagle Scouts, presentation of medals to College and High School ROTC students, Poster Contests for Elementary School students, American Revolution presentations to Elementary and Middle School students, presentation of medals to Public Safety officials, Revolutionary War Grave Dedications, Volunteer work with Veterans, presentation of Flag Certificates to deserving organizations and schools, and participation in historic battle sites observances and others.

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4.3 Meritorious Service Medal

The Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their chapter or state society, or to the National Society. This medal may be awarded by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter and is awarded for lesser services than would merit the Patriot Medal. Although frequently violated, it may be awarded to an individual only once by each presenting authority, i.e. state, chapter or National Society. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse, a relief of Thomas Jefferson. On the reverse, inside a pair of laurel branches, is space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

4.3 L Example Meritorious Service

For Immediate Release

Local Resident Wins Award

Compatriot Ralph N. Cramer, Sr. of The Naples Chapter was presented with the S.A.R. Medal for Meritorious Service at a meeting of the Florida Society Board of Management meeting.

The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. A bar inscribed "Meritorious Service" is affixed to the breast ribbon. A certificate accompanied the presentation.

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Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Florida Society website at <http://flssar.org/> .

4.4 Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Award was approved by the NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee in 1998. The medal was designed by Texas Society and M&A member Compatriot John C. Houghton. A miniature is included as a part of the presentation set. A State Society President may present one Distinguished Service Medal during his term of office at his discretion and without approval.

The medal is in the shape of a diamond with a blue SAR insignia in the center and features a solid maroon ribbon. The State medal is trimmed in silver and its National counterpart is trimmed in gold. The National Society Handbook will be updated to set forth the rules for awarding the medal and how they should be worn in relation to other SAR medals.

4.4 L Example Distinguished Service Award

For Immediate Release

Local SAR Chapter Presents Awards

The award winning Jacksonville Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution recently recognized two members for their outstanding service to the chapter. Ray Bullard presented Certificates of Distinguished Service to Greg Burns, Treasurer and George Lockhart, Secretary, at the Chapter's meeting on March 27

The Jacksonville Chapter meets monthly. All meetings are held at the San Jose Country Club, 7529 San Jose Blvd.

See the Chapter web page for dates. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, D. Mills Ramseur at 904 737-0590.

The Jacksonville Chapter serves the Jacksonville area, including Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

4.5 Liberty Medal

The Liberty Medal commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. The medal was authorized in 1987. The medal, along with a certificate, is presented by the National Society. Presentation will take place at the Annual Congress; however, if a recipient is not present, it will be mailed to him. It is awarded to:

- 1) Anyone who has received the Florence Kendall Award at or before the Tampa Congress of 1986.
- 2) Any SAR member who after March 31, 1986, signed as first-line sponsor, the membership application of ten new members. For the purposes of this award, the person's name signed as the first-line sponsor should be the person who recruited the new member, and it should not be the name of an officer of a state society or a chapter, or any other person, who did no more than receive the application in the course of his official duties than append his signature as first-line sponsor, and forward the application to the National Society for processing. One who does assist in the genealogy and often types the application or coaches the applicant through the application process should be first-line sponsor regardless of his position in the SAR.

Recipients of the Florence Kendall Award who have received the Liberty Medal may wear a bar on the ribbon inscribed "Florence Kendall."

For each additional ten new members, up to 100, for which a recipient of the Liberty Medal, in a five year period, is a first-line sponsor, a bronze oak leaf cluster may be resented. A recipient of ten bronze oak leaf clusters may be presented a silver oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the bronze clusters. A recipient of ten silver oak leaf clusters may be resented a gold oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the silver clusters.

Oak leaf clusters are displayed on the ribbon of the medal. If more than one oak leaf cluster has been awarded they should be arranged, as nearly as possible, like the stars on the Betsy Ross flag, with gold or silver clusters, if any, occupying the upper and dexter places of honor (the right of the wearer).

A new member is defined as an individual who was not previously an SAR member, but whose membership application has been approved by the National Society.

The medal is struck in bronze and depicts a bust of the Statue of Liberty on the obverse. The reverse has a space for the name and date of the recipient to be engraved. The medal is suspended from a gold ribbon and may be worn at any SAR event. A miniature medal, and oak leaf clusters, if they have been awarded, may be purchased from National Headquarters by a recipient of a Liberty Medal. The full-size medal cannot be purchased.

POSSIBLE MEDALS FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR

4.6 SAR Daughters Of Liberty Medal

The Daughters of Liberty Medal, authorized in 1992, may be presented by the National Society, a state society or chapter to a lady recommended by any officer of a chapter, state or National Society, SAR in appreciation for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, and who had dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the NSSAR. This medal is considered second in importance only to the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and it ranks all other SAR medal awards to ladies. Consideration in awarding this medal should be given only after the SAR Medal of Appreciation or the Martha Washington Medal has been presented. The medal is gold in color, and depicts a revolutionary female astride a galloping horse as a dedicated patriot aiding the struggle for independence, as many did. The medal is suspended from a drape of blue, yellow and blue band of equal colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate to be engrossed and presented with the medal.

4.7 SAR Medal Of Appreciation

The SAR Medal of Appreciation, authorized in 1960, may be presented by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. The award may recognize assistance in forming new SAR chapters, obtaining a specific number of new SAR members or otherwise significantly aiding the SAR programs.

The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a relief of Molly Pitcher and is inscribed, "Medal of Appreciation". The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate that should be engrossed and presented with the medal. No miniature is available.

4.7 L Example SAR Medal of Appreciation

For Immediate Release Local Resident Receives Award

At the 30 May meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter our President Elect Ray Bullard presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Rebecca J. Lockhart, 2nd Vice Regent, Florida DAR, and a member of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a relief of Molly Pitcher and is inscribed, "Medal of Appreciation." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors and was accompanied by an engrossed certificate.

The Jacksonville Chapter meets monthly. All meetings are held at the San Jose Country Club, 7529 San Jose Blvd.

See the Chapter web page for dates. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group

with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, D. Mills Ramseur at 904 737-0590.

The Jacksonville Chapter serves the Jacksonville area, including Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

4.8 Martha Washington Medal

The Martha Washington Medal was authorized in 1971 and may be given by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR programs. She need not be a member of the DAR. However, it can also be awarded to DAR members for service to the C.A.R., recruiting SAR members and so forth.

An individual may be awarded the medal twice, if one of those awards is made by the National Society. A DAR may receive the Martha Washington Medal and the SAR Medal of Appreciation (on separate occasions) if her service warrants it. The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Martha Washington within the inscription "SAR Martha Washington Award." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors and is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. No miniature is available.

4.8 L Example Martha Washington Award

For Immediate Release

Local Resident Wins Award

The Martha Washington Medal, authorized in 1971 to be given to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR was given to Jean Smith, Jim Smith's wife, and Florence Buchanan, Chuck Buchanan's wife, for their dedicated efforts in assisting their compatriot husbands in their duties as Chapter Secretary and Treasurer by the Lake-Sumter Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Jean received the Martha Washington Medal, given to a woman over 18 who provided outstanding service to the Sons of the American Revolution. The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Martha Washington with Mount Vernon in the background and the inscription "SAR Martha Washington Award." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors and was accompanied by an engrossed certificate.

The Lake-Sumter Chapter serves the communities of Bushnell, Clermont, Eustis, Lady Lake, Leesburg, Tavares, The Villages, and Wildwood including Lake and Sumter Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

The Lake-Sumter Chapter meets Meets at 11:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of each month from October through June. Call any officer listed on the Lake-Sumter Chapter officer list at <http://flssar.org/fl-lees.htm> for specific location. Wives are encouraged to attend. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group

with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Dean K. Russell at (352) 394-7809 or email dkrussell1@worldnet.att.net .

PLEASE REFER TO THE NATIONAL HANDBOOK OR SAR MERCHANDISE CATALOG FOR ADDITIONAL SAR RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

5.0 Medals Awarded For Service To The Community

5.1 Gold Good Citizenship Medal

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL patriotic achievement and service of NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. It may be presented only once to any individual. this medal was authorized in 1951.

The medal is presented to persons of prominence on a NATIONAL LEVEL in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and the professions, and other appropriate fields of endeavor.

Former Presidents General may be awarded this medal, but the request should be processed as any other. Other SAR members may receive the medal if they meet the requirements established for all applicants.

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal may be presented posthumously if the recipient died between the time the award was approved by the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee and the date it was to have been presented.

The medal is gold filled, and may be presented by the National Society, a state society or chapter with approval of its state society. A certificate, suitable for engrossing, should be completed and presented with the medal.

Each state society is limited to awarding two Gold Good Citizenship Medals in any calendar year.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this award. All requests and applications are to be sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal so state societies should contact him in advance to avoid an invalid request.

Plans for presentation must be made sufficiently in advance to allow the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee to review the applications while in session. Therefore, applications must be received by the Executive Director one month prior to a Trustees' Meeting or a National Congress. If the application is not received in time, it will be held until the next scheduled meeting.

In requesting the medal, the conferring authority must present a form, obtained from National Headquarters, including a very detailed biographical sketch. The form requires the signature of the state president. Include payment for the current cost of the medal with the application.

After review by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the requesting society will be notified within four weeks as to the decision on the nomination. If approved, the medal will be mailed to the submitting society. If not approved, the payment for the medal will be returned with a letter of explanation by the Executive Director.

Miniature medals are available only to the recipients of the full sized medal and should be requested through the Executive Director.

5.2 Silver Good Citizenship Medal

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding service that is of a more local degree than required for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Since it recognizes extensive service a biographical sketch of the candidate should accompany the request for a medal.

In the case of a non-member, in order to have a uniform criteria, the following requirements have been established. An SAR member shall have served in six leadership capacities in the following local organizations: Church, School, Scouting, Fraternal, Business Associations, Government, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Conservation, Hereditary, Genealogical, Historical or organizes Sports (Little League, etc.). In addition to these requirements the Medal might be presented to an SAR member who has been or is a Governor, US Representative, Senator, high ranking military officer, or some similar post with has allowed him to perform outstanding service to his state or country. In addition, a member who has performed similar outstanding service as a member of one of the professions or the religious or business community may be considered.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal may be approved and presented by the National Society or a state society. It may be presented by a chapter with approval of its state society. It may only be presented once to an individual. The medal is of sterling silver. A certificate suitable for engrossing is available. A miniature medal is also available.

There is no requirement that persons must be awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal before they may be awarded a Silver Medal.

5.3 Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their, school, community or state. This medal, the ROTC Medals and the Medal for Heroism are the only SAR medals awarded to both adults and/or minors. It is a multi-purpose medal serving many functions, and is awarded to the following:

- 1) Persons who have made important contributions that are not as significant as those qualified for the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.
- 2) The outstanding high school student in his/her school considering both citizenship and scholarship. The exact criteria is at the discretion of the presenting authority, i.e., it could be resented to a senior or junior, for overall scholarship and citizenship; or to a student with the highest grades in history and the best record in citizenship, etc.
- 3) C.A.R. members for service to the SAR in recruiting new SAR members (three or more), retiring C.A.R. Presidents, etc.
- 4) SAR members who have served in at least four of the leadership capacities covered under the Silver criteria.

