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SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

The 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.

The SAR Pledge

We, 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.

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.

Constitutional Republic

A Constitutional Republic is a state where the officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern according to an existing constitutional law that limits the government's power over its citizens. In the case of the United States Constitution, the body of the Document defines the three separate and distinct parts of government; executive, legislative and judicial, in addition it defines the duties and the obligations each branch must perform. The Bill of Rights and the Amendments define the rights of the individual and are there to prevent tyranny by both the government and the majority.

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those, who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

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Meeting Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
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Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes
Reports of National and State Officers
 National Trustee
 President
 Senior Vice President
 Executive Administrator
 ExComm Member-at-Large
 Northwestern Regional Vice President
 North Central Regional Vice President
 Northeastern Regional Vice President
 East Central Regional Vice President
 West Central Regional Vice President
 Southeast Regional Vice President
 Southwest Regional Vice President
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 Treasurer
 Registrar
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 Trust Funds

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Florida Society Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday 05 Oct 2019, 2:30pm

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Meeting called to order by President Lee Popham at 2:34pm. Opening ritual accomplished.

Included in these minutes are general topics of discussion and proposed Motions and the action(s) taken on those motions.

Lee Popham appointed Steve Williams as the 2019-2020 Compliance Officer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Executive Administrator Steve Williams reported:

- When the President sets the agenda for a BOM, it is the responsibility of the individual assigned to a particular session to coordinate with the Executive Administrator on the date, time, and content of the session, and this should be done as soon as possible.
- When submitting reports for the BOM Proceedings book, chapters should make their reports to their Regional Vice-President, and chapter color guards should make their reports to the FLSSAR Color Guard Commander.

MOTION – Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Bernard Wolff moved that we nominate Pat Niemann for 2020-2021 South Atlantic District Vice-President General. Dwight Elam seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – Bernard Wolff moved that the BOM accept the attached charter dedicated to the formation of an ad-hoc committee titled the 2023 Congress Planning Committee whose duration will sunset at the adjournment of the 2023 NSSAR Congress. The purpose of said committee will be to coordinate the National Congress Planning committee to plan, fund, and implement the 2023 NSSAR Congress under the authority of Florida Society by-laws Article V, section 6.c. The FLSSAR President will appoint five members at the committee's formation and without future additions except to replace a Compatriot no longer able to fulfill his duties due to unforeseen circumstances. The appointed committee members are to plan, propose funding mechanisms, and oversee implementation of responsibilities of the Florida Society as host of the 2023 Congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Ron Grove seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – John Stewart moved that the proposed new special ad-hoc committee for Educational Outreach for the FLSSAR be approved, along with the attached draft charter. Steve Fields seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – Ron Grove moved that we create a council of youth activities and that the purpose is to act as a forum for matters of mutual concern and interest to all youth programs, as well as a place where matters pertinent to all the program may be brought. The council will consist of a chairman and chairmen of all youth committees. Mike Tomme seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – Upon recommendation of the Meeting Arrangements committee, the Executive Committee moved that the Fall 2020 BOM be held on Oct 2-4, 2020, and that the Spring 2021 BOM be held on 4/30-5/2/2021 at the Embassy Suites. no second required. **Passed.**

MOTION – David Bussone moved that Dick Young be appointed as the Endowment Trust Fund Trustee for the three year period 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022. Mike Tomme seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – The Battle of Thomas Creek Committee moved that changes to the Battle of Thomas Creek Committee charter, as published in the Fall 2019 Patriot magazine, be approved as published. no second required. **Passed.**

MOTION – The Nominating Committee moved that changes to the Nominating Committee charter, as published in the Fall 2019 Patriot magazine, be approved as published. no second required. **Passed.**

MOTION – David Bussone moved that to facilitate possible member purchase of specialty SAR license plates from the State of Florida, the President will create and charge an ad hoc committee with responsibility to research requirements, identify interested compatriots and, if feasible, support activities necessary to make available such license plates. (There is no financial cost to the FLSSAR for undertaking this activity.). Chuck Farmer seconded.

Carl Hoffman moved to table the motion. Gary Miles seconded. **Passed.** The original motion is **tabled.**

MOTION – John Stewart moved to donate \$100 to the DAR exhibit tables at the 2019-2020 Central Florida Highland Games in Winter Springs FL on the Jan 18th 2020 weekend as they give us ample display room and introduce membership prospects to the SAR members attending. Bob McGuire seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – Hall Riediger (for Steve Williams) moved that the FLSSAR waive state dues for active military members; for National Guard members on active duty at the time of the dues request, their dues are also waived. National Guard members not on active duty at time of dues request pay usual dues. Chuck Farmer seconded.

Steve Fields moved to postpone the motion. Pat Niemann seconded. **Passed.** The original motion is **postponed.**

MOTION – The Executive Committee moved that there be a chapter assessment of \$1 per member for the next 5 years, based on Jan 1 membership, to be allocated to the 2023 Congress Fund. no second required. Hall Riediger moved that the motion be amended to include “if necessary”. Chuck Farmer seconded.

Failed.

The original motion **Passed.**

MOTION – The Executive Committee moved that we allocate \$2,000 from the Meeks Fund to the 2023 Congress Fund annually for the next 5 years. no second required. **Passed.**

MOTION – The Executive Committee moved that we suspend the standing rule and allocate \$1 per member from the Endowment Trust Fund to the 2023 Congress Fund annually for the next 5 years. no second required. **Passed.**

Lee Popham stated that he was allocated reimbursement for travel expenses as Senior Vice-President and President, but has not used them, nor does he intend to use them, and would like to reallocate those funds to the 2023 Congress Fund.

MOTION – David Kelsey moved that the 2019 budget be amended to reallocate a portion of the President’s expenses (\$3,333) a portion of the Senior Vice-President’s expenses (\$833), and a portion of the Meeks Fund (\$1,667, representing the SVP expenses from 2018) to the 2023 Congress Fund. **Passed.**

MOTION – David Kelsey moved that the 2020 budget be amended to reallocate a portion of the President’s expenses (\$1,667) to the 2023 Congress Fund. **Passed.**

MOTION – Carl Hoffman moved that the 2020 budget be approved as presented, and amended above. David Bussone seconded.

John Stewart moved that the motion be amended to include \$500 for the new Education Outreach Committee. David Kelsey seconded. **Passed.**

The original motion **Passed.**

MOTION – Jim Stone moved that the Florida Society endorse Compatriot Reverend Dwight Elam for the office of Chaplain General 2020-2021. Steve Fields seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – Bernard Wolff moved that the Florida Society endorse Bruce Pickett for Secretary General 2020-2021 and John Dodd for Treasurer General 2020-2021. Pat Niemann seconded. **Passed.**

MOTION – The Endowment Trust Fund Distribution Committee moved that the Endowment Trust Fund Reimbursement Instructions and Guidelines sections C2, C3, and C9, as presented, be revised and the additions be effective November 1, 2019. no second required. **Passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Trustee Pat Niemann
Alternate Trustee Robert McGuire rmcguire@slvx.com

President General (PG) Jack Manning convened the Leadership/Trustee Meeting at 9:45 a.m., February 29, 2020, followed by opening ceremony and PG’s recognition of veterans and first-time attendees.

Chancellor General Peter Davenport swore in those Trustees not sworn at the 2019 Fall Leadership Meeting. Former President Generals were introduced and brought greetings.

The order of business was adjusted in order that presentations requiring a projector and screen could be given first. Following the presentations, the Trustees received reports from the General Officers.

Former PG Mike Tomme gave an update on the Member database and SAR website. The beta testing of the database was completed in November 2019. Chapter reports and Reconciliation Reports were made available to selected users consisting of State and National individuals. With a few more changes and modifications, the new SAR website using a WordPress platform should be fully functional by Summer 2020. PG Tomme reminded the trustees that when Chapter and State officers change, National needs to be notified so those officers can be given access to the new database. National will control State Secretary permission.

Compatriot Paul Callahan gave an update on the Richmond Congress, July 11-15, 2020. He stated that rooms at the host hotel are filled. If anybody needs a hotel room contact Paul via email LTCMRSC@aol.com with your arrival date, number of people and departure date. The host reception will be on July 11th and the Memorial Service on July 12th. Congress registration will open in mid-May.

Headquarters Maintenance Committee Chair Ken Goodson gave a presentation showing photos of the current condition of several areas of the West Main Street location and emphasizing the need for repairs. There

would later be a motion recommended by the ExCom that the Trustees approve six near-term maintenance related projects and one near-term appearance project. All these projects would have target completion during 2020 and are not to exceed \$30,000 (\$20,000 for the minor and \$10,000 for the major project). Responsibility for completion of these projects lies with the Executive Director, with assistance as needed from the Headquarters Building Maintenance Committee. This committee also presented a spreadsheet listing long term building maintenance projects requiring the establishment of a capital reserve fund setting aside \$25,000 per year if funds are available. This also was approved by the Trustees.

All present were reminded of the PG's Bermuda trip and encouraged to join the tour.