The medal is bronze and may be presented by the National Society, a state society or chapter. A certificate, suitable for engrossing, is available. A miniature medal is available. This medal may be presented more than once to an individual, if he/she qualifies under separate categories. The medal was originally designed as a medallion, but a ribbon and clasp were added in 1932 to convert it to a medal.

5.3 L Example Bronze/ Silver Good Citizenship Award

For Immediate Release Local Resident Wins Award

Following the opening ceremony and introductions, President Nelson Jantzen introduced Mr. Wallace West, President of the American Institute of Polish Culture and the person primarily responsible for the erection in Williams Park, St. Petersburg of a statue of Brigadier General Thaddeus Kosciusko, Revolutionary War hero from Poland. Mr. West thanked the Clearwater Chapter for its participation in the statue dedication on July 4 (see story and pictures in September Newsletter). President Jantzen presented Mr. West with a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate in recognition of his outstanding efforts in raising money for and the planning and dedication of the statue.

Mr. West received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal that recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy for SAR activities. The medal is struck on a circular planchet and on the obverse is depicted a Minuteman holding a musket, with a plow, Liberty Bell, the year 1776 in the background and is inscribed "Good Citizenship Medal." The reverse is inscribed, "Our inspiration is in the past, our duty is in the present, our hope is in the future." A certificate accompanied the presentation.

The Clearwater Chapter serves the Pinellas and western Pasco counties, including the communities of Clearwater, Port Richey, New Port Richey and Hudson. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

The Clearwater Chapter meetings are held at the Dunedin Country Club,
1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

Meeting starts at high noon on the third Wednesday of each month except June through August. All welcome of course.. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Robert Raup, at 727 585-8133 or email rbt.allen@verizon.net

5.4 **War Service Medal**

This medal may be presented by state societies and chapters to SAR members who have served or are presently serving in the armed forces of the United States during war or an emergency recognized by Congress.

The medal is gold in color. The obverse contains the insignia of the Society. The reverse contains an inscription "Presented to Compatriot _____ by the Sons of the American Revolution for War Service." The medal is suspended from a ribbon of SAR colors. Bronze bars for service in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Southwest Asia are available and may be attached to the ribbon. The War Service Medal is also available in miniature. This medal may also be purchased directly from the Merchandise Department by any member in good standing in the NSSAR.

5.4 L **Example War Service**

For Immediate Release

Local Residents Recognized for Korean War Service

On May 9, 2003 eight of the Saramana Chapter members formed a Color Guard, namely Ashcraft, Bailey, Bradley, Crandall, Huss, Hodalski, Miller and Wheeler and were joined by DAR members Barbara Hodalski, Pru Ann Miller and Jean Catsakis for a massing of the colors. This was done for the purpose of assisting at a program sponsored by the Government of South Korea during which over one hundred US Veterans were presented with medals honoring their participation in "helping the people of South Korea to remain free". Eugene Yu was the keynote speaker and he presented the medallions to each Korean War Veteran. Mr. Yu is a native South Korean who has become a US Citizen and he represents the South Korean Government in the Southeast US. It was a very impressive ceremony and the first time in memory that a foreign government has individually honored our troops who came to their defense.

The chapter serves the community of Sarasota and Hardee, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held on the 2nd Friday of each month from September through June at the Waterside Room, 216 Sarasota Quay. The Sarasota Quay is on Tamiami Trail (US41) at Fruitville Road. Note that February, June and September are joint meetings and dates and meeting places may vary - check with any Chapter Officer. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, William V. Millman at (941) 488-0493.

5.5 Medal For Heroism

The Medal for Heroism, authorized 1985, may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter for acts of bravery.

It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, fireman, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor.

A short written description of the act including dates, places and names should be submitted to National Headquarters after a medal is presented.

The medal is in bronze and is similar in design to the Good Citizenship Medal but is inscribed, "Heroism." It is worn suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. A certificate suitable for engraving, is available. No miniature medal is available.

5.6 Public Service and Heroism Medals Award Program

The Public Service and Heroism Medals Award Program manual are nationally sponsored programs. The procedure for the execution of these programs is simple.

1. Determine the number of medals you wish to present. Most chapters will present one of each during the calendar year.
2. Contact the Law Enforcement Agency and/or Fire Department in your community and describe the program to the senior officer or official in charge. A sample letter may be found in 5.6.1 of this Section.
3. Be sure to outline what the National requirements are for the presentation of this medal, in your letter.
4. Follow-up your letter in a few days to see if they have received it and to answer any questions they may have. It may be necessary to provide the agency with your time-frame for the presentation.
5. Schedule the presentation of the medal(s) and be sure to invite the commanding officer and the recipient's family. The presentations are normally held at a chapter meeting but it is not a requirement.
6. Coordinate the presentation with the chapter publicity committee in an attempt to get a community newspaper to cover the presentation. Always think PUBLICITY.
7. A short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names should be requested from the agency.
8. The above information should be forwarded to the Law Enforcement Chairman once the award is presented. It is recommended that you send it to the national chairmen in care of NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville:

Chairman, Law Enforcement Committee
NSSAR Headquarters
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203

Find the form (<http://www.flssar.org/Docs/PublicServiceCommitteeform.pdf>) that must be completed and submitted by the chapters to both National Headquarters NSSAR and to the Florida State Chairman of the FLSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee in order for the chapter to get credit for their presentations by both FLSSAR (the state) and NSSAR (national). The address to submit to national is on the form. For FLSSAR please submit (mail) a duplicate copy to the current FLSSAR committee chairman - Daniel T. Shepherd, 1902 Notre Dame Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33460.

Please include on the form, following the recipient's rank or title, the department to which the recipient is assigned. Also, include the *_specific_* media coverage/ publicity if any was received for the presentation.

Under "Brief description of outstanding contribution(s) and/ or accomplishments:" you may attach a copy of the letter from the recipient's department which proposes him/her for the award.

If you have any questions please e-mail me at dts@bellsouth.net or call (561)723-5185.

Daniel T. Shepherd, Chairman, FLSSAR Public Services and Heroism Committee

5.6.1 Public Service and Heroism Medal

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. It may be presented to recognize a variety of service in the field of law enforcement, i.e., not limited to peace officers. It may be presented only to an individual and only once.

The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The medal is accompanied by a cloth bar, suitable for wearing on the uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. No miniature medal is available.

A short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names should be submitted to National Headquarters after a medal is presented.

5.6 L Example Law Enforcement

For Immediate Release

University of Florida Police Lieutenant Darren Baxley Receives Award

The Gainesville Chapter honored Lt. Darren Baxley of the University of Florida Police Department with the SAR's Law Enforcement Award at the Chapters' Annual Constitution Dinner.

Lt. Baxley has served the Alpharetta Police Department with distinction for many years. His high personal and professional standards exemplify the qualities that law enforcement officers strive to attain. Lt. Baxley's dedication and commitment reflect great credit upon himself and the University of Florida Police Department.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and the obverse depicts a police badge design surrounded by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. A blue and gold ribbon suspends the medal. A certificate and citation accompanied the presentation.

The purpose of the presentation is to recognize those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement.

The Gainesville Chapter serves the Gainesville area, including Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Putnam, and Lafayette Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historic interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held monthly at the Gainesville Sheraton Hotel, 2900 SW 13th Street (U.S. 441) in Gainesville.

Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, James D. Partin at JimPartin50@yahoo.com.

5.6.1 *Sample Letter To Law Enforcement Agency*

Fort Pierce Police Department
920 South U.S. 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

March 29, 2005

Dear Chief Savage:

Each year the Awards Committee of the St. Lucie Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, recommends that we participate in the nationally sponsored Law Enforcement Program. The Law Enforcement Medal is presented by the National Society, a state society or local chapter to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. It may be presented to an individual and presented only once.

The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The medal is accompanied by a cloth bar, which is suitable for wearing on the uniform, and certificate for engraving.

The National society leaves the selection of the recipient to you, only asking that you keep the above criteria in mind during your selection process. Once selected we would like to request that you provide us with a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipient, together with dates and places. This information is forwarded to our National Headquarters and is for informational purposes only.

I will follow-up this letter of introduction in two weeks to see if you would like to participate in this special recognition programs and to see if you have any questions.

Yours in patriotism,

Compatriot Douglas North
Chairman, Law Enforcement Committee
St. Lucie River Chapter, FLSSAR

6.0 Youth Awards

6.1 ROTC Medals Programs

The FLSSAR supports the ROTC Program.

See the FLSSAR website at <http://flssar.org/> or the NSSAR website at <http://www.sar.org/youth/jrotc.html> for more information.

6.2 R.O.T.C. Medal

The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a chapter, a state society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

For ROTC or JROTC units with fewer than 500 cadets or midshipmen one medal will be awarded each year. For larger units, one medal may be presented for each 500 students enrolled in the unit. In cases where a school has more than one ROTC or JROTC unit, each unit is counted separately.

The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit. No recipient may receive it more than once. No miniature medal is available. The medal was authorized in 1933.

The Bronze JROTC Medal was authorized in 1965, and is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC. No recipient may receive it more than once. No miniature medal is available.

Enhanced JROTC Program

At the beginning of the school year each Chapter should contact the Senior Military Instructor(s) of the local JROTC unit(s). Throughout the year the chapter should remain in contact with the administrators of the school and the JROTC unit, providing support for other programs and discussing plans for this program. The chapter should have the school administration, along with the instructors of the JROTC unit, evaluate candidates based on the criteria listed below and select one nominee for each JROTC unit (battalion, squadron, etc.). If the chapter supports several JROTC units, it should run a local contest to select the best cadet, since only one cadet per chapter may advance to the state competition.

6.2.1 Selection and Awards

Chapters shall submit their Outstanding JROTC Cadet Nomination Packages to the FLSSAR ROTC Chairman by April 1st. The Committee will select the FLSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet, and forward the Nomination Package to NSSAR by May 1st for competition.

Chapters - If there is a Chapter contest (because there are several units in the Chapter's area), the Outstanding Cadet of the SAR Chapter may receive a bronze star to wear on the medal ribbon drape, a gold frame for the ribbon bar, and a bronze presentation medallion on a neck ribbon. The local chapter may also provide a nominal monetary award.

FLSSAR - The FLSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet will receive a silver star to wear on the medal ribbon drape, a silver frame for the ribbon bar, and a silver presentation medallion on a neck ribbon. The FLSSAR awards \$1,000 cash to the Outstanding Cadet, \$500 to the First Runner-up, and \$250 to the Second Runner-up. The FLSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet is awarded the medallion and check at the Annual Youth Awards Luncheon during the FLSSAR Annual Meeting.

NSSAR - The Outstanding Cadet in the Nation will receive a gold star for the medal ribbon drape, a gold frame for the SAR ribbon bar, and a gold presentation medallion on a neck ribbon. The National Society will provide a cash award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and up to one thousand dollars in travel expense funds.

6.2 L *Example ROTC*

For Immediate Release
Local Student Receives Award

Cadet Sergeant Major John Doe of Ft. Myers recently received a Sons of the American Revolution JROTC medal from Frederick D. Learned of the Caloosa Chapter at the annual Ft. Myers High School Awards Banquet. Cadet Doe, a 11th grade student, was selected for his high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The Chapter's annual big event was the ROTC awards ceremony. Once again, Compatriot Guy Walton spearheaded this tremendous task.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and on the obverse is depicted a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background, and is inscribed with the letters, "ROTC." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence and is suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. A certificate accompanied the presentation.

The purpose of the JROTC program is to develop informed and responsible citizens, strengthen character, promote an understanding of the basic elements and requirements for national security, help form self discipline, develop respect for an understanding of the need for constituted authority in a democracy and to develop an interest in the military services as a possible career.

The Caloosa of Ft. Myers, Florida holds their meetings the second Wednesday of each month from October through May. The meetings are held on the first floor of MyerLee Manor. MyerLee Manor is located at corner of Winkler Avenue and Brandywine Circle, between Cypress Lake Drive and Gladiolas Road.

The social starts at 11:30 AM with the luncheon starting at noon, followed by the program and presents ROTC medals annually to High School ROTC units in the Ft. Myers area. For information, call Frederick D. Learned at (239) 481-0589.

6.3 Eagle Scout Scholarship

The Eagle Scout Scholarship information can be found on the NSSAR website at <http://www.sar.org/youth/eagle.html>

1st Prize-\$1000, 2nd Prize-\$500, 3rd Prize-\$250.

6.3 L Example Eagle Scout

For Immediate Release

Local Eagle Scout Receives Award

Clearwater Chapter Eagle Scout award winner Jon Berg was presented by Eagle Scout Chairman Compatriot Grant Wallin, Jr. with \$500 as 2nd place winner in the Florida Society contest. Pat Wallin then presented Eagle Scout Berg with a Ladies Auxiliary cash award of \$100 in recognition of his achievement. Attending the luncheon with Eagle Scout Berg were his parents and scoutmaster.

The Eagle Scout program is responsible for recognizing young men who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout and demonstrate a belief in the same principles of Patriotism and American Heritage as the National Society. These individuals are deserving of special recognition for their accomplishments and dedication.

The Clearwater Chapter serves the Pinellas and western Pasco counties, including the communities of Clearwater, Port Richey, New Port Richey and Hudson. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

The Clearwater Chapter meetings are held at the Dunedin Country Club,
1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

Meeting starts at high noon on the third Wednesday of each month except June through August. All welcome of course.. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Robert Raup, at 727 585-8133 or email rbt.allen@verizon.net.

6.4 Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest

This is a contest for students in grades 10-12 in which they write and deliver an oration of 5-6 minutes on a Revolutionary War topic showing its current implications. The contest is conducted at local, state and national levels with state level prizes of \$1000 (1st), \$500 (2nd), \$250 (3rd), and \$100 (all others). The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to all students attending public, parochial or private high schools who are in their sophomore, junior or senior year of study during the contest year.

The contest is for an original oration of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. Topics shall deal with an event, a document or a personality within the context of the American Revolutionary War showing the relationship it bears to America today. A copy of the speech must be furnished to the judges. Each speech must be essentially the same as the script and notes may not be used.

The competition is conducted in stages. The first stage is the competition at the local Chapter level of the Sons of the American Revolution. For locations of those chapters in the state of Florida, look elsewhere on this same website. The winner of each local contest then competes at the state level using either his or her same oration, a revised edition or a completely different one. Each individual chapter is responsible for making arrangements for its own contestant in the state competition. The winner of the Florida contest will then be entered in the National Society competition held at the SAR's National Congress.

6.5 George S. And Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

BACKGROUND:

The Knight Essay Contest was originally named in honor of SAR Compatriot President Calvin Coolidge who won an SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst College. The contest was reestablished in 1988 by Compatriot McCarthy DeMere. In 1995, the contest was renamed the "George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay

Contest” in honor of their generous gift to the National Society to support this contest. The contest is now designed to give High School students and opportunity to explore the early events that shaped American Revolutionary History.

PURPOSE:

The contest provides an opportunity for students to research and explore an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the Framing of the United States Constitution.

CONTEST PARTICIPANTS:

The contest is open to all High School students in their junior or senior year of study at all public, parochial, private, or accredited home schools within the State of Florida.

Contest Awards:

1. NSSAR: Cash prizes are \$3,000, \$2000, and \$1000 for the first three places respectively. These are not constant each year.
2. FLSSAR: Cash prizes are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 for the first three places respectively, .

FLSSAR GUIDANCE:

The contest is conducted at the state level only. Students send their entry directly to the state chairman. Essays much be postmarked by Jan 31st.

RULES

Rules for the contest are first published by the National Society. The FLSSAR committee then makes necessary changes and the resulting rules become effective for the state contest. Current rules can be found at the Florida (www.flssar.org/essay/) websites.

7.0 Awards for Specific Activities Other Than Membership

7.1 Paul M. Niebell Sr. Award / Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award

The Paul Niebell award will go to the editor of a state society with over 500 members judged to have the best periodical or newsletter with less than 10 pages. A cash award will be presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor B. Niebell in recognition of her brother's continuous support and many outstanding contributions to the SAR.

The Grahame Smallwood award will go to the editor of a state society with over 500 members judged to have the best periodical or newsletter with more than 10 pages. A cash award is also presented for first place as well as an honorable mention.

Copies of The Florida Patriot should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Newsletters & Periodicals Committee.

It is also advisable to send a copy of your newsletter to "The SAR Magazine" editor who is listed in the front of The SAR Magazine. Additionally, a copy should be sent to the NSSAR library in Louisville at the following address:

NSSAR Library
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203

7.2 Carl F. Bessent Award

This award will go to the editor of a chapter newsletter for producing the best multiple and single sheet periodical or newsletter. A certificate will be presented for first place and honorable mention.

The competing period is usually from January to January with the winner being announced during the NSSAR Annual Congress in June.

Copies of the chapter's newsletter should be sent to the Chairman, Newsletter and Periodicals Committee. In 2005 the Chairman is as follows:

Compatriot George Edward Thurmond, Chairman
120 Cannonade Dr
Alpharetta, GA 30004-4090

It is also advisable to send a copy of your newsletter to "The SAR Magazine" editor who is listed in the front of The SAR Magazine. Additionally, a copy should be sent to the NSSAR library in Louisville at the following address:

NSSAR Library
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203

7.3 USS Stark Memorial Award

The NSSAR authorized, in 1988, THE USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding chapters within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation in Veterans Committee activities.

The period of program activities will be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Chapter activities are to be recorded by the Chapters Veterans Committee Chairman and reported to the State Veterans Committee Chairman by January 15th. The State Chairman files a report to the State Society President by February 15th. The State Chairman will review all the Yearly Chapter Reports for additional items that may have been missed and update the individual chapter totals. With this new information, the State Veterans Committee Chairman will report all activities to the Executive Director at National Headquarters and the Veterans Committee Chairman by March 1st. The National Veterans Committee will judge the submittals at the Spring Trustee Meeting held in March, thus this is the ultimate State deadline.

Awards are made to recognize the state society and chapters who collectively participate most actively with the programs of the Veterans Committee. The winning state & chapters name and year are engraved on a plaque at National and a streamer is issued for attachment to the state SAR flagstaff and chapter SAR flagstaff. First place streamers will be awarded to the most active chapters for their support of the Veterans by the following membership size:

- 10 to 49,
- 50 to 99,
- 100 to 199,
- 200 and over

7.3 L Example Veterans – USS Stark Memorial

For Immediate Release *Local Resident Wins National Award*

Lonnie Jones of Marietta, Chairman of the Pensacola Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Veterans Committee, recently received the USS Stark Memorial Award as the outstanding chapter of the SAR for their participation in Veterans committee activities. Chairman Jones has been responsible for the chapter's participation during this entire period.

The award, presented to Chairman Jones at the recent annual congress of the Sons of the American Revolution in Louisville, Kentucky, consists of a flag streamer and certificate.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held monthly at 11:15 am on the second Saturday of each month at Hall's Restaurant, 920 East Gregory Street.

Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Grover E. Barnes, Jr. at (850) 932-6950.

7.4 General William C. Westmoreland Award

This award to an individual was authorized in 1996. The state society submits the name along with a short story of the individual's work with veterans which is judged by the Veterans Committee. The award is given each year in recognition to an outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer..

GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND AWARD

- 1) State:
- 2) Name:
- 3) National Number:
- 4) State Number:
- 5) Name of VA Hospital, Volunteer is certified at:
- 6) Number of hours worked as a Volunteer:
- 7) Number of hours driven to VA Hospital:
- 8) Number of items donated:
- 9) Dollar amount of money donated:
- 10) Special events for Veterans sponsored by Volunteer:
 - A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
- 11) List of accomplishments by Volunteer in regards to Veterans program:
 - A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)

8.0 Summary Table Of Insignia, Medals, And Awards

Items Presented	Approval Required	Purchased By	Presented By
Minuteman *	3, 4	5	1
National Medal of Distinguished Service	1	5	1
State Medal of Distinguished Service *	7	7	7
Patriot*	2 & 7	7	1, 7
Meritorious Service	5, 7, 8, 10	5, 7, 8, 10	1, 5, 7, 8, 10
Liberty		2, 5	1
Florence Kendall		2, 5	1
SAR Centennial	2	7, 8, 9	7, 8, 9
George Washington Bicentennial Medal	2	7, 8, 9	7, 8, 9
Daughters of Liberty	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8	1, 7, 8
SAR Medal of Appreciation	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8	1, 7, 8
Martha Washington	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8	1, 7, 8
Gold Good Citizenship	3, 6	5, 7	1, 7
Silver Good Citizenship	7, 8	5, 7, 8	1, 5, 7, 8
Bronze Good Citizenship	7, 8	5, 7, 8	1, 5, 7, 8
War Service	7, 8	7, 8, 9	7, 8, 9
Medal for Heroism	7, 8	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8
ROTC Silver	7, 8	7, 8	7, 8
ROTC Bronze	7, 8	7, 8	7, 8
Law Enforcement	7, 8	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8
Fire Safety Commendation	7, 8	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8
Eagle Scout	2	5	7, 8
SAR Color Guard Medal (Gold)	1	5	1
SAR Color Guard Medal (Silver) *	5, 10	5, 10	5, 10
SAR Color Guard Medal (Bronze) *	7, 8	7, 8, 9	7, 8
Council of State President Gold	5	9	5, 7, 8
Council of State President Silver	5	9	5, 7, 8

KEY TO NUMBERS USED:

1. President General 2. Executive Director 3. Executive Committee 4. Minuteman Committee 5. NSSAR 6. Medals & Awards Committee 7. State Society 8. Chapter 9. Individual Member 10. District

* Special Form or Application Available - Must be sent to National Headquarters with Merchandise Order or Approval. Approval for The Silver Color Medal must be submitted through the State Color Commander and approved by the National Commander.

9.0 State Recognition and Awards Program

9.1 Speaker's Program

2005-2006 SPEAKER REQUEST

We intend to actively let our fellow Floridians know about the Sons of the American Revolution. The Florida Society intends to do this with a state wide Speakers Program. This can only work with your assistance. We need your help to identify the organizations in your community where a speaker from the FLSSAR would be most effective.

We ask you to identify at least 7 organizations such as genealogical or historical societies, Rotary, Kiwanis, or other community service groups that utilize speakers, and where a talk about the SAR would fall on receptive ears.

Once you complete the following information and return it, we will send a letter to the group to advise of the availability of a speaker. We will ask that these groups contact us, and we will arrange for a speaker. Help us help you to increase the awareness of the Sons of the American Revolution in your hometown.