Treasurer General (TG) Bruce Pickette reported that the preliminary audit report of the NSSAR and the Foundation was recently received. and that the Society was given a "clean" report in that the auditors gave an unqualified opinion that the financial statements fairly represented the financial position of the organization in accordance with accepted accounting principles. The recent SAR Logo Contest had resulted in hundreds of submissions and the responsible committee had narrowed the choices to ten (10) designs. Secretary General Davis Wright noted that the ExCom had referred the designs back to the committee for further work and that the final top selections will be presented to delegates at the Richmond Congress.

SG Wright also announced that the Florida 2023 Congress Medal, the 2024 Pennsylvania Congress Medal, and the Arizona 125th Anniversary Medal were approved by the ExCom. The Gold Good Citizenship Medal was also approved for PG Manning.

The Excom reviewed the SAR Ohanesian Family Award, approved by the Medals & Awards Committee, but referred it back to the Education Committee to further define sources of funding and derive funding agreements.

SG Wright reported a Naming Rights Policy being derived between the NSSAR and the SAR Foundation had again been postponed until the next teleconference of the Excom, allowing for an Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the Foundation to consider the policy.

After a break for lunch, the Trustees were shown a video prepared by Solid Light, Inc., depicting a "walk-through" of the Museum as it is now conceived. The ExCom then recommended approval of Phase 2, Steps 3A and 3B of the SAR Education Center and Museum project. Step 3 had been divided into two parts with each part (3A and 3B) costing \$390,000. The Trustees approved the proposed contracts and expenditures subject to the availability of funds.

The Trustees approved a recommendation for a proposal to be presented at Congress to increase application fees for selected application categories as current fees are not covering the cost of processing applications. The proposal is for application fees for (1) New Member Regular, (2) Junior Member, and (3) Memorial applications be increased from \$80 to \$100; for Supplemental applications be increased from \$60 to \$100; and for (1) New Member Regular – Age 18 to Under 25 with Established Lineage, (2) New Member Regular – Family Plan, (3) Junior Member – Age Newborn to Under 18, and (4) Supplemental – Family Plan applications be increased from \$30 to \$40. Presently, the cost of processing all categories of applications is \$104 per application. The Finance Committee had recommended a fee of \$115 for New, Junior, Memorial, and Supplemental but the ExCom reduced that recommendation to the \$100. The last fee increase was in 2012. This proposal only affects fees, not dues. Any fee increase would only be effective upon the approval and adjournment of the delegates to the 2020 Congress.

The Excom recommended the Trustees decline to bring legal action against the shipping company insurance carrier for denial of the claim against the companies involved to recover the cost of the damage of \$3,000. The Excom believed the cost of the lawsuit would not be justified for the amount involved.

The Trustees approved a motion recommended by the ExCom authorizing six maintenance projects and one appearance project for the Headquarters building during calendar year 2020. Available earnings from the Building and Outreach Fund are to be used not to exceed \$30,000. The Headquarters Building Maintenance Committee had also earlier presented a spreadsheet listing long term building maintenance projects requiring the establishment of a capital reserve fund. \$25,000 per year would be set aside if funds are available. This also was approved by the Trustees.

On behalf of the Investment Committee, a motion to approve the percentages for the different classes of investments as recommended by Fifth Third Bank was approved.

Trustees were requested to complete the Conflict of Interest form and return them by the conclusion of the meeting. Respectfully submitted, COL Patrick J. Niemann, USA, ret., National Trustee, FLSSAR

1. The NSSAR headquarters will have a reopening on May 26th with regular hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. resuming on May 26th.
2. The genealogists working from home have completed 391 new member, 16 supplemental and 5 memorial applications.

3. PG Manning stated that the Congress in Richmond, Virginia is still scheduled to be held. However, the Richmond Mayor has the city in Phase 1 reopening until May 29th which means that groups of over 10 people cannot meet. Another Trustee Meeting will be held on May 30th anticipating the Richmond Mayor's decision regarding the opening of Richmond.
4. Paul Callahan mentioned that the ExCom has been discussing three options regarding the Congress. The options are no Congress; a virtual Congress doing only essential business such as voting; and live streaming from the Headquarters in Louisville. The ExCom is meeting weekly to discuss Congress options.
5. PG Manning stated that regardless if it is a regular Congress or a virtual Congress, all delegates, trustees, alternate trustees and VPGs need to be registered with the Executive Director Don Shaw no later than June 10, 2020.

President

Wm Lee Popham

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WHAT A YEAR WE HAVE HAD!!! The more we have practiced "Social Distancing," the closer we have become. It is hard to believe that we started this year with the DOW expected to reach 30,000 at any moment, with unemployment lower than it had been since World War II, and with our Florida SAR Compatriots participating in more numbers in our Regional Meetings and Patriotic National Color Guard Events than ever before. As a result of the quarantine restrictions necessitated by the effects of the China Virus, we currently have 42 million Americans out of work, and a roller coaster stock market that is playing havoc with our retirement incomes. Even so, our Committees have performed an outstanding job, and our Programs have flourished. THANK YOU!!!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your President of the Florida SAR this past year. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership. Since our Spring BOM and Annual Meeting has been postponed to 12-14 June, and since we will be simulcasting our meetings over GoToMeeting in support of those who do not yet feel comfortable traveling and attending meetings at hotels, I will devote the rest of my President's Report to the Recognitions and Awards that are normally announced during the Friday Awards Banquet.

The following Awards and Certificates of Recognition will be distributed at the Board of Managers (BOM):

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All State Committee Chairmen

All State Officers

Fall 2019 BOM Hospitality and Registration Volunteers –Steve Fields; Doug Erb; Len Crame; Larry Fehrenbaker; Jill Fields; Sherry Erb; Victoria Kelsey

PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All Retired Immediate Past Chapter Presidents

CERTIFICATES OF DISTINGUISHED STATE SOCIETY SERVICE:

All Florida SAR Executive Committee Members

Scott Breckenridge

Steven Fields

Robert McGuire

Steven A Williams

Bernard W Wolff

LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL - 38

Laura Lee Zavalia

This Medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729-1789), who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington. As did Lydia Darragh, many ladies have had to courageously adapt to various circumstances in an effort to work side by side with State Society Presidents. The Lydia Darragh Medal may be awarded by the incumbent State Society President to the lady who has provided significant service to him during his term. The medal recognizes the assistance of the ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs. It may only be presented once per year at the discretion of the State Society President.

MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL - 37

Arlene Stone - Medal

Cathy Thomas - Medal

Kerry Wicks – Medal

Jill K Fields – State Oak Leaf
Delores Wolff – State Oak Leaf

The Martha Washington Medal may be presented to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. A DAR may receive the Martha Washington Medal and the SAR Medal of Appreciation (on separate occasions) if her service warrants it. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

SAR - DAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION:

Karen E Christie - Medal
Becky Elam - Medal
Debra H McMurray – State Oak Leaf

The SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented 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. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

SAR DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL - 8

Anne McGuire
Billie Brock

The Daughters of Liberty Medal may be presented 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 has dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SAR. This is the highest lady's medal and consideration in awarding this medal should be given only after the SAR Medal of Appreciation or the Martha Washington Medal has been presented. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL - 15

David E Bussone
Earl F "Matt" Mathews
Dwight Elam

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service at the state or regional level. The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor. Compatriot Service Requirements: In the case of a Compatriot, in order to have uniform criteria, the requirement has been established that the member shall have served in six leadership capacities in any of the following local organizations: Church, School, Scouting, Fraternal, Business Associations, Government, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Conservation, Hereditary, Genealogical, Historical or organized Sports (Little League, etc.). It is NOT awarded for service to the SAR, but to other community organizations instead.

SILVER C.A.R. - SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION - 22

W Richard Young
Ginger Poffenberger
Elizabeth Doebler

The State Society may present the Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to a State C.A.R. Society. The award may also recognize outstanding C.A.R. Senior leaders of a State Society or SAR members who have significantly supported or served a State C.A.R. Society. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

SILVER SAR COLOR GUARD MEDAL – 42

M Scott Breckenridge
Wm Lee Popham Sr.

Awarded by the State Color Guard Commander, with approval by the National Color Guard Commander, after fulfillment of the appropriate Color Guard Service requirements involving attendance at District and National Color Guard events.

SILVER ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL - 14

Hampton Eugene Allen
Roger Palmer Bonnett
Charles Robert Butler

John Edward Lary, Jr.
Christopher Edwin Washler

SILVER ROGER SHERMAN OAK LEAF - 14

PG Lindsey Cook Brock	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Earle Scott Bushnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Donald Barton Cahill	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Charles Louis Day, Jr.	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Robert James Folk, Sr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
James Yost Gaskins	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
James Lewis Gibson, Jr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Carl K Hoffmann	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Alfred Parks Honeywell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Danny Robert Hooper	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
David John Kelsey, Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Raymond Clyde Lantz	1 Silver Oak Leaf
John McCullough	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Robert W. McGuire, Jr.	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Victor George McMurry	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Rev Dr Randy Dwight Moody	1 Silver Oak Leaf
COL Patrick Jay Niemann	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
David Hardy Ramseur	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Herman Hall Riediger	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Jeffrey Lee Sizemore	2 Bronze Oak Leafs
Larry Dean Sturgeon	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
PG J. Michael Tomme Sr.	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Raymond Francis Wess	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Steven Allen Williams	1 Silver Oak Leaf
Kevin Arthur Yarnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf
Robert Sturley Yarnell	1 Bronze Oak Leaf

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. The Silver Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a State Society. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service.