The _____ chapter recommends that the FLSSAR contact:
Organization _____
Contact name _____
Street address _____
City, Zip code _____
Phone/Fax # _____

Please return this form to:

Robert A. Raup
Chairman, Publicity Committee
1420 Water View Dr. W
Unit 103
Largo, FL 33771-6401

With your help, we can get the word out that the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution is alive and well.

9.1.1 L Speaker Solicit

Mr. Chairman
P.O. Box 12345
Gainesville, GA 32607

December 9, 2005

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) is offering its services for a speaker program in your area. If your organization has the need for a speaker, please contact either of the following people by mail, e-mail or telephone:

Dr. Harry Hollien
President FLSSAR
229 SW 43rd Terr.
Gainesville, FL 32607-2270
hollien@grove.ufl.edu
352-378-9771

As you well know, speakers are sometimes hard to find. The FLSSAR is offering this service to you so that we may expand the knowledge of the Florida involvement in the American Revolution. Generally, our speaker would wear his Revolutionary War Continental uniform to heighten the awareness of the program.

We will call you in the near future to inquire about when you would want to schedule our speaker.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harry Hollien
President, FLSSAR 2005-2006

9.2 FLSSAR Exemplary Service Award

The FLSSAR Exemplary Service Award is a special certificate presented by the Florida Society to members and/or non-members for exemplary and meritorious service to the FLSSAR. It can be awarded and presented more than once to a recipient and can be presented posthumously.

Its issuance should be discussed and consensus reached by the Board of Managers before the presentation. In special circumstances, it can be presented without the advance approval of the BOM.

The template used for the certificate allows for the documentation of the specific service rendered by the recipient. It is generated using Microsoft's Publisher software by using the blank certificate available through National Merchandising. The certificate will contain a watermark of the American Flag or other appropriate SAR/FLSSAR symbols in the background. Refer to Chapter 3 Section 9.2 for a sample certificate.

Exemplary Service Award Certificates may be obtained by contacting the FLSSAR Procedures Manual project coordinator and then submitting the blank certificates procured from National Merchandising.

9.3 US Flag Certificate Award

This is a nationally sponsored program which involves the chapter presenting specially designed US Flag Certificates to business and/or residents for flying the Stars and Strips in the correct manor.

The protocol for the proper manner to display the US Flag may be found in your chapter's copy of the FLSSAR Procedures Manual in Chapter 3 Section 1.0. In addition to Chapter 3 Section 1.0, the general guidelines are 1) the US Flag should not be used as a form of advertisement, as is the case with several auto dealerships, 2) the flag should always be in good condition, not faded or torn, 3) the flag, if flown at night, should have a light directed at it during night time hours, and 4) the flag should not be flown subservient (lower in elevation) to other flags. These are rather simple guidelines to consider when looking for candidates.

These certificates may be presented during chapter meetings or other special events and is a great way to obtain publicity for both your chapter and the Florida Society. A sample certificate may be found in Chapter 3 Section 9.6L. The flags on the actual certificate are in RED. Blank certificates may be obtained by contacting the NSSAR Merchandise Department.

9.4 Committee Service Award

The Committee Service Award (CSA) is a special recognition awarded to those members that make a commitment to proactive service to the committees on which they are assigned. A commitment that allows the committees to achieve their operational objectives. These members accept their assignments as challenges and are responsible for the success of their respective committees through their individual contributions and service.

The template used for the certificate allows for the engrossing of the committee name. It is generated using Microsoft's Publisher software by using the blank certificate available through National Merchandising. The certificate will contain a watermark of the Betsy Ross Flag in the background. Refer to Chapter 3 Section 9.4 for a sample certificate.

For Immediate Release
Tampa Firefighter Roger Picard Receives Award

President Tetrick introduced Officer Roger Picard, a twenty-two year veteran firefighter and his dog Jessie.

Currently Officer Picard is engaged in teaching fire safety to both children and adults. Jessie is trained as an Urban Search and Rescue dog, meaning she is trained to find buried survivors. Both spent about two weeks working at the site of the World Trade center collapse arriving six days after the attack.

Officer Picard recalled for the members his involvement in the rescue operation. He showed many pictures and detailed the extent of the effort required to secure the area and search the tower remains as well as the surrounding area. Unfortunately, no survivors were found after the third day of the disaster, but they did not give up hope throughout the deployment.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and the obverse depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. Across the top of the outer circumstance are the words "Sons of the American Revolution" and across the bottom are the words " Fire Safety Commendation. " The medal is suspended by a red ribbon drape. A certificate and citation accompanied the presentation.

The purpose of the presentation is to recognize a variety of fire safety and service professionals who have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involving a number of dedicated citizens with a single goal-protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

The Tampa Chapter serves the communities of Tampa and Hillsboro, Eastern Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historic interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held on the third Saturday of each month Meets at 12:00 pm on the third Saturday of September thru May at: Piccadilly Cafeteria, 11810 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL 33618

Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Dwight Tetrick at (813) 949-4746.

For Immediate Release
Flag Certificate Awarded to Local Business

The Riverview Club at St. Augustine Shores was recognized by the St. Augustine Chapter, SAR , February 16, 2004 for consistently flying the American Flag in a patriotic and exemplary manner. At the ceremony were, Bruce Beal, Flag Chairman, SAR; Joseph H. Smith 111, General Manager, Riverview Club; George J. Brenick, Jr., SAR; and Norman L. Antle, President, SAR.

The Sons of the American Revolution has a program to locate and identify and present Flag Certificates to schools, organizations and businesses that display the American flag properly. The certificate contains a Betsy Ross flag that became the standard during the American Revolution and the current 50 state Stars & Stripes flag.

The St. Augustine Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution meets monthly. Meeting location: LePavillion Restaurant, 48 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL, 11:30 AM, 3rd Saturday of each month September through May. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, John D. Tinnyat (904) 829-8109.

The St. Augustine Chapter serves the communities of St. Augustine, including St. Johns County. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Compatriot Ben DuBose, of the Brevard Chapter, participated in the FLAG DAY CEREMONIES sponsored by the City of Melbourne's Honor America Corp. on June 14, 2004. A proclamation reads as follows:

**A Proclamation
National Flag Day**

Whereas: The Continental Congress of the United States, on June 14, 1777, adopted the first official flag of the United States; and

Whereas: The Congress of the United States on August 3, 1949, officially designated June 14 of each year as "National Flag Day"; and

Whereas: The Congress of the United States on June 20, 1965, adopted a Joint Resolution approved by the President, to recognize a pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies and urged all Americans to participate:

Whereas: The City of Melbourne has always been proud of our National Flag and what it symbolizes, knowing that it stands for the best that humankind has ever sought and achieved in the history of this world: and

NOW THEREFORE: I, John Doe, as Mayor of the City of Melbourne do hereby proclaim June 14, in the year two thousand and two as "National Flag Day" and call upon all citizens to share actively in this commemoration join in common declaration of faith represented in the words of the Pledge of Allegiance."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Roswell to be affixed

John Doe, Mayor

The Brevard Chapter serves the communities of Cocoa Beach, Melbourne and East Central Florida, including all of Brevard County Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held monthly. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the, Ben DuBose at (321) 952-2928.

9.8 **DAR Sponsorship Award**

Our National Society has a procedure to encourage DAR members to refer, recruit, or significantly assist applicants to membership in SAR. Essentially, at our Annual National Congress \$500.00 is presented to the SAR State Society which has recorded the most referrals of new members to SAR by members of DAR. This amount is then presented to the DAR State Society.

We solicit the assistance of DAR in obtaining new members. When a DAR member has referred, recruited, or assisted significantly in obtaining lineage documentation or in the preparation of an application, the form below is submitted with the application.

This is a great opportunity for FLSSAR to obtain National recognition and to enhance our recruiting program.

10.0 **National Publications And How To Get Them**

Two of the four publications that will be addressed in this section have already been displayed. These two are the green Preparation of Application Papers and the blue General Information and Application Requirements in Chapter 2 Sections 3.1 and 3.2.

The other two are the white SAR WHATS and the blue and white *To Help Preserve A Precious Heritage* brochures that are presented in this section.

The SAR WHATS is a single fold brochure that measures 8 1/2 by 3 3/4 when folded. The other three brochures are tri-folds that measure the same when folded. The items, catalog number and price are listed below:

SAR WHATS	# 0913	100 for \$6.00
Preserve A Precious Heritage	#0911	100 for \$12.00
Preparation of Appl. Papers	#0912	100 for \$6.00
General Info & Appl. Req.	#0910	100 for \$6.00

To obtain these forms or a complete catalog, write to:

National Headquarters
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Or call or Fax:

Telephone 502-589-1776
Fax 502-589-1671

11.0 **National Merchandise Order Forms With Prices**

It is recommended that the chapter maintain a reasonably current catalog for the members in their chapter to reference, for those that do not have a personal copy.

The Merchandise Catalog is now available from National. You can obtain one by calling Michael Scroggins at the Merchandise Department. His phone number is 502-589-1776. Ask for Merchandise Department or Mike, Ext. 11.

Check the NSSAR website at <http://www.sar.org/> under "For Members" and then select "SAR Merchandise" for an online catalog.

12.0 **Special Endowment Funds**

12.1 **FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund:**

Established as a permanent instrument for gifts and contributions to the FLSSAR for patriotic, historical, and educational and charitable purposes. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the FLSSAR Treasurer by individuals, chapters, etc. for transmittal to the Board of Trustees of the Florida Society Endowment Trust Fund. \$1.00 is contributed from the State dues each year for this fund, paid after the Annual Report is submitted to National.

The Endowment Trust Fund was established by the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc. in 1972. Its purpose is to provide from its annual income exclusive of capital gains, money to be distributed in support of patriotic, historical, and charitable projects in the year following the year in which the income was earned.

12.2 NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund:

Established in 1993 to support non-funded national committee work and projects. Contributions up to \$25 and gifts and pledges over that amount should be made on the George Washington Endowment Fund Application Form through the FLSSAR Treasurer for transmittal to the NSSAR.

12.3 NSSAR Eagle Scout Fund:

Contributions of any amount can be made through the FLSSAR Treasurer for transmittal to NSSAR for Eagle Scout programs only.

12.4 NSSAR Patriotic and Educational Foundation:

Approved by the 105th Annual Congress. It provides a means to secure larger contributions from patriotic citizens who are interested in supporting the purposes and objectives of the National Society.

13.0 Veterans

13.2 Veteran Donations & Form

Members who take books etc. to the hospital are required to maintain a record for tabulation in conjunction to the Stark Award. Each chapter should donate comfort items, books, magazines, or misc. items. These are to be delivered personally, or by UPS to the hospital nearest them. Monetary donations from chapters are also welcomed and can be made to the VA Volunteer Advisory Board. Items purchased will be in the name of the chapter. All donations are to be filed on form **VA-1 Veterans Donations**, at the time of the donation for records at the VA Center. A copy of form **VA-1** should be kept at the chapter level to assist the Committee Chairman in tabulating the points for the month. Anyone may take donations to the VA Centers, but be sure to report them to the Chapter Chairman

Below are the areas that count points toward the USS Stark Memorial Award.

1. Chapter members(s) appointed to the local United Veterans Council or equivalent organization. (25)
2. Each hour served in the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) approved program. Participation must be verified by local VA Medical Center reports. (10)
3. For each hour a SAR member spends visiting a veteran in a VA Hospital, nursing home or his home. (5)
4. For each mile traveled round trip to and from VA Hospital, nursing home or home of a confined veteran. (1)
5. For each patched or crocheted lap robe made and donated to a veteran in a VA Hospital or nursing home. (10)
6. For each gift donated to a veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home. (Toilet article, items of clothing, deck of cards, etc.) (1)
7. For each pair of crutch pads, ditty bag or x-ray chart holder made and donated to a veteran in a VA Hospital. (5)
8. For each dollar donated to VAVS for coupon books. (1)
9. For each publication donated to a Veterans Hospital library, reading room or equivalent facility that is accepted by the VA (i.e. 1-yr. subscription = 12 points). (1)
10. For each veteran party, barbecue, outing, boat ride or similar event that includes Veteran patients.
01-10 (10)
11-25 (15)
26-50 (20)
51- (25)
11. Special observance attended in cooperation with veterans organizations attending. (10)
12. Special observances sponsored by your chapter with other veteran organizations attending. (25)
13. Marking Revolutionary War Veteran graves. (25)
14. Used Clothing - Men & Women (these donations are pending review from National at this time. Continue to record points, until notified)
 - o Men's Dress Shirt (3)
 - o Ladies pant Suits (8)
 - o Men's Casual Shirt (2)
 - o Ladies Slacks (5)
 - o Men's Sport Jacket (5)
 - o Ladies Blouses (3)

- Men's Trousers 7 Jeans (5)
 - Ladies Coat (5)
 - Men's Sweater (5)
 - Ladies Shoes (2)
 - Men's Lightweight Jackets (2)
 - Ladies Sweat Suits (10)
 - Men's Heavyweight Coats (10)
 - Ladies Dresses (5)
 - Men's Overcoats (10)
 - Ladies Purse (2)
 - Men's Robes (3)
 - Men's Suits (10)
15. All used big-ticketed items such as TV's, computer's, VCR's, Radio's etc. points are to equal 1/3 of the original purchase price. If a used item cost \$1,500.00 new, then 500 points would be given for the donation. If the same item were purchased new, 1,500 points would be given for this donation.

13.3 Veteran Committee Chairman's Guidelines

The following pages are sample worksheets to use to tabulate the score for the USS Stark Award. The **form VA-2** is to be made available to members at each monthly meeting. The Veterans Committee Chairman is to remind the chapter that they are to be filled out and given to him before leaving the meeting. The chairman is to remind members of the ease to accumulate points by visiting veterans that are sick at hospitals and at home. If a member visits another member who is a Veteran, then that visit would count. It should also be noted that if a member has helped a veteran in a way that is not listed on this form, then they are to list it on the back. The Chairman is to contact the State Veterans Committee Chairman for guidance on how to count it. If few members turn these in then it should be done on a Bimonthly or Quarterly bases. At the start of the year the chairman should spend a little time going over **form VA-3b & VA-3c** with the members and point out how easy it is for just one person to earn 2,285 points alone. **Form VA-3b** shows what monthly statistics would look like for ONE individual. **Form VA-3c** is the Instructions that show a breakdown of how the totals for each category are figured. This would be a good time to distribute a copy of **forms VA-3b, VA-3c**, and the BLANK **form VA-3a** to help them keep track of what counts toward points and how to total the points.

As Veterans Committee Chairman, you are to use **form VA4** to keep a running monthly total of all your points. If you have any questions, you are to contact the State Chairman for help. You are encouraged to report your totals to the State Chairman by October 15, in order to verify completion of the forms, and must submit your chapter finals by January 15th. It is very important that you get your "Semiannual", October report and Annual report in on time or early if possible. These are used to create reports for both the FLSSAR Annual Reports as well as the report to National Congress for the Awarding of the USS Stark Memorial Award.

13.3.1 F Form VA-1 Veterans Donations

Form available at FLSSAR website <http://flssar.org/Forms.htm>

VA Form V-2 Monthly Summary Report

Date	Special OBSERVANCE attending in cooperation with veterans organizations. (Mark if you attended any of these events or other events in your area).	Attended	
April	Kings Mountains Memorial Service		
May	Armed Forces Day		
May	Memorial Day		
May	Forest Hill Memorial Garden Memorial Service (MOH recipient)		
June	Flag Day		
July	Independence Day		
Aug.			
Sept.	DAR/SAR Georgia State Society - Joint Constitutional Luncheon		
Oct.			
Nov.	Veterans Day Parade		
Nov.	Veterans Day Banquet		
Dec.	Special Day to pass out gifts & card to patients at VA Hospital & Nursing home		
Dec.	Christmas Eve Day to pass out stocking to patients at VA Hospital & Nursing home		
Jan.	Anv. of the Battle of Cowpens		
Feb.	Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial Service		
Feb.	Presidents Day Services		
Feb.	George Washington's Birthday Service		
	ANY Event that the Color Guard was at that is not mentioned above		
March			

Did You Participate In Any of the following Events Worksheet for examples.	Please see Sample
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- Christmas Party for VA Patients at local Nursing home
- Chapter member(s) appointed to Local United Veterans Council or equivalent organizations.
- Each HOUR served in VA Volunteer Service
- Each SAR member visiting a Veteran in a VA Hospital, Nursing home or his home.
- Each MILE TRAVELED round trip to visit a Veteran in a VA Hospital , Nursing home or his home.
- Each patched or crocheted lap robe made & donated to Veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home.
- Each GIFT donated to Veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home. (personal care items, items of clothing, etc...)
- Each pair of crutch pads, ditty bag or x-ray chartholder made and donated to a Veteran in a VA Hospital
- Each dollar donated to VAVS coupon books
- Each PUBLICATION donated to a VA Library, reading room. (magazine, paper back books, etc....)
- Each VETERAN OUTING or Party that includes Veteran patients.(1-10=10; 11-25=15; 26-50=20; & 51+ =25)
- Special OBSERVANCE attending in cooperation with veterans organizations (Washington's Birthday, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Constitution Day, Yorktown Day, Veterans Day, and any Local historic observances).
- Marking Revolutionary War Veterans graves
- Used Cloths - Men & Women
- Used Big Ticket Items

13.3.3 F Form VA-4 Chapter Totals Worksheet of Veterans Chairman

13.4 VA Regional Hospitals

SUPPORTED BY THE FLSSAR				
Bay Pines Medical Center	10,000 Bay Pines Blvd Bay Pines, FL 33744	Phone: (727) 398-6661 Fax: (727) 398-9442	Chief Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
Malcom Randall VAMC, NF/SG VHS	1601 S.W. Archer Road Gainesville, FL 32608-1197	Phone: 352-376-1611 Fax: 352-374-6113	Director Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
Lake City VAMC, NF/SG VHS	619 S. Marion Avenue Lake City, FL 32025-5808	Phone: 386-755-3016 Fax: 386-758-3209	Director Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
Miami VAMC	1201 N.W. 16th Street Miami, FL 33125	Phone: 305-575-7000 Fax: 305-575-3266	Director Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
James A. Haley VAMC	13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612	Phone: (813) 972-2000 Fax: (813) 972-7673	Director Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
West Palm Beach VAMC	7305 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33410-6400	Phone: 561-422-8262 Fax: 561-422-8613	Director Volunteer Services	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)
			FLSSAR	(Name)

Each year names of SAR members are submitted to the Board for consideration to become the SAR representative. If you would like to serve please contact the State Veterans Committee Chairman and let your desire be known.

13.5 Application For Standard Government Headstone

The following described VA Form 40-1330 should be completed and submitted when requesting that the U.S. Government supply a standard headstone or marker to be placed in a private or state Veteran's cemetery. Form 40-1330 may be obtained from any VA office in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

13.6 General Information Sheet

KEEP THIS GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET AND THE COPY OF THE APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Department of Veteran Affairs

APPLICATION FOR STANDARD GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE OR MARKER FOR INSTALLATION IN A PRIVATE OR STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY

RESPONDENT BURDEN - Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one-fourth hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to VA Clearance Officer (723), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2900-0222), Washington, DC 20503.

BENEFIT PROVIDED

- a. **HEADSTONE OR MARKER** - Furnished upon application for the unmarked grave of any deceased veteran. Applicant must certify the grave is unmarked and a Government headstone or marker is preferred to a privately purchased headstone or marker. This restriction applies to companion markers. Companion markers identify two or more decedents buried, or to be buried, in the same or adjoining graves. A grave is considered marked if a monument displays the decedent's name

and dates of birth and/or death, even though the veteran's military data is not shown. Applicant may be anyone having knowledge of the deceased.

- b. **MEMORIAL HEADSTONE OR MARKER** - Furnished upon application by a relative recognized as the next of kin for installation only in a cemetery to commemorate any veteran whose remains have not been recovered or identified, were buried at sea, donated to science, or cremated and the remains scattered. Check box in block 2 and explain in block 27.
- c. **BRONZE NICHE MARKER** - See illustration for standard bronze niche marker if entombment is in a columbarium or mausoleum; if desired, so indicate in block 27.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE - Any deceased veteran discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. To expedite processing, attach a copy of the deceased veteran's discharge certificate or a copy of other official document(s) pertaining to military service, if available. Do not send original documents; they will not be returned. Service after September 7, 1980, must be for a minimum of 24 months or be completed under special circumstances, e.g., death on active duty. Persons who have only limited active duty service for training while in the National Guard or Reserves are not eligible unless there are special circumstances, e.g., death while on, or as a result of training. Persons with extended Reserve or National Guard service that entitled them to retirement pay subsequent to October 27, 1992, are eligible; a copy of the Reserve Retirement Eligibility Benefits Letter must accompany the application. Active duty service during the Persian Gulf War for all referenced above also establishes eligibility. Service prior to World War I requires detailed documentation, e.g., muster rolls, extracts from State files. Military or State organization where served, pension or land warrant, etc.

HOW TO APPLY - Mail the original only of the completed application (V A Form 40-1330) to:
Office of Memorial Programs (40JA)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420-0001

The copy is for your records. A Government headstone or marker may only be furnished if a fully completed application form has been received.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED - The applicant, next of kin or other responsible person, signs in block 15, obtain the signature of consignee in block 22 and cemetery official in block 24. If there is no official on duty at the cemetery write "NONE" in block 24. State Veterans' Cemeteries are not required to complete blocks: IS, 16,22 and 23.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED - If assistance is needed to complete this application, contact the nearest V A Regional Office, national cemetery, or a local veterans' organization. No fee should be paid in connection with the preparation of this application. Use block 27 for any clarification or information you wish to provide. Should you have special questions when filling out this form, please telephone our Applicant Assistance Division toll free at: 1-800-697-6947.

INSTALLATION - All costs to install the headstone or marker must be paid from private funds.

TRANSPORTATION - The headstone or marker is shipped without charge to the consignee. Designated in block 19 of the application. The consignee must have a full street address; delivery cannot be made to a Post Office Box. An address showing Rural Route Delivery must include a telephone number in block 20 to obtain delivery. An insufficient address may result in a nondeliverable headstone or marker.