STATE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL - 12

DeCody Brad Marble
Richard Bruce Cardell
Alfred Parks Honeywell
Earl F "Matt" Mathews
COL Patrick Jay Niemann

The State Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their state society. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation. Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a state society.

STATE MERITORIOUS SERVICE OAK LEAF - 12

Donald K Lanman
Wm Lee Popham Sr

Special Note Regarding Oak Leaf Clusters: Although a member may receive the award multiple times from the National Society, and once from each of a district, a state society, or a chapter, only one Meritorious Service Medal is worn. Once a member has received the Meritorious Service Medal, subsequent awards by additional conferring authorities are represented by oak leaf clusters (regardless of the conferring authority).

STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - 10

David E Bussone

The incumbent State President may present one medal during his term at the Society's Annual Meeting to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the State Society President during his administration. The SMDS is awarded by a State Society President at his discretion; no other approval is required. Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

PATRIOT MEDAL

This year's recipients of the Patriot Medal will be announced by the members of the Patriot Medal Committee at the Saturday Banquet, and their names and biographies will be inserted into the final version of this Proceedings Book immediately thereafter.

CONGRATULATIONS are certainly in order for all of these hard-working volunteers. But more important than that, I wish to convey my heart-felt THANKS for all you have done for the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution this past year – and every year.

Senior Vice President

David Bussone MApatriot@flsar.com

During the Presidency of Col Pat Niemann, a decision was made to replace the Winter BOM with regional meetings. Pat, and then Sr. VP, Lee Popham diligently participated in meetings around the state in an effort to engage our membership in open communication. As you normally do when one tries something new, we wondered if this regional approach would work.

Member participation in this year's group of regional meetings answered the question. Your FLSSAR regional meetings drew more members than a typical BOM. And the discourse was enjoyable and productive. We will continue regional meetings during the upcoming FLSSAR 2020-2021 year. I look forward to seeing even greater participation by our members.

Of the seven FLSSAR regions, six held meetings. I was able to participate in five of the six. During the meetings, some common themes developed. I categorized your comments and concerns and developed a summary for the Executive Committee. That report to the ExComm follows, including suggestions on how we might deal with each issue.

RVP Meetings Summary Comments

- 1) Lack of SAD Color Guard point opportunities.
Recommendation: Encourage the VPG to designate at least one color guard event, not normally identified as a National Color Guard event, in each of his states as a District Color Guard Event.
- 2) FLSSAR chapters have suspended black powder firing because the NSSAR has not provided information on insurance for color guard members.
Recommendation: Encourage the NSSAR to develop a recommendation that deals with black powder firing, including the availability of insurance options for color guard members.
- 3) There are concerns by registrars regarding issues which delay the transmission of completed applications to the NSSAR, and the return of accepted applications to chapters for new member inductions.
Recommendation: Ask the FLSSAR state registrar to assemble a small group of registrars from around the FLSSAR. Task the group with the development of report concisely stating concerns and providing a proposed solution to each. The report should be completed in time for the FLSSAR Spring (Fall) BOM so it may be considered and necessary resolutions/recommendations considered for transmission to appropriate NSSAR officers and staff.
- 4) Numerous comments have been received regarding the FLSSAR website. These include difficulty in its use, navigation problems in searching for items, downtime, its "out of date appearance" and other issues.
Recommendation: Task the FLSSAR Technology Committee to consider the anecdotal concerns and develop a methodology to identify issues, their extent, and propose corrective recommendations as necessary.
- 5) 2023 Congress – members are expressing interest in the progress of the committee work, as well as steps being taken to ensure a successful event. Their specific concern is an apparent lack of information being disseminated.
Recommendation: The 2023 Committee should develop a periodic digital newsletter to be sent to all FLSSAR members, via email, noting topics of interest and progress of the committee.

- 6) Trust funds – the two trust funds, to which BOM members elect trustees, have not provided recent reports regarding their financial status and IRS submissions.

Recommendation: Ask the trustees to provide a brief report on the financial status of each fund, to include its IRS status, at the upcoming May BOM.

Several of the recommendations already have had action taken which will deal with the concern. However, the arrival of CORVID-19 has delayed action on several others, particularly if the scope extends beyond the FLSSAR.

Events Attended

Wednesday May 20 – the Clearwater Chapter held a virtual meeting using Zoom. I discussed steps being taken by our BOM host hotel to prepare for the health and safety of members.

(Saturday May 9 – the Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola was cancelled. I hope to be able to attend in 2021.)

Saturday May 2 – The Lake Sumter chapter held its Annual Meeting. I installed the officers using Zoom.

(May 1-3 – the FLSSAR Spring BOM was postponed.)

(Saturday March 28 – the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek was cancelled. I plan to attend in 2021.)

(Saturday March 21- The Rumbaugh Oration Contest was to be held. It was cancelled) Subsequently we were able to view videos prepared by the 4 candidates. I was honored to participate a judge. The candidates were all exceptional.

Saturday March 14 – attended The Villages chapter meeting.

Saturday March 7 – attended the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle on Merritt Island. It was well attended and included other patriotic and military organizations.

February 27-29 – Spring Leadership was held in Louisville. There were more meetings than could be attended due to time conflicts, but I attended the following meetings and events: SAR ExComm, Strategic Planning, Medals & Awards, Education Committee, Knight Essay, Council of Youth Awards, Strategic Planning & SAR Implementation, Friday Evening Banquet, Council of State Presidents, SAR Trustee Meeting, Officer Training, and the Saturday Evening Banquet.

Saturday February 22 – attended the NC Regional Meeting hosted by RVP Jerry Hardwich.

Monday February 17 – attended the funeral service of Rick Haven (who outfitted many of us with period correct uniforms.) A contingent of FLSSAR members was present.

Saturday February 15 – attended the NE Regional Meeting hosted by RVP Jim Gaskins.

Saturday February 8 – attended The Villages Chapter installation of officers for 2020.

Saturday February 1 – attended the SW Regional Meeting hosted by RVP Steve Fields.

(Saturday January 25 – unable to attend the NW Regional Meeting hosted by Matt Mathews.)

Saturday January 18 – attended the SE Regional Meeting hosted by RVP Bernard Wolff.

Saturday January 11 – attended The Villages chapter meeting.

Saturday January 4 – attended the Lake-Sumter chapter meeting

Wednesday December 18 – attended the Clearwater chapter meeting and installed their officers for 2020.

Saturday December 14 – attended the South Shore chapter meeting.

Wednesday December 11 – attended the Caloosa chapter Annual Meeting.

Saturday November 9 – attended the WC Regional Meeting, hosted by RVP John Goolsby.

Saturday October 7 – attended The Villages chapter meeting.

Wednesday October 9 – attended the Flagler chapter meeting. The Captain James Ormand DAR chapter performed a reading of suffragette participants. It was outstanding.

In between meetings, and despite “the virus,” there has been much else to do. We have maintained close contact with the Embassy Suites Hotel to be certain that planning remained on track after rescheduling the May BOM. Your ExComm has held several conference calls and virtual meetings. And I have become semi-proficient in the use of GoToMeeting and Zoom as our chapters have adopted technological means to stay together and update their membership, while continuing regular meetings.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Senior Vice President for 2019-2020.

Executive Administrator

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Late reports are to be emailed as a **WORD**.doc or text file (New Times Roman font, 10pt, and single line spacing) to me on/before seven days before the Spring 2020 BOM/Annual Meeting.

Please note:

Submission of Officer and committee reports are **always** due on/before the Saturday (a week before) the BOM.

Submission of chapter reports are to be **to the RVP**

Submission of Color Guard Camp reports are to be **to the State Color Guard Command** structure – Commander and/or Vice-commander.

The BOM Registration form is a PDF fill-able form that you **can** open and fill out using **Adobe Reader**.

Executive Committee Member-at-Large

Don Lanman

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This represents my final report as your FLSSAR Member @ Large Officer. Over the past two and a half years, it has been my high honor and rare privilege to serve in this Office, and I trust my efforts have served to the benefit of our great state society.

As I pass the gavel of this office responsibility to Compatriot and fellow Veteran Scott Bushnell, I wish him much success, and have every confidence that he will manage his new responsibility with enthusiasm and competence.

Since the last Board of Management report, the Member @ Large Officer sent the 4th research email communications to Chapter Presidents seeking their feedback and input on pressing issues affecting their Chapters.