CAUTION - After completing the application, please check carefully to be sure that you have accurately furnished all required information, thereby avoiding delays in making the grave site. Mistakes can not be corrected after a head stone or marker has been ordered. Head stones or markers furnished remain the property of the United States Government and may not be used for any purpose other than to honor the memory of the descendant for who the head stone or marker is intended. A government provided head stone or marker may not be used as a foot stone or to supplement a private monument, or be affixed to an existing inscribed monument.

DETACH AND RETAIN THE GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET AND THE COPY OF THE APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

VA Form August 1993 40-1330

14.0 Appendices

Appendix A: Sample of Chapter Constitution and By-laws

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
(NEW CHAPTER) CHAPTER NO. nn
FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND STATUS

The name of this chapter shall be (Insert New Chapter Name) No. nn, Florida Society of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The Chapter is a non-profit organization and derives its status from Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code granting such status to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and its subordinate elements. The National Society is a corporation created by special act of the Congress of the United States in 1906, and amended in 1925 and in 1961.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The objects of the Chapter are patriotic, historical, and educational as set forth in Article II of the respective Constitutions of THE FLORIDA SOCIETY, INC. (FLSSAR) and the NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSSAR).

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer, chaplain, registrar, historian and sergeant-at-arms. These officers, together with the immediate past president, or an alternate, shall constitute the Board of Managers of this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Any man eighteen (18) years or older, whose application to membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution has been approved and is a member in good standing of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter.

ARTICLE V

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers shall formulate and carry out plans for promoting the purposes and growth of the Chapter and will generally superintend its interests. They shall execute such other duties as may be assigned them at any meeting of this Chapter.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

The Chapter shall hold its Annual Meeting in March of each year after the State Society's Annual Meeting at which the installation of officers shall be conducted.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such intended alteration or amendment be given at the previous regular scheduled meeting immediately preceding the meeting in which the vote would be taken.

BYLAWS

SECTION I

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Application for membership must be made in writing to the Secretary on the form authorized by NSSAR, and submitted in two typed copies with all needed documentation and a check in the proper amount for the Application and Membership fees. An applicant may be invited to participate as a guest pending final approval of his application by the FLSSAR and NSSAR authorities. The applicant shall become a member of the Chapter after favorable report by the registrar of the approval of the application by the FLSSAR and NSSAR.

B. The annual dues shall be payable directly to the State Society on or before the last day of December of each year, with a portion remitted to the Local Chapter, as provided in the Bylaws of the FLSSAR. All other conditions and terms related to said dues as set down in the State Society Bylaws shall apply.

C. If any member shall fail to pay his annual dues for one year, the Board of Managers may, at its discretion, drop his name from the list of members.

D. A member may resign if his dues are all paid by notifying the secretary in writing.

SECTION II

MEETINGS

A. The Chapter shall meet monthly as announced.

B. Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Managers.

SECTION III

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A

1. The Chapter President will appoint, in July, a three man Nominating Committee including at least one ex-chapter president. The committee will then select their own chairman. Membership on this committee will not include the current Chapter President.
2. The committee will select a committee chairman.
3. The Nominating Committee will report to the general membership, in December, the nomination of a slate of officers and will determine, with the concurrence of the Board of Managers, appropriate recognition for the outgoing President and/or officers.
4. The Chapter membership will vote on the nominated officers in January.
5. Installation of new officers will take place in March after the Annual Meeting of the State Society.

B. The officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall be elected and shall have qualified.

C. An auditor shall be appointed by the President prior to the Annual Meeting to audit the books of the Treasurer. The auditor's report shall be made at the Annual Meeting of the Members, prior to the installation of new officers. At the prerogative of the incoming Treasurer, there will be a thirty (30) day transition period between the incoming and outgoing Treasurer.

D. In case of the death, disability, or resignation of any officer, the Board of Managers shall have the power to elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of office.

E. Any Chapter officer unable or failing to perform his duties in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws may be replaced. The Board of Managers shall nominate a successor to be voted on at the next Regular Chapter meeting. The elected successor shall fill the unexpired term of office.

SECTION IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

The President or in his absence the First Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. He shall appoint all standing committees and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

B. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The First Vice-President shall be chairman of the Program Committee and shall be responsible for arrangements for all programs at all regular meetings of the Chapter. In the absence or disability of the President, he shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter.

C. SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Second Vice-President shall be chairman of the Awards Committee and shall be responsible for obtaining an appropriate supply of all medals and awards to be granted by the Chapter, and preparation of all certificates. He shall, in addition, provide a list of awards to the Historian for inclusion in the Chapter Archives. If no Second Vice-President is nominated and elected, these duties will be the responsibility of the First Vice-President.

D. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- 1) Record the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and provide a copy of such minutes to the President as soon as possible following each meeting.
- 2) Give due notice to all members of the time and place of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Managers.
- 3) Maintain a correct list of the members, their addresses, dates of admission to the Chapter, resignation or other termination of membership.
- 4) Advise State and/or National headquarters about membership and notify said headquarters after each election of officers.
- 5) Initiate and handle the official correspondence of the Chapter both internal and external.
- 6) Maintain the true Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter, with the date of Chapter Approval, and signed by the President. All amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be maintained as a historical record in the Secretary's file.

It shall be the further duty of the Secretary to perform such other duties as may be directed by the President or the Board of Managers.

E. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys of the Chapter and shall collect all the moneys due to the Chapter and shall deposit them to the credit of the Chapter in a depository bank, selected by a majority vote of the Board of Managers. No check shall ever be signed in blank and all checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or an alternate designated by the President or the Chapter, and whose signature is on file at the designated depository.

F. CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall be responsible for the spiritual welfare of the Chapter. His duties shall include the provision of opening and closing prayers at each meeting, the preparation and dispatch of all memorial resolutions and letters of condolence on behalf of the Chapter, and presiding over the necrology service at the Annual Meeting.

G. REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall be chairman of the Membership Committee. The Registrar shall review all original and supplemental application papers for completeness and accuracy, approve them before submission to the State Registrar. A copy of all original and supplemental application papers must be filed with the Chapter Secretary.

H. HISTORIAN

The Historian shall maintain a record of the activities of the Chapter and its members. His duties shall include the maintenance of a scrapbook containing the photos, clippings, and other relics of such activities for presentation to the State and National Society conventions, as well as the maintenance of such archives as the Chapter might require.

I. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the maintenance of order at all meetings of the Chapter, subject to the instructions of the President. The Sergeant-at-Arms is also responsible for the maintenance and placement of all flags at Chapter meetings and activities.

SECTION V

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such special committees as shall be directed by the Chapter or Board of Managers or as he may deem necessary. Some of those committees may be: Membership, Finance, Program, Publicity and Awards.

SECTION VI

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEES

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee shall serve as the first contact with prospective members of SAR. The committee shall provide information about NSSAR, FLSSAR, and the Chapter and answer any other questions of the applicant. The committee shall provide the necessary Yellow Worksheet and formal SAR application for the applicant to complete and instruct the applicant to collect all required support documents. The Membership Committee shall act as sponsors of the applicant if no SAR member, in good standing, is standing as sponsor. The committee shall work closely with the Registrar on behalf of the applicants.

The Membership Committee shall also serve as the Chapter "telephone committee" to contact the current members and remind them of meetings and special activities planned by the Chapter. The committee shall advise the President of any members that are in ill health.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall examine the financial condition of the Chapter and suggest ways and means of increasing its revenues and of limiting its expenses and report its findings to the President and Board of Managers. The Treasurer will serve as chairman of the Finance Committee.

C. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee shall have the objective to attract the interest of men who are candidates for membership. The committee shall seek the cooperation of newspapers, radio and television stations to reach that audience. The committee shall also provide the State and National SAR news publications articles about the growth and activities of the Chapter. The committee shall work closely with the Program and Membership chairmen to coordinate activities and information about the Chapter.

D. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee, when appointed, shall plan for speakers or other types of programs for the Chapter. At least half the meetings should feature historical or patriotic programs. The committee shall work closely with the President and assist him with the agenda for Chapter meetings.

E. AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee shall seek out individuals and/or organizations for the purpose of providing commendations for distinguished service. The broad categories for which commendations are given are for service in the armed forces, recognition for community service, as a reward within the SAR and DAR, and for heritage oriented youth activities. The committee shall nominate candidates, however no awards or certificates shall be issued without the approval of the President and/or the Board of Managers. Members of the committee may be asked to coordinate the Eagle Scout, Oration, Poster and Law Enforcement programs.

SECTION VII

QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of those members present at a meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Board of Managers shall include Chapter members who are not members thereof by the virtue of being past president.

SECTION VIII

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such intended alteration or amendment be given at the previous regular scheduled meeting immediately preceding the meeting in which the vote would be taken.

SECTION IX

EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS

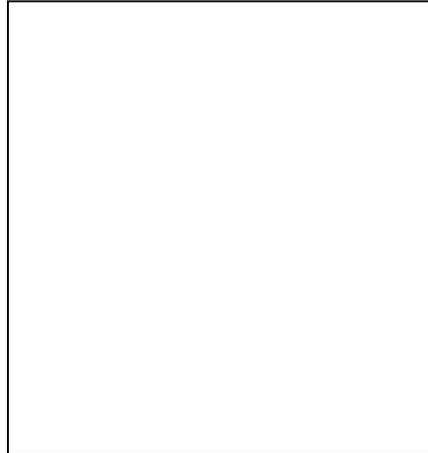
- A. No member or officer shall commit Chapter funds for any project, contract or agreement without prior approval of the Board of Managers and Chapter in a regular or called meeting.
- B. Before payment by the Treasurer, all invoices are required to have signature approval, by the President, or Vice-President in the absence or disability of the President.
- C. All contracts or agreements made in behalf of the Chapter must be signed by the President, or Vice-President in the absence or disability of the President.

Appendix B: Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Description	Reference #
January	01/01	Members Annual Dues	Chapt. 2 Sec. 4.2
	01/01	Bessent Award	Chapt. 3 Sec. 7.2
	01/18	Cow Pens Battle	
		BOM	Chapt. 1 Sec. 4.0
February:	02/14	Kettle Creek	
	02/21	George Washington's Birthday	
	02/28	Chapter Report to Regional VP	Chapt. 2 Sec. 4.12
March:			
	03/15	Guilford Court House – Greensboro, NC	
		Annual Meeting / BOM	Chapt. 1 Sec. 4.3
April:	04/14	Patriot's Day	
May:	05/26	Memorial Day	
June:			
	06/01	Public Service and Heroism	Chapt. 3 Sec. 5.6
	06/07&08	Ramsour's Mill – Lincolnton, NC	
	06/14	Flag Day	
	06/30	Chapter Report to Regional VP	Chapt. 2 Sec. 4.12
July:	07/04	Independence Day	
August:		BOM	Chapt. 1 Sec. 4.0
September:			
	09/	Eagle Scout Program / Letter Scout	Chapt. 3 Sec. 6.3
	09/30	Chapter Report to Regional VP	Chapt. 2 Sec. 4.12
	09/15 – 21	Constitution Week - DAR/SAR	
October:	10/11	BOM	Chapt. 1 Sec. 4.0
	10/07	Kings Mountain, SC	
	10/19	Yorktown, VA	
November:	11/11	Veterans Day	
December:	12/	Eagle Scout Program / Entry Deadline	Chapt. 3 Sec. 6.3
	12/31	Chapter Report to Regional VP	Chapt. 2 Sec. 4.12

The Deland Chapter

Of the
Florida Society SAR



Uncle Sam Wants You

Chapter 1 Report to the Induction Center

Deland Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Since you are already working on your genealogy, take the time to be rewarded by joining the Sons of the American Revolution. Membership is available for those descendants who can document that their ancestors fought or aided in the American Revolution. Our Registrar, Charles L. Baker, will assist you in the membership process.

Craig may be contacted at
(386) 738-3358 or email baker@iag.net

The Deland Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Meets at Woodland Tower, 113 Chipola Ave, Deland at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month all year. Wives are invited to attend a dinner meeting. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Charles L. Baker at 386-738-3358.

The Deland Chapter serves the community of Deland and all of Volusia County. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Appendix D: Story of the Purple Heart Brochure

The Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American meets at the Inverness Country Club, Country Club Drive off of Sandpiper Road in Inverness, FL at 11:30 am on the second Saturday of each month except June, July and August.. For details or for answers to any questions, please contact one of the Chapter Officers. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, John A. Camillo at (352) 382-7383.

The Withlacoochee Chapter serves the communities of Inverness and all of Citrus and Hernando Counties, Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

For membership information

Contact

John A. Camillo, Registrar

352-382-7383

email: jscam54@atlantic.net

The Story of the

Purple Heart

Compliments of the Withlacoochee Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
3 Salvia Ct.
Homosassa, FL 34446

The Military Badge of Merit

Does this look familiar? General George Washington, “ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers,” established the Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782. He directed that it be “the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding.” Although Washington intended this forerunner of today’s Purple Heart to be bestowed “whenever any singular meritorious action is performed,” only three soldiers of the American Revolution were awarded this badge.

Sergeant Elijah Churchill, 2nd Regiment, Light Dragoons, was awarded the badge for his part in two successful raids behind British lines. In November 1780, leading only 16 men, he was able to capture and destroy the heavily manned British fortifications at Corum, New York. Not only did they burn 300 tons of hay, but they also burned a British supply schooner and captured 50 prisoners. In accomplishing this, only one of his men was wounded. The second raid was on Ft Slongo in October 1781. Churchill’s unit, without the loss of a single man, captured and destroyed the fort in less than 24 hours.

The badge was awarded to Sergeant William Brown, 5th Connecticut Regiment, for leading an advance party who, using only bayonets, penetrated the British fortifications at Yorktown, Virginia on October 14, 1781. Although challenged by enemy gunfire and grenades, Brown’s party drove the British from their position in only 125 minutes.

The third and last badge was given to Sergeant Daniel Bissell, 2nd Connecticut Regiment, for masquerading as a British soldier from August 1781 to September 1782. The information he gathered helped prepare for the American-French attack on the city of New York.

With the American Revolution over and the army disbanded, the Badge of Military Merit seemingly passed into history until February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of Washington’s birth. On that date General Douglas MacArthur, then War Department Chief of Staff, announced the restoration of the Purple Heart for use by the U.S. Army. Elizabeth Will of the Office of the Quartermaster General is credited with the 1932 design. The modern medal is reminiscent of Washington’s Badge of Merit with its heart shape, however, it now contains a likeness of Washington and his family coat of arms.

Over the years, Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy established uniform standards and extended eligibility for the award. Today, the medal can only be given to military or civilian nationals, serving with one of the U. S. Armed Forces since April 5, 1917, that have been wounded or killed under a specific set of circumstances. Although the criteria for the award is very different than that set by General Washington, it still honors those who have demonstrated “unusual gallantry” and “extraordinary fidelity.

Recipients of the Purple Heart today receive a certificate that reads:

*The United States of America
To All Who Shall See These Presents, Greeting:
This is to certify that
The President of the United States of America
Has Awarded The*

PURPLE HEART

*Established by General George Washington
At Newberg, New York, August 7, 1782
To
For Wounds Received
In Action*

Appendix E: Declaration of Independence, Signers Brochure

Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Mrs. Dorothy Walton was the wife of George Walton who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

George Walton was born in Virginia. He was an orphan and became a carpenter's apprentice. He worked out his apprenticeship, moved to Georgia and studied law. He was a Savannah lawyer and a member of the Liberty Boys. He signed the Declaration of Independence when he was 27 years old and died at age 55. Walton was the most active after the Revolution. He was wounded in the leg and captured at the first Battle of Savannah. He was twice Governor; twice Senator; six times Congressman; first Chief Justice of the Court during the Confederacy; was Superior Court Judge of Middle Circuit for six terms. He was a signer of the Articles of Confederation and helped draft them. He died in 1804, at the age of 55 and is buried beside Lyman Hall in Augusta, Georgia.

Mrs. Dorothy Walton, wife of George Walton Dorothy Camber Walton's life contained a cast of real-life characters who helped form the United States. She was introduced to them through her husband, George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

George Walton was a politician who was once charged with writing the preamble and constitution for the new state of Georgia, according to "The Walton House," by Leora M. Sutton. His friends and acquaintances included John Adams, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

George Walton and Dorothy Camber were courting during this time, according to Sutton's book,

"When George Walton returned from the historic signing, he quietly slipped a small package from his pocket and could hardly wait to pay his respects to the widow, Mrs. Thomas Camber and see her daughters. (George's favorite daughter was the eldest daughter, Dorothy.)"

"Dorothy could not hide her joy at being loved by a very popular, promising young lawyer and congressman."

Not long after their marriage, the Waltons became prisoners during the Revolutionary War at Sunbury, 40 miles south of Savannah, Ga. George Walton used his connections to have his wife and their slaves sent to sea, arriving at the port of Charles Town. Their ship was captured by a British frigate and sent instead to the West Indies. Dorothy Walton was exchanged for two British colonels and sent back to join her family, according to "The Walton House." Her husband, the book says, was exchanged for a British general.

"While Dorothy was on the Island of St. Eustatia, she was repeatedly taunted with offers to return to England, the land of her loyal British father, but she she showed her remarkable firmness in her decision to remain by the side of her rebel husband."

After the war, the couple lived in Savannah, Ga., until her husband's death in 1804. She then moved to Pensacola with her son and his family. She died Sept. 12, 1832 in Pensacola where she is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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They gave us a free and Independent America. Some of us take these liberties for granted....we shouldn't. So, take a couple of minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

*Compliments of the
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Sons of the American Revolution
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Appendix F: Award Citations

CITATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMENDATION MEDAL

Awarded to

SERGEANT DAVID C. FOLSOM

Sergeant David C. Folsom, Tallahassee, Florida City Police Department, is awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order. Sergeant Folsom is cited for his distinguished service in traffic safety. Such dedication to duty and accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself, the Tallahassee, Florida City Police Department and the City of Alpharetta.

CITATION

BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

Awarded to

Dr. Al Wehlburg

At the Chapter's December 21st meeting, the SAR's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Dr. Al Wehlburg, a University of Florida professor of theater and dance, for his sacrifices during World War II and his outstanding presentation on the subject to the FLSSAR Board of Management meeting hosted by the Gainesville Chapter in January of last year.

As those who attended the BOM know, Dr. Wehlburg was just a lad in the Dutch East Indies when war broke out in December 1941. He and his family were captured by the Japanese and held in a prison camp throughout virtually all of the war, being released in early 1945 as that area of the Southwest Pacific was taken by the allies.

His presentation at the January BOM was especially well received by all of the compatriots and guests present, and there was a unanimous clamor that Dr. Wehlburg receive special recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution for his youthful patriotism and courage – this, then, was that long overdue recognition!

CITATION

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

Awarded to

C.A.R. Member Stacey Hillman

Those attending the BOM in Clearwater were treated to meeting and greeting a lovely and charming young lady. Stacey Hillman was awarded the SAR Silver Good Citizenship medal and certificate by the Florida Society for her "Pennies for Police Dogs" project. Stacey wants to put a Kevlar bulletproof vest on every police dog in the country. Thanks to a lot of work by RVP Harry Hollien, we of the Florida Society are better for having met and honored Stacey

CITATION

Meritorious Service Medal

Awarded to

Compatriot Ralph Eastwood, Sr. Ph.D..

Compatriot Ralph Eastwood, Sr. Ph.D. is cited for continuous meritorious and dedicated service to the Gainesville Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Dr. Eastwood was quite active and served in the 4 H as both member and advisor, as a retired Colonel USAR (a WWII volunteer), and as a Professor.

Dr. Eastwoods' commitment to the SAR is quite impressive. He served as President Emeritus of the Gainesville Chapter ,and was its longest serving President. He started the current chapter with about 24 charter members and saw it grow to over 76. He served as Regional Vice President for 3 years, FLSSAR Genealogist for 3 years, and recruited over 50 members into the society. He also served as Chairman of the FLSSAR Good Citizenship Committee.

He was awarded the Society's Liberty Medal with multiple Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, the War Service Medal (WWII), the NSSAR and FLSSAR Centennial Medal, and in 2001 became a holder of the prestigious Patriot Medal.

In addition he also is a members of the Sons of the Revolution (SR), the National Society of Americans of Royal Descent, the Order of Three Crusades, and the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne.

CITATION

MRS. LOIS SWAN

The Florida State Society, Children of the American Revolution Senior State President, Mrs. Lois Swan, is cited for continuous service in a variety of leadership positions, providing important contributions to the Saramana Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

As CAR State President, Mrs. Lois Swan has fostered a companion relationship between the Saramana Chapter and the Children of the American Revolution by encouraging all members of the Chapter to join in support of CAR activities. She advanced the Florida State Society, Children of the American Revolution honor pin program to raise funds for CAR activities and encouraged SAR members to become Honor Members and a State Patriot by subscribing to CAR goes, the Florida State Society, CAR newsletter.

As an OUTSTANDING ambassador for what our youth are doing today to live the patriotism of our forefathers, Lois Swan reflects great credit on herself and the Florida State Society, Children of the American Revolution.

CITATION

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

COMPATRIOT PHILLIP B. CARR

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Certificate of Appreciation, is awarded to Compatriot Phillip B. Carr, for his continuous performance of outstanding service to the St. Lucie River Chapter, Florida Society, in performance of his many duties. Compatriot Carr has served with distinction as NSSAR Vice President and FLSSAR President. Through his dedication devotion in the conduct of Law Enforcement, as a former FBI agent, Compatriot Carr has enlightened many people about Law Enforcement

Example 7 Distinguished Service Award

CITATION

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Award to

COMPATRIOT LAUREN R. BRADLEY

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Distinguished Service Certificate, was awarded to Compatriot Lauren R. Bradley, Clearwater Chapter, Florida Society, for his continuous performance of truly distinguished service to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

During the Spring Trustee Meeting at Louisville, KY on February 27, President General Raymond Musgrave awarded FLSSAR President Larry Bradley a Certificate of Distinguished Service for conspicuous service to the NSSAR.