While the overall response to my research emails has been generally disappointing with under 10 (25%), the responses have been interesting and enlightening. The following is the feedback on the research questions:

1. **Chapter Presidents** provided feedback on their most pressing chapter issues, suggestions to increase BOM attendance, and FLSSAR/NSSAR support.

- I. The Pandemic has caused much disruption with the requirement to cancel important chapter meetings. There is concern that FLSSAR has provided little guidance or suggestions on ideas to maintain interest in the SAR mission when meetings cannot be held.
- II. Most pressing chapter issue continue to be: meeting attendance program ideas, recruiting/retention suggestions, and minimal proactive FLSSAR ideas, direction, and chapter management support.
- III. How to increase BOM Attendance: Better Pre-Event Promotion, Schedule Interesting Break Out Sessions, Guest Speakers, Less parliamentary proceedings/issues, more civic/community service discussions, and use of virtual services to make it easier for more compatriots to participate.
- IV. A major BOM attendance issue, however, was the overall expense averaging \$400+ including hotel/travel. Suggestions: Consider Virtual meetings, Regional BOMs, i.e. North, Central and South, that could allow more members to attend.

2. **Pensacola Chapter** proposed an idea for a statewide "*Chapter Presidents Forum*" via a closed Facebook page or similar social media platform for Chapter Presidents, RVPs and Officers to share ideas on new member recruitment, retention, meeting management ideas, BOM topics, involvement with other chapters and the DAR, and provide feedback to FLSSAR Officers.

3. **FLSSAR & NSSAR** support feedback:

- a. Both the FLSSAR & NSSAR Websites are confusing, frequently not updated, and difficult to navigate.
- b. FLSSAR needs to speed up the delivery of SAR RCs to the chapter in a timelier manner.
- c. FLSSAR needs to communicate clearly what is being planned for the 2023 Congress, when the chapter fees need to be paid etc.

4. **Chapter Presidents** were reminded of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and NSSAR Veterans Corp membership opportunity and easy application process to apply, with the turnaround time for review and acceptance for the FLSSAR VB @ just 24 hours by the current FLSSAR VB Chairman.

Northwestern Regional Vice President

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Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

October attended annual October BOM Meeting; Visited 3 chapters, Aaron Snowden, Pensacola and Panama.

NW Regional BOM Meeting held on January 25, 2020 at Bonifay City Library in Dixon Building, from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Some of the slides presented were SAR Chapter officers and their duties, Education Outreach Program, SAR Branding Guide, Americanism and the Stark Award. Another topic discussed was the importance of using the American Flag award as tool to introduce families and businesses to the SAR. Also discusses the importance of the Longevity Award, all members rate this.

5 chapters were represented, Aaron Snowden, Emerald Coast, Panama City, Pensacola and William Dunaway.

Summary of chapter meetings in region:

Due to the virus all chapters had no meetings in April, some already had their March meeting.

Total chapter meetings: 21

Prospective: 13

Pending: 8

New: 6

Total Attending Members: 172

Total Attending Guests: 60

Total Speakers: 15

Aaron Snowden Chapter:

1 meeting, 5 members attending, 1 guest, 1 speaker.

1 new member, 3 prospective members

Emerald Coast Chapter:

5 meetings, 49 members attending, 18 guests

4 prospective members, 5 pending

Panama City Chapter;

3 meetings, 12 members and 6 guests attended, 3 prospective members, 2 pending, 1 new member

Pensacola Chapter;

4 meetings, 49 members attending, 21 guests, 3 speakers, 1 new member, 1 prospective members, 1 pending

Tallahassee Chapter;

No monthly reports submitted, 1 meeting in Wakulla Springs, with 2 speakers for George Washington Birthday as noted in the Florida Patriot quarterly.

William Dunaway Chapter;

7 meetings, 7 speakers, 57 members and 14 guests attended, 4 prospective members, 2 new members inducted

North Central Regional Vice President

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The following chapter visits have been completed:

Lake-Sumter, Saturday, June 1

The Villages, Saturday, August 10

Lake City, Monday, October 14

Withlacoochee, Saturday, November 9

The North Central Region had their Regional Meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, Fruitland Park, FL We had six chapters represented, with nineteen representatives. Although I had to depart at the opening of the meeting due to a family sickness, the Compatriots carried on; the following items in the agenda were presented and discussed:

Senior Vice President's Message – David Bussone

Annual Meeting, Congress, Etc. Update

Morning Workshops:

“Aide in Achieving Excellence with the Endowment Trust Fund” - Ron Grove

“Boosting Your Membership” – Jerry Hardwich (n/a; general discussion)

Afternoon Workshops:

The Villages Chapter

OCTOBER 2019

New members Dick Goodwin and John Walker were inducted with their wives present to present the rosette.

The SAR flag certificate was given to Villages resident Gary Nutley who shared reasons he flies the American Flag Speaker was Colonel Harry Lumpkin, retired U.S. Army. Col. Lumpkin has a long history of service to his country.

He was a Vietnam and Desert Storm participant. He served as General Colin Powell’s logistics briefer.

Harry gave one of the most inspiring presentations are chapter has ever received, basically about patriotism and the American dream. Some members were in tears at the end of the presentation

Special announcements were made about the November 10 special event speaker, high school student Benjamin Mack-Jackson from Clermont. He will give a ticket only presentation on his WW11 Veterans History Project. Also, there is a DAR Chapter special event on November 13 with a movie on Normandy.

Another Flag certificate was presented by Chris Herman.

NOVEMBER 2019

New members Jay Hall and David Nash were inducted with their wives present.

John Moore announced the December 14 placement of Wreaths across America.

Diane Clemmons and Salie Kautz of the Villages DAR chapter were given certificates of appreciation for bringing a large number of their male relatives into the SAR.

Don Wyman reported that the Benjamin Mack-Jackson presentation at Eisenhower Recreation Center was sold out with hundreds attending. To report-his presentation was amazing. He spoke on his interviews with dozens of WW11 veterans, a movie being produced, and attendees enjoyed the traveling WW11 museum he displayed. The chapter presented him with a large check for his project.

SAR chapter member Richard Coffin gave the presentation entitled “The Arnold Expedition to Quebec.”

DECEMBER 2019:

Franklin Lee Duff and David Irby Huggett were inducted as new members. Their wives were present to pin the SAR rosette on their lapels. All members welcomed them to the chapter with a handshake.

Charles Allen Crowell and Kenneth Robert Mosher Sr., were presented with their supplemental certificates.

Former chapter president Dr. Don Wyman gave an outstanding presentation on "Henry Knox: The Visionary General."

The chapter adjourned to gather again at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg for the placement of Wreaths Across American. The program was outstanding with speakers, ceremonies, and honoring of veterans from different conflicts.

JANUARY 2020:

Registrar John Moore gave a report on the successful Wreaths across America with our chapter supplying Wreaths and members to lay them. Members were assigned to Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg and were assisted by students from the high school ROTC program.

Member Mike Goss gave a power point presentation on the Military Medal and certificates available to veteran SAR members. Sergeant at arms Karl Kittinger volunteered to assist him in being a resource for members.

Dr. David Head of the history department at UCF, and the author of the newly released book: “A Crisis of Peace: George Washington, the Newburgh Conspiracy, and the Fate of the American Revolution” gave an excellent presentation about the subject of his book.

FEBRUARY 2020:

Former chapter president presented 3 Oak Leaf clusters to John Moore, and 1 Oak Leaf cluster to Bill Dyer. Each Oak Leaf Cluster represents 10 new members approved during the year.

The following officers were inducted for 2020:

Jim Simpson: President

Jerry Byers: 1st Vice President

Ken Mosher: 2nd Vice President

Al Paul: Treasurer

Mark Boone: Secretary

John Moore: Registrar

Bill Dyer: Genealogist

Sergeant at Arms: Karl Kittinger

Member at Large: William (Butch) Dyer

Member at Large: Chris Hermann

The speaker for the month was President Thomas Jefferson portrayer John Stewart who spoke on the Louisiana Purchase. He portrayed Jefferson in costume, language, and speaking style.

MARCH 2020:

Scheduled speaker was to be Mr. Roger Smith speaking on "Women of the American Revolution: Not your typical Betsy Ross Stories". Both Villages DAR chapters were invited, as well as lady friends of members. The meeting was cancelled. Several men gathered who had missed the cancellation announcement and discussed the chapter, where we should go from here, and other ideas. Chris Hermann has some information on Veterans activities as well as beginning planning for the Memorial Day Flag placement at the National Cemetery. This information will be passed on to members by E-mail.

APRIL 2020:

The meeting has been cancelled. The speaker was to be Mr. Robert Burke of the Montverde Academy presenting on the Barbary Wars. The chapter presently has all the paperwork for inductions of 6 new members. The chapter officers are communicating regularly and are passing information along to the membership as needed.

Withlacoochee Chapter

Our chapter Spring Activities included Total members is 73

Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 Virus we were forced to cancel our April and May meeting additionally our color guard events have also been canceled, Now that all the schools will not be returning to campus for the remainder of the year a number of events have been canceled. We will not be presenting bronze medals to the three JROTC candidates at their annual ceremonies. The adult leaders will present them "at a later date."

The third grade graduations, of which we presented certificates to nine schools last year, will not take place this year.

The Memorial Day ceremony scheduled in Floral City, which we have participated in for many years, has been canceled.

"Flags for the Fallen" at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell has been canceled

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution

Chapter Compatriots Russell Gibson, Chapter Color Guard Commander carrying the Grand Union Flag, and Charles Day, Color Guard member, carrying the Betsy Ross Flag. Men residing in Citrus and Hernando Counties, and interested in honoring their Patriot Ancestor with membership in the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Note from Color Guard Commander Russ Gibson

I am pleased to inform you of the success of our "new" Young Patriot Awards, formerly The Good Citizenship Award, being given out by the Citrus County school department.

I have been notified by the school administrator that all eleven elementary schools gave out six awards each to graduating fifth grade students. Additionally, the four middle schools each requested one for graduating eighth grade students for a total of seventy awards.

So I would say that it was well received by the teachers and schools.

Our Chapter had the honor to have one of our oldest members a World War 11 veteran Past Withlacoochee Chapter President Harley Nelson attend our last meeting in March. Taking advantage of the recent lifts on our restrictions Mr and Mrs Charlie Day took Harley to dinner the following is the event

A note from Charlie Day:

Past Withlacoochee Chapter President Harley Nelson visited the Chapter during the March 2020 general meeting. He had moved to Indiana where some of his relatives live. Harley kept his SAR membership in Withlacoochee Chapter when he moved. He was an active member our Color Guard. He is a veteran of WWII, and had the opportunity to participate in an Honor Flight, visiting the new WWII Memorial Washington, D.C.

He turned 95 this year and is still doing very well. The pandemic greatly reduced his activity on his visit this year. It only allowed for attending one meeting.

Harley's daughter, Carla Heimer, lives, and travels with him. Carla was a regular member of our Ladies Auxiliary. She helped get our members checked in at our regular meetings for several years.

Harley has bought a house in Sugarmill Woods, in Homosassa, FL, in the general area of where he used to live. Thanks for visiting the Chapter Harley, we will expect to see you again next year!

On a positive note. Our Registrar reports that 4 new members have been approved by the National Society; Compatriots John Carey, Paul Rudio, James Eggstaff, and Justin Eggstaff. Membership application for

Robert Brown is awaiting approval at the National Society. Membership Application for John Wilder has been submitted and not processed. Shaun Klucznik of the Clearwater Chapter is transferring to the Withlacoochee Chapter and is awaiting the Induction ceremony This will bring our 2020 membership to 77

Gainesville Chapter

Oct 2019

- 9th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier attended Gainesville DAR meeting
- 15th Gainesville Chapter SAR dinner meeting Randy Dexter speaker (K9s for Warriors)
- 24th Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier attended Naturalization Court

Nov. 2019

- 9th Sean Tonnelier attended Jacob Roberts Brown CAR Evergreen Cemetery Flag laying on Veterans graves
- 10th Sean Tonnelier attended Jacob Roberts Brown CAR Brai Cemetery Fag laying on Veterans graves
- 11th Sean Tonnelier and Eric Newman attended Veterans Day ceremony Kanapaha Veterans park Gainesville Fl. Marched with Milton Lewis Young Marines / dedicated a wreath to American Revolution Monument - Both in Uniform
- 13th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier attended Gainesville DAR meeting
- 15th Gainesville Chapter dinner meeting Konnie Beauregard speaker
- 16th Sean Tonnelier participated in Fort Morris ' Come And Take It ' Midway Georgia Dedicated wreath in uniform as part of color guard
- 21st Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier attended Naturalization Court

Dec. 2019

- 6th Ray Davis attended Malcom Randal VA hospital Party
- 11th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier attended Gainesville DAR meeting
- 14th David Thomas , Sean Tonnelier and Eric Newman attended wreaths across America in colonial attire
- 17th Gainesville Chapter SAR dinner meeting On The Edge Quartet was entertainment with Christmas Carols
- 19th Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier in Uniform Naturalization Court

Jan. 2020

- 8th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier attended Gainesville DAR meeting
- 21st Gainesville Fl. SAR dinner meeting Karen Pruss Speaker on Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville Fl. since the 1850s
- 23rd Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier attended Naturalization court

Feb. 2020

- 12th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier in uniform attended DAR meeting
- 15th David Thomas , Cathy Thomas (LA) and Sean Tonnelier all in Colonial attire attended DAR Good Citizenship Ceremony
- 18th Gainesville Fl. SAR Chapter meeting new officers sworn in they are: David Thomas President, Sean Tonnelier 1st Vice President, Ray Davis 2nd Vice President, Randy Highsmith Treasurer, Eric Newman Secretary, Skip Ingley Member at Large, Ricard Stalbaum speaker on American Legion (Commander American Legion Post 16
- 22nd David Thomas attended NCF regional meeting in Fruitland Park

March 2020

- 7th Sean Tonnelier attended LNB event in Merritt Island in uniform marched with Color Guard and presented wreath
- 11th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier attended DAR meeting
- 17th Dinner meeting cancelled

April 2020

All activities cancelled due to Corona Virus

Lake City Chapter

The chapter meets the second Monday of each month except June, July, and August.

January- meeting was attended by the FLSSAR Regional Vice President Jerry Hardwich. He inducted the newly elected officers and gave a brief discussion about the states upcoming meetings, new computer system, and he talked about member retention. Robert Whitmer was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal for his work with the JROTC program.

February- meeting was attended by local JROTC lead instructor Capt. Tim Hernandez(RET). The Capt. gave a brief personal history and military background and talked about the JROTC program at Columbia High School.

March—meeting included the presentation of medals and certificates to five Eagle Scouts from different area Boy Scout troops. Scouts, parents, and scout leaders were present. President Robert Whitmer attended the Columbia High School JROTC awards program and presented the SAR award to the qualified cadet on March 10.

April- meeting has been canceled due to an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our members.

May- meeting status is being monitored to determine whether to hold meeting or postpone until after our summer recess. At a future meeting we are planning to have a reunion of past Lake City SAR presidents.

Ocala Chapter

The Ocala Chapter of the SAR met in January and February. Guest speaker in January spoke on The Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. The Chapter supported a student along with others with the Post 27 of the American Legion to the students in government summer session in Tallahassee. Another student contestant for the American Legion orator competition doubled for the SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest and advanced to the state level. Several members of the Chapter were judges for the Marion County schools Breaking Barriers in History student history contests. Also as usual former president Wayne Curtis with current president Maurice Hitt Jr presented several Eagle Scout Awards.

Lake/Sumter Chapter

SAR Activity Report, September 2019 to May 2020

On September 20, 2019, George Chaffee presented a U.S. flag to a new homeowner at a dedication ceremony by Habitat for Humanity. George furnished the flag to the Brooks family at their new home in Oxford, FL. Approximately 21 members of Habitat and the surrounding community were present.

On September 28, 2019, Compatriots Scott Bushnell and Al Lane attended the DAR Tomoka Chapter's Constitution luncheon in Clermont, FL. Attendance was approximately 35 DAR members and guests.

On October 5, 2019, a chapter general membership meeting was held to start the chapter's new term. Attendance was 33 members and guests. Two chapter color guard members, Jim Carl and Ken Mosher, presented the colors. Three new members were inducted. Eleven SAR military service awards were given to members. The guest speaker was Jack Ciotti, a retired history teacher who gave a most interesting presentation concerning his experiences teaching the Revolution and Civil War.

On November 2, 2019, three chapter members assisted the DAR in placing flags at Lone Oaks Cemetery in Leesburg, FL. Those members were Bob Beightol, John Moore, and Ken Mosher.

A chapter general membership meeting was held on November 2, 2019. The chapter's color guard presented the colors. A total of 36 members and guests were present. Two Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medals and Certificates were given to two Lake County Emergency Services employees, EMT Nicholas Gammelo and Paramedic Jacob Gault, for a life saving event above and beyond the call of duty. The Chief and Deputy Chief of Lake County EMS also attended the ceremony. The guest speaker was John Stewart, who gave a most interesting presentation on Thomas Jefferson. The speaker dressed in period attire as Thomas Jefferson. Compatriot Stewart is an SAR member from St. Petersburg, FL. Many questions were asked by chapter members and his presentation was well received. An induction ceremony was held for five new members joining Lake-Sumter chapter.

On November 11, Compatriot Ron Grove sponsored a Veteran's Day event in his community in which free breakfasts were provided to each veteran attending. Twenty-two Vietnam era veterans were recognized and furnished with commemorative packets commemorating the service of veterans during the Vietnam War.

On Nov 11, 2019, Compatriot Lane, as a representative of Lake-Sumter Chapter, was the keynote speaker at an American Legion Veteran's Celebration at the Fruitland Park City Hall. The event was attended by about 100 veterans, American Legion members and members of the Community.

During the period September to November 12, 2019, Compatriot Bill Hayes presented 10 SAR Eagle Scout Awards in Lake County, Florida. That brings the total number of awards that Bill has given or overseen to 34 during 2019.

The Lake-Sumter Color Guard posted the colors in support of a DAR function at the Leesburg City Library on November 13, 2019. The event was sponsored by the Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter of the DAR in Leesburg, and was attended by about 40 DAR and SAR members and members of the public. The presentation was titled "Womens' Voices in History." Lake Color Guard members Scott Bushnell, Allan Lane, George Chaffee, Jim Carl and Robert Bass participated. Chapter members Tim Donihi, Chuck Johnson, and Terry Oldham also attended.

On the evening of Thursday, November 14, Compatriot Lane gave a presentation on early American history to the Pastfinders Genealogy Club in Clermont, FL. The presentation was titled "The Regulator War in Central, NC and its relationship to the Constitution and Bill of Rights." Attendance was approximately 45.

On Friday, November 22, Compatriot Lane presented a US flag to a new homeowner in Eustis, FL, as part of a Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony. The recipients were the Santiago-Lozada family, whose home had been destroyed by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Approximately 25 representatives from Habitat and the local area were in attendance, including the Sheriff of Lake County.

On December 7, 2019 a general membership meeting was held, and attendance was 35 members and guests. The chapter's color guard unit handled presentation of the colors. Acknowledgments of the 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor were made by Chaplain Jim Angelos and Compatriot Lane. American Legion Post Commander Jim Maynard presented a certificate of appreciation to Chapter President Lane for serving as speaker at the Post's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Fruitland Park City Hall. Our guest speaker was David Head, PhD, who gave a very interesting presentation on the Newberg conspiracy, which is the subject matter of a new book he has written and is about to be released. First Responder Awards were presented to four members of the Clermont Fire Department for a heroic life-saving event occurring in 2019. The four members were accompanied by the Department's Deputy Chief. Military service awards were presented to three-chapter members by the Chapter's Veteran's Committee Chair, Jim Carl.

On the evening of December 7th, the chapter participated in the Tavares Christmas Parade. A decorated golf cart was furnished by B&G Golf Carts in Eustis. A total of five members and one guest participated in the parade. The Lake-Sumter Chapter participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park at noon on December 14, 2019. The ceremony was sponsored by the American Legion Post in Fruitland Park. Four Chapter members participated in uniform, marched in under colors, and assisted in the laying of wreaths in the cemetery. These members were Allan Lane, George Chaffee, Ron Grove and Jim Carl. At the conclusion of the event, the four-chapter members laid a wreath at the gravesite of the parents of Compatriot Bob Moody.

During the week of December 30, 2019 to January 3, 2020, three-chapter members graded essays from two Lake County High Schools as part of the FLSSAR Essay Contest. A winner and second and third place finishers were selected. Awards will be given at the February Chapter meeting.

A Chapter general membership meeting was held on January 4, 2020. A total of 32 members and guests attended. The chapter Color Guard posted and retrieved colors. Our guest speaker was Robert Burke, a history teacher at Montverde Academy. Mr. Burke presented on the "Barbary Pirates." His presentation was well received by the membership and many questions were asked concerning this little studied period of American foreign policy. Two new members were inducted, Duane Goss and Douglass Johnson. Chaplain Jim Angelos was awarded an SAR Military Service Award.

Compatriot Ron Grove and Chapter President Allan Lane visited with officials of Montverde Academy on January 15, 2020 to discuss the planting of a Liberty Tree by the chapter. The officials approved the offer, a site was selected, and arrangements were made tentatively for a ceremony during the last week of April, 2020.

On February 1, 2020 a chapter general membership meeting was held. Total attendance was 33. The Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented and removed the colors. An essay award was given to Lindsey Leggett of East Ridge High School by Ron Grove. Miss Leggett was accompanied by her High School History teacher, Jennifer Butera, and several family members. Ms. Leggett read her essay, "Common Sense," to the chapter. Bill Hayes announced he gave out 38 Eagle Scout awards during the past year. Bill also stated that we will have a total of seven high schools participating in JROTC awards. Our speakers were Danielle Stroud of Habitat for Humanity and Lake County Sheriff Peyton Grinnell. Both spoke on the process of providing homes to needy families who qualify. The Sheriff spoke about an innovative program using inmates who volunteer to participate in the building of Habitat homes.

Compatriot Tim Donihi presented three flags on behalf of the chapter to three new homeowners in Habitat for Humanity's Veteran's Village Project in Umatilla. The presentation was made on 2/5/2020.

On February 14th, 2020 the chapter held its oration contest at Montverde Academy. There were four participants, two from East Ridge High School, and two from Montverde Academy. The chapter judging and administration crew consisted of Ron Grove, George Chaffee, Tim Donihi, Scott Bushnell and Allan Lane. The judges voted Elisse Albury of East Ridge High School the winner. Other participants were Jake Deschick of East Ridge High School, and Lilly Anderson (second place) and Matthew Karen (third place), the latter two from Montverde Academy.

On February 22, 2020, Compatriot George Chaffee presented an Associate's Certificate and a Certificate of Appreciation to local businessman Gary Pinchot at Eustis, FL, in recognition of Mr. Pinchot's support of the Lake-Sumter Chapter.

Lake-Sumter Chapter fielded an entry in the Georgefest Parade in Eustis, FL on Saturday, February 22, 2020. The chapter's entry was coordinated by George Chaffee, who was joined in the parade by Compatriots Bob Beightol, Terry Oldham, Tim Donihi and Jim Carl.

Compatriots Ron Grove and Ron Toops served as judges at the Lake County History Fair held in Tavares, FL on February 29, 2020.

On March 3, 2020, Compatriot Ron Grove awarded certificates, booklets and cash to the three winners of the Poster Contest at Lake Prep, Leesburg, FL. The three students were Keziah Dalida (first place), Olivia Daugherty (second place), and Paxton Rivera (third place). The presentation was made before the school principal and entire student body.

On March 4, 2020, Compatriot Grove presented cash, booklets and certificates to the three winners of the poster contest at Montverde Academy. Those winners were Layla Busby (first place), Brooke Burton (second place) and Carine Hayes (third place).

Compatriot Lane gave a presentation on women during the Revolution to the Tomoka Chapter of the DAR in Clermont, FL on March 6, 2020. There were approximately 25 members and guests in attendance.

A general membership meeting of the chapter was held on March 7, 2020. Total attendance was 41 members and guests. The chapter color guard presented and removed the colors during opening and closing ceremonies. A ten year anniversary award was given to compatriot Tom Mysinger, and military service awards were given to compatriot Christopher Louis Thompson. The chapter's History Teacher of the Year, Karen A. Flores, was present and was given a certificate acknowledging her as a teacher of the year. A Heroism Award was given to Police Officer Adam DiGiacomo, and his family was in attendance. An interesting presentation on General David Wooster's Connecticut Provincials during the Revolution was given by Brian S. Barrett, an SAR member visiting from Wisconsin. One highlight of the meeting was the outstanding presentation by our Rumbaugh Oration contest winner, Elisse Albury. Her oration was excellent, and members wished her the best at the upcoming state level competition. Members also judged the chapter's fifth grade poster entries and selected Layla Busby of Montverde Academy as winner. Her poster will be submitted for competition at the state level.

The chapter was notified that sadly Compatriot Glenn Langston had passed away on March 5, 2020. At the family's request, the Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented colors and acted as an honor guard at his service in Eustis, FL on March 13, 2020. The color guard consisted of Compatriots Allan Lane, Scott Bushnell, George Chaffee, and John Moore. Also, in attendance were compatriots Jim Carl, Gary Hensley and spouse, and Tim Donihi and spouse. Glenn Langston was 92 years of age, a WWII veteran, and a dedicated member and former officer of this chapter. He served as color guard commander until felled by a stroke in July 2019.

On March 21, 2020, compatriot Bill Hayes reported that we will give the following awards in April and May 2020:
 Citizenship: 2 (for Sea Cadets); JrROTC : 6 (for the High Schools with JrROTC Units)
Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates: A total of 12 will have been awarded through the end of May 2020.

Given the closing of schools and risk to chapter personnel and students, all of these awards will be furnished by Compatriot Hayes to the schools in question whenever there are sufficient school personnel to receive them. The awards will then be made by school personnel and units to the students as they are able.

On March 17, 2020, a decision was made to cancel our April 4th general membership meeting because of the Coronavirus. On the same date the Lake-Sumter Executive Committee voted to authorize the election of new officers by electronic ballot or email. This vote normally takes place annually at the April meeting. Accordingly, voting will be conducted by email to all members on April 1, 2020. The period for voting will be from 9:00 am on April 1 until 1:00 pm on April 4, 2020. Installation of new officers will take place at the May general membership meeting, in accordance with chapter bylaws. If the May meeting is cancelled, then installation of new officers will occur at the beginning of the meeting on June 6, 2020.

At this writing, another event in April will likely have to be re-scheduled. Lake-Sumter Chapter had tentatively scheduled a Liberty Tree dedication at Montverde Academy on April 22, 2020. Montverde Academy officials have indicated that the entire school is closed until mid-April, and at this writing it is not known if the school will re-open for the rest of the school year or not. Accordingly, the event will be rescheduled if necessary.

Northeastern Regional Vice President

James Y. Gaskins jgaskins0152@comcast.net

The North East Region of the FLSSAR consists of four Chapters, i.e., Jacksonville, St Augustine, Flagler and Daytona.

We are pleased to recognize President Scott Breckenridge (Jacksonville), President Bill Roberts (St Augustine), President Charles Hayes, (Flagler) and President Rick Morrow (Daytona-Ormond).

Each Chapter has been actively supporting the mission and stated goals of the SAR throughout the year as evidenced by healthy growth in some and steady community involvement in all. Their individual reports are provided by separate correspondence.

The Regional Chapters met in St Augustine on Saturday, February 15, 2020. The primary focus of agenda items submitted addresses largely on improving communications between the local, state and NSSAR Registrars and on the most effective employment of our Color Guards. Agenda items were solicited and major items of interest were:

1. **2023 Congress,**

Regarding minutes of the 2019 October BOM...the minutes will be presented at the Spring 2020 BOM for approval. Many items were presented & approved on behalf of the 2023 Congress dealing with the financing of the event. There are many remaining questions relating to the financing. It is requested that prior to the 2020 Spring BOM, the 2023 Congress Committee present an estimated budget for the event, in particular, the sources of revenue to all Chapter Presidents

2. **Membership** (support for Registrars) and;

3. **Color Guard** policies and procedures.

Future events discussed included:

FLSSAR Spring 2020 BOM;

Battle of Thomas Creek (Jacksonville) Date TBD (ultimately cancelled for 2020);

Veterans Day Nov 11.

Wreaths Across America Dec 19th.

Flagler Chapter

4-6 October 2019 had four Compatriots (one in uniform) attend FLSSAR Fall Meeting, Kissimmee FL.

9 October 2019, Chapter meeting A Visit from Five Remarkable DAR Suffragettes program. FLSSAR Senior VP David Bussone and NE Regional VP James Gaskins were in attendance.

13 November 2019, Chapter meeting program video from US National Parks on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

27 November 2019. 2nd VP visited Yorktown Battlefield. Toured battleground purchased US Parks DVR and literature for future Chapter Meeting.

1 December 2019, Two Compatriots setup Chapter Christmas Tree in Palm Coast Library main room.

12-14 January 2020, conducted survey of Espanola Cemetery locating and recording locations of 1500 graves, including 219 veterans and some Chapter Charter Members.

18 January 2020 Chapter walk/visitation Thomas Creek Battlefield Jacksonville. Three Compatriots.

22 January 2020, Chapter Annual Meeting Video Presentation on Southern Continental Army Campaign.

2 February 2020 Induction of Compatriot Mark Strombridge.

15 February 2020 Three Compatriots attended FLSSAR NE Regional Meeting in St Augustine.

17 February 2020, Three Compatriots attended funeral services for Compatriot Richard Lee Haven in Palatka.

21 February 2020, Compatriot was invited, represented SAR at deduction of Palm Coast FOP Lodge

26 February 2020, Chapter meeting U.S. Parks video presentation of Siege of Yorktown. Induction of Compatriot Allen Goodman and sons (total of four new compatriots).

6 March 2020, Donation check for \$100. presented to Bloomingdale H.S. Jr R.O.T.C. by two Compatriots for purchase of equipment.

21 March 2020, Compatriot coordinated funeral service for Air Force Veteran with Air Force Honor Guard at Espanola Cemetery Flagler County.

23 March 2020, cancelled meeting due to COVID-19.

15 April 2020, cancelled meeting due to COVID-19

Community Activities

- 11 November 2019, Chapter SAR Flag presented in color guard procession during Veterans Day Service at Flagler County Government Bldg. Three Compatriots present, one in uniform. Received written thank you, our compatriot in uniform was the “Pride of Flagler County”.
- 11 November 2019, three Compatriots present at City of Palm Coast Veteran’s Day Service held at Hero’s Park Palm Coast.
- 11 November 2019, two Compatriots attended Flagler Beach FL, Veteran’s Day Service held at Veterans Park.
- 14 December 2019 Four Compatriots participated in Wreaths Across America, Spruce Creek Cemetery, Spruce Creek FL with DAR.
- 2 February 2020 five Compatriots attended and the SAR Chapter Flag was presented in Color Guard procession at American Legion & VFW Four Chaplains Service.

Jacksonville Chapter

Chapter Officers for 2019-2020:

President:	M. Scott Breckenridge
1 st Vice President:	John A. Lundy
2 nd Vice President:	Claude S. Farmer
Secretary:	Darryl R. Ingle
Treasurer:	John O. Roberson
Registrar:	J. Gray Chandler
Chaplain:	Robert M. Hale
Historian/Genealogist:	Richard B. Cardell
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Ryan B. Doane

Membership:

The Chapter began the year with 193 members and currently has 192 members at the time of this report.

Meeting Programs:

- September: Bill Ziegenfus, “The Battle for Ratification of the Constitution”
- October: Larry Tillman, “The Life of a Regimental Surgeon”
- November: Public Service awards.
- December: Seasonal music by Fred & Theresa Emery.
- January: Stuart Johnston, “The Battle of Midway: The Turning Point”
- February: Flag Retirement Ceremony.
- March: Canceled, due to COVID-19.
- April: Canceled, due to COVID-19. The election of 2020-2021 officers was completed, as scheduled, via absentee ballot.
- May: Installation of New Officers, Chapter Awards & Recognitions, and Memorial Service. This meeting has been canceled, due to COVID-19, but will be held at a later date.

Color Guard:

- At the time of this report 18 Compatriots participated in our Color Guard activities:
- 17 May 2019, St Michael’s Academy Colonial Days, Traveling Trunk and History of the Stars & Stripes.
- 23 May 2019, Lindisfarne Hall School, Traveling Trunk and History of the Stars & Stripes.
- 27 May 2019, Memorial Day Observances at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, and American Legion Post 316.
- 03 Jul 2019, Independence Day Service, Holy Trinity Anglican Church.
- 04 Jul 2019, Independence Day Celebration, Fernandina Beach, FL.
- 14 Sep 2019, DAR Regents Council of NE FL Constitution Week Luncheon.
- 05 Oct 2019, FLSSAR BOM
- 09 Nov 2019, Fort Clinch, History of the American Soldier
- 10 Nov 2019, Veterans Day Celebration, First Baptist Church
- 11 Nov 2019, Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade.
- 11 Nov 2019, Veterans Day Celebration, Ponte Vedra Cemetery
- 14 Dec 2019, Wreaths Across America, Jacksonville National Cemetery
- 01 Feb 2020, Black Creek Eagle Scout Awards
- 02 Feb 2020, Four Chaplains Memorial Service
- 09 Feb 2020, Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 22 Feb 2020, DAR Regents Council of NE FL George Washington Birthday Luncheon
- 07 Mar 2020, Last Naval Battle
- 12-13 Jun 2020, FLSSAR BOM

Americanism:

Habitat for Humanity:

01 Jun 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

22 Jun 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

21 Sep 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

25 Oct 2019, Clay Co Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication. 2 homes.

14 Dec 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication. 2 homes.

14 Jun 2019, celebrated Flag Day, in conjunction with St Augustine chapter, by passing out flags in downtown St Augustine.

14 Dec 2019 sponsored ten wreaths for Wreaths Across America, and assisted in placing wreaths at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Flag Retirement Ceremony was held 09 February 2020 at the Mandarin Community Center, with participation from the Princes Malee and Vaughan-Latham Societies C.A.R.

Compatriots from our chapter attended every monthly Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court Middle District of Florida and welcomed an average of 50 new citizens from 30 countries each month.

243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was canceled, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. (Note that the City of Jacksonville closed all parks)

Public Service Recognitions:

Law Enforcement Commendation Awards:

Detective John Smith (name concealed), Jacksonville Sheriff Office

Detective David Douglas, Nassau County Sheriff Office

Fire Safety Commendations:

Firefighter Michael Dowie, Fernandina Beach Fire Department

Heroism Medals:

Lieutenant Henry Carrow, Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department

Youth Programs:**ROTC and JROTC**

Presented Silver ROTC Medals to 2 cadets at University of North Florida and Jacksonville University.

Presented Bronze ROTC Medals to 8 cadets at Duval, Clay, and Nassau county high schools.

All presentation ceremonies were cancelled due to COVID-19, so the medals were mailed to the schools.

Eagle Scout Recognition

Presented Eagle Scout certificates to 47 new Eagle Scouts.

5/31/2019 – 1

8/18/2019 – 1

8/24/2019 – 1

2/1/2020 – 44

George S & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

21 May 2020 Chapter Presentation of the George S & Stella Knight Essay Contest Award to Cathleen K. Smith.

Children of the American Revolution:

Provided monetary support to the Vaughn-Latham Chapter CAR Society of Amelia Island and the Princess Malee Chapter CAR Society of Jacksonville.

Attended the 15 Sep 2019 Vaughn-Latham chapter meeting.

St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President

One transfer-in member came to us this year Compatriot George Raymond from the Virginia

Heroism Medal presented to Andrew Lands for his actions when he was faced with a situation which required quick thinking and fast action without realizing he was subjecting himself to personal safety risks when he was only responding to someone calling out for help. He was using training he gained as a member of Civil Air Patrol member; he chose to do the right thing. He was recognized for outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.

Our JROTC program finished late this year with our last school, Nease High School, recognizing the SAR outstanding Cadet Sean Soudrette for his superior performance as a Cadet in the Navy JROTC program.

Good citizenship awards were presented to members of the Palatka Police Athletic League, PAL, for their contribution in creating and maintaining a community youth program for Palatka's youth. Nicholas Stewart, Kim Daley, Jean Stewart, Sgt Randy Hayes, Colonel Joe Wells.

SAR personnel participated in Memorial Day event at the St. Augustine National Cemetery and were assisted by the Sea Cadets, William Israelson and Charles McMullin

Good Citizenship was presented to ladies which founded and implemented Horse Play Therapy Center which provides therapy to children with needs. Medals were presented to Debbie Zagarski and Vicky Carregal.

SAR participated in a Braille Flag plaque dedication in the St. Augustine National Ceremony coordinated through the St. Johns County Veterans Council.

In June SAR members participated in the Historical Site dedication of Hewett's Mill. The DAR chapter of Flagler County presented a plaque for the Site.

At the 7th Judicial Circuit Court State Attorney's office, the Law Enforcement Commendation Award was presented to Randall L. Barnes for his many years as a law enforcement Officer.

SAR Chapter members participated in Chapter and Society DAR functions. Flag Day greeting the public around the downtown area. Constitution Day 17 Sept with a ceremony of Bell ringing in the plaza in downtown St. Augustine. Society Constitution Luncheon for 19th Amendment in Jacksonville.

At an Annual banquet for the St. Augustine Police Department Law Enforcement Commendation Awards were presented to Police Officers Kristyn Bennett and Sam Balloun

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

Chapter Officers:

President: Rick E. Morrow
 Vice-President: H. William Elder
 Secretary/Treasurer: M. Scott Breckenridge
 Registrar: Richard M. Lyon, Jr.

Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 39. The annual report and dues payment was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

Meetings:

Monthly chapter meetings are underway, on the third Thursday of each month.

Programs:

20 Feb 2020 – John Stewart as Thomas Jefferson
 19 Mar 2020 – Joe Vetter as Alexander Hamilton but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Communications:

Regular communications of National, State, and Chapter news are occurring via email and a chapter newsletter.

ROTC and JROTC

Presented Bronze ROTC Medals to 2 cadets at Volusia county high schools. All presentation ceremonies were cancelled due to COVID-19, so the medals were mailed to the schools.

East Central Regional Vice President

Charles Berger opastuart2004@yahoo.com

Brevard Chapter

Brevard Chapter 2019-2020 Officers

President - Roger Bonnett
 1st VP - James Ward
 2nd VP - Jerry Scarpace
 Secretary - Barry Eller
 Recording Secretary - Brian Jensen
 Treasurer - Carroll Lord
 Member-at-large: Marvin Bisset
 Member-at-large: Sonny Jones
 Chaplain - David Ralston
 Registrar - Roger Bonnett
 Genealogist - Ray Norman
 Historian - Norm Desmarais

Committee Chairs:
Editor/Publisher - Brian Jensen
CG Commander - Nicolas Mihora
ROTC - Jerry Scarpate
Veteran's Affairs - Carl Miller

Chapter Meetings

19 Oct 2019

42 Attendees

Compatriots in Period attire: Compatriots Jensen, Mihora; Compatriots in Class A attire: Compatriots Desmarais, Forsythe, Jones,

Transfer – Robert Cutts from Alabama

Carl Miller has taken over as Veterans Committee Chairman.

David Lee Derryberry Patriot: David Long

President Bonnett gave the induction, Compatriots Norm Desmarais Nic Mihora, Brian Jensen and Sonny Jones participated as color-guards in the service.

Awards:

Compatriot Theodore Trousdale was awarded with a certificate welcoming him to the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. Compatriot Trousdale served in Korea and Viet Nam. He is a Purple Heart recipient. July 2019 Compatriot Trousdale was invited along with 16 other Korean War Veterans by the South Korean Government to attend the 66th anniversary of the armistice signing that ended the Korean war.

LNB Ceremony preparations: First meeting occurred on 29 Oct 2019 for the 2020 LNB Compatriot

Ray Norman was recognized for his efforts to relocate the LNB Canon to the VMC Plaza.

Deb Plagg has secured a table at the Seniors Expo at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto for DAR, SAR

CAR Secretary Eller was able to support this effort.

16 Nov 2019

51 Attendees

Period Attire Compatriots Norman, Desmarais Mihora, Class A Attire Compatriots Jones, New Member Jay Longway III

LNB Preparations A summary of the first LNB meeting was announced to the group.

The next LNB preparation meeting will be held on Dec 3rd at 6:30 PM at the VMC.

President Bonnett presented the Lafayette Metal to 1st VP James G Ward for his work on the Patriot Research System.

20 Dec 2020 Meeting

48 Attendees

Period Attire Compatriots Norman, Desmarais Mihora

New Member Grant Steinke

18 Jan 2020

40 Attendees

Compatriots in Period attire: Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora, Compatriots in Class A attire: Sonny Jones

Key Lime Pie Festival is at the Veterans Center today. There is a Booth for SAR, DAR and CAR available and is occupied by representatives of our groups.

LNB Next meeting Feb 11, 2020 18:30. An invitation has been sent to President General John T Manning.

Canon move: The new pad has been installed, the canon is in need or repair and it will be restored after the move.

Provide a Letter of accommodation to Matt Culver's management for his superior performance in communicating the waterway restoration.

President Bonnett presented the Lafayette Metal to Compatriot Jensen for his work on the Patriot Research System.

22 Feb 2020

Attendees 53 SAR, 27 DAR

George Washington Luncheon, Chaplin David Ralston gave an excellent speech about Washington and he had several artifacts from the period on display.

Compatriots in Period attire: Norm Desmarais, Douglas M Bisset, Sonny Jones, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora

The passing of Compatriot Richard Lee Haven of Flagler Chapter was announced.

LNB Summarize planning at the VMC, Ceremony is 07 March with President General John T Manning in attendance.

New Members, Edward E. Bridgham, Daniel Hansen, Francis Reid

March 07 Last Naval Battle memorial.

Over 30 organizations supported this year's event with about 180 participants. Compatriots from Georgia also participated in the services. We had the honor of having President General John T Manning attended this year's memorial.

The LNB monument is in the process of being moved within the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center from adjacent to Sykes Creek to the main plaza facing the SAR/DAR monument which is the plaza's centerpiece. At its current location less than 5% of visitors view the LNB monument.

Central Florida Chapter

Chapter Officers for 2019-2020

We installed our new officers during our May meeting:

President:	Dr. W. Maynard Pittendreigh
First Vice President:	Phil Markoe
Second Vice President	Harry Wilklow
Secretary	Gary Smith
Treasurer	Larry Walker
Registrar	Richard Hoffman
Chaplain	Burt Fairchild
Sergeant at Arms	Burt Fairchild
Editor	Jeffrey Sizemore
Immediate Past President	Burt Fairchild
Color Guard Commander	Andrew Showen
Director at Large	Donald Green
Director at Large	Jeff Sizemore

The Above officer listing is the same as submitted for the FALL BOM. The rest of the submitted chapter report is unusable as it cannot be copied/pasted into the Proceeding booklet due to it is a locked WORD form.

St Lucie River Chapter

We open each year with joining with the Halpatiokee Chapter of the DAR's Constitution Week Celebration.

OCT. Sent out a survey to all members for suggestions on how to improve attendance. As one result we moved our monthly meeting further north, from Stuart to Pt.St.Lucie.

NOV. History Professor Judd from the St. Lucie State College gave a talk on the strong and weak parts of the Articles of Confederation.

DEC. Our program was presented by our Secretary John Auld on his patriot Alexander Burns. John's presentation was complete with maps and other visuals of his patriot's military career.

JAN. Chapter President Chuck Berger presented a program on his patriot Gabriel Suzanne Dubrutz. Dubrutz was a French sailor with LaFafette at the Battle of Yorktown and took part in the attack on redoubt 10.

FEB. State Treasurer Hall Riediger sgave a slide presentation on the life and times of John Paul Jones.

Okeechobee

No report

West Central Regional Vice President

John David Goolsby, Sr. goolsbychiropractic@yahoo.com

Clearwater Chapter

October

Public Service Awards: Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Daniel Cole, Clearwater Police