CITATION

SERVICE TO VETERANS MEDAL

awarded to

COMPATRIOT AL LITTLE

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Service to Veterans Medal, is awarded to Compatriot Al Little for his long and exemplary service to veterans. This award recognizes Compatriot Little's continuous dedication of service

Compatriot Little's outstanding service to veterans consisted of, but in no way was limited to, participation at Patriot Grave Site Dedications, visiting disabled veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital, and providing a morale-building environment at the Veterans Hospital

Compatriot Al Little's exemplary service to veterans has distinguished himself, the DeLand Chapter, and the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

CITATION

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD

awarded to

Ernest S. Dopp

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Outstanding Citizenship Award, is awarded to Ernest S. Dopp, for continuous outstanding service to the ideals of the Society in support of numerous activities of the St. Augustine Chapter

Ernest S. Dopp has truly distinguished himself throughout the community and the Society. His love for the ideals of the SAR is above the call and clearly reflects outstanding credit upon himself, the St. Augustine Chapter and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION

Awarded to

MEMBERS OF SEVEN LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Saramana Chapter recently honored members of seven local Fire Departments as follows: North Port Fire Department, FF/EMT Tod Stubbs; Bradenton Fire Department, F/F Brandon Desch; Venice Fire Department, FF/EMT Scott Blanchard; Sarasota County Fire Department, Captain Bill Stuckey; Englewood Fire Department, FF/EMT Greg Adams; Longboat Key Fire Department, Lt. Douglas W. Dakel and Nokomis Fire Department, Lt. David White. Each of the foregoing was honored by their peers for being an outstanding member of their department. Our speaker for this event was Chief Michael Johnson of the Venice Fire Department who gave a most interesting and informative talk on the history of fire fighting, the formation of fire departments and the evolution of fire insurance companies in the United States since revolutionary times.

Their dedication to duty and their fire safety accomplishments reflect great credit upon themselves and their respective Fire Departments.

Appendix G: Teaching Outline

Classroom Presentations

45 Minute presentation made in Continental Uniform

The Sons of the American Revolution – who we are

The Colony of Florida in the American Revolution

Map board

Declaration of Independence

John Hancock

Display board

56 Signers – lives, fortune and sacred honor

Where located - National Archives

Dunlap Broadside

The Florida Signers Connection

Mrs. Dorothy Walton, wife of George Walton

St. Michael's Cemetery (Savannah)

The story of Caesar Rodney (Delaware) and how one vote counts

Other important Heroes in Florida of the American Revolution

General Bernardo de Galvez (The Battle of Pensacola)

General Gadsden at St. Augustine

Important Historical Sites

Castillo De San Marcos & Fort Matanzas

Continental Uniform

Continental Currency

4/19/2005

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Appendix I: Example Poster Contest

For Immediate Release

4th Grade Students at Stuart Elementary School Win Poster Contest

Stuart Elementary School Fourth Grade student John Doe was recently awarded a check for \$45 as the school winner of a poster contest sponsored by the DeVane Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. John, a student in Mrs. Smith's class, also received a handsome pin that contained the image of a Minuteman with his musket in hand, and the inscription, "Outstanding Citizenship Award," Sons of the American Revolution.

All 153 Students in the Fourth Grade participated in a poster contest using the theme: "The Boston Tea Party." Each student received a certificate for participating in the contest.

Awards were presented by Jay Wise, Vice President and Chairman of Chapter Poster Committee, to each of the top three winners of the 8 fourth grade classes. Mary Jones received a pin and a check for \$25 as 1st runner-up. A student in Ms Johnson's class received a pin and a check for \$10 as 2nd runner-up in the school competition.

St. Lucie River chapter member Bud Casey provided a narration of the awards, assisted by Jack Taylor, Doug North, Jay Wise and Chairman Casey, the latter three dressed in their Revolutionary War soldier's uniforms. 4th grade teacher Mrs. Mary Ann Long coordinated the Poster Contest.

The St. Lucie River Chapter sponsors the Poster Contest annually for 4th grade students in the Martin County area. The contest is to encourage patriotism in young people and assist in their knowledge of our country's struggle for freedom. The St. Lucie Chapter serves the communities of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Stuart, including Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

The St. Lucie River Chapter meets monthly on the second Saturday at noon at Johnny's restaurant in Port St. Lucie. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Hall Riediger at (772) 336-0926 or email allriedi42@bellsouth.net .

Appendix J: Example News Release - School Presentations

For Immediate Release

Flagler Elementary Students Receive Revolutionary War History

Fourth grade students at Flagler Elementary in Palm Coast recently had a unique treat to meet members of the Sons of the American Revolution who appeared in full Revolutionary War uniform. The students, studying the American Revolution, had an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution members David Kelsey and Tom Beauchamp. The American history lesson was part of a study of the Revolutionary War in the Southern States and in Georgia. Focus was on the signers of the Declaration of Independence and that of Cesar Rodney whose image is on the Delaware state quarter.

Students John Doe, Mary Smith, and Melissa Brown, presented the visiting teachers with a poster, appropriately designed to depict the American Revolution.

Mrs. Susan Johnson, Fourth Grade teacher, arranged the program. Flagler Elementary has over 1,000 students and is under the direction of Mr. Doug Taylor, Principal.

The Flagler Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution is involved in a number of programs promoting patriotic, historical and educational activities in the community. For information, call (386) 447-0350.

Appendix K: Example News Release - Service to Veterans

For Immediate Release
Local Residents Honored for their Service to Veterans

Members of Deland Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution recently were honored with a medal presentation for their service to Veterans at the chapter's December meeting. Receiving the award was Al Little, presented by H. Vann Rhodes, President.

The award is presented for participation at Patriot Grave Site Dedications, visiting disabled veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital, transporting veterans to and from medical appointments, visiting and rendering assistance to sick veterans at their homes, providing a morale-building environment at the Veterans Hospital such as the placement and decorations of Christmas Trees, handing out Elementary School produced Valentine Cards to bed ridden veterans, donating books, magazines, toilet articles such as the Christmas Sock Program, traveling numerous miles throughout the State of Florida in direct support of the National Societies Veteran's Memorial Program.

Thank You, Al and Louise Little for helping us support our Veterans and THANK YOU members for your donations for our Veterans. Our December meeting is the time we remember our veterans and donate personal items for the holidays. We appreciate the effort made by all of you to make this a success.

The Deland Chapter meets at Woodland Tower, 113 Chipola Ave, Deland at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month all year. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Charles L. Baker at (386) 738-3358 or email baker@iag.net .

Appendix L: Example News Release - FLSSAR President

For Immediate Release
Local Resident Elected President of State Society

Gainesville resident Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Dr. Harry Hollien was recently installed as the President of the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution at the annual meeting of the society in Sarasota, Florida. The organization has over 1600 members and 29 chapters throughout the state. The Florida Society is recognized as one of the leading Societies in the National Society with national membership of over 27,000.

Dr. Harry Hollien (UF Professor Emeritus is a retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander. He is a Professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Dr. Hollien has served as last year's Senior Vice President of the Florida Society, SAR and Chairman of the FLSSAR Education Committee. Previously he was North Central Vice President, FLSSAR. President Hollien is a member of The American Legion, the Marine Corps League and MOAA.(Military Officers Association of America).

The Florida Society activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution. Programs include Essay Contests for both High School students and Eagle Scouts, presentation of medals to College and High School ROTC students, Poster Contests for Elementary School students, American Revolution presentations to Elementary and Middle School students, presentation of medals to Public Safety officials, Revolutionary War Grave Dedications, Volunteer work with Veterans, presentation of Flag Certificates to deserving organizations and schools, and participation in historic battle sites observances and others.

Men or boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact the Florida Society at 772) 569-0309 and visit the Florida Society website <http://www.flssar.org>.

For Immediate Release
Let Freedom Ring July 4, 2003

William Eugene "Gene" Page IV, member of the Gainesville Chapter, and his children ringing their church (Micanopy Episcopal Church of the Mediator) bell at 2 p.m. on the Fourth of July, 2003 (as part of the nation-wide bell ringing ceremony). William represents the Gainesville local SAR chapter, and Gene (age 8) and Carter (age 5) are representing their local Gainesville Society Children of the American Revolution. This year they had a distant Page/Nelson cousin ring the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia as they were ringing the church bell in Micanopy.

This program, authorized in 1963 through a joint Resolution of Congress, is sponsored by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution and will have nationwide participation

This year marks the 227th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For more information contact Americanism Chairman, Douglas Stansberry, 150 Allenwood Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30214-1402

The Gainesville Chapter serves the Gainesville area, including Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Putnam, and Lafayette Counties. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historic interests resulting from the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome at meetings held monthly at the Gainesville Sheraton Hotel, 2900 SW 13th Street (U.S. 441) in Gainesville.

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The [location] Liberty Tree Ceremony

Thank you [names] I had the privilege to work and make this special occasion possible with these folks. And on behalf of the Jacksonville Chapter Sons of the American Revolution I would like to take this opportunity to thank [names] for making this Liberty Tree Ceremony possible. I would also like to recognize [names], thank you for taking the time to participate in this ceremony.

Next I would like to introduce the men in revolutionary war uniforms all are members on the Jacksonville Chapter SAR. [names].

Now allow me tell you a little bit about the Sons of the American Revolution. We are a national patriotic organization whose members are descendants of those patriots who fought for our country's freedom and independence during the revolutionary war. Our chapter is very active in youth activities. Each year, throughout the high schools in the Jacksonville area our chapter sponsors Essay, Oration, and Eagle Scout Scholarship contest. We also award SAR Bronze Medals to one outstanding cadet at each of the 21 high schools in the Jacksonville area that offer ROTC programs. We also each year award the SAR Silver ROTC medal to one outstanding cadet at Jacksonville University.

Several years ago, the Sons of the American Revolution embarked on a program of planting liberty trees on public and private properties in all of our fifty states to pay tribute to our patriot ancestors. Today our Chapter is honored and privileged to plant this Liberty Tree on the beautiful grounds of [location]. A special thank you is extended to [names], for the kind generosity in upgrading the Andrew Jackson Southern Magnolia tree that we are dedicating today.

You may ask - what is a liberty tree. During the Revolutionary War there were designated trees in each of the colonies where the Sons of Liberty would meet, in secret, to discuss the war and their next strategy in the fight for independence. It didn't take the British long to discover why the Sons of Liberty were meeting under these trees. The first Liberty Tree was an elm tree in Colonial Boston and the British cut it down in 1775.

The tree that the [location] chose is this beautiful magnolia tree ([point to direction of tree](#)), which is an Andrew Jackson Southern Magnolia seedling from the Magnolia tree that President Andrew Jackson planted on the White House grounds in 1827 in memory of his beloved wife, Rachel. They had felt that their lives were complete when he was elected President in 1827, but shortly before he was sworn in Rachel died of a heart attack. He decided at that time to plant a lovely Magnolia tree on the White House lawn in her memory. Little did he know that he was starting a tradition that still endures today.

If you have a twenty-dollar bill in your pocket, pull it and look at the engraving of the White House on the back. To one side is the magnolia tree President Jackson planted. And, today that tree is still alive and thriving on the White House grounds. So we can expect this Magnolia tree to also have a long life on the grounds of [location].

Now at this time [names] will unveil the bronze plaque. [names] will be assisting [names] in removing the veil from the plaque.

[names], I would like to present you with this certificate that commemorates this Liberty Tree Ceremony.

Thank each of you for coming to our Liberty Tree Ceremony and when you visit the [location] in the future, you are invited to stop by this liberty tree, admire its beauty and remember the great legacy that our forefathers have given us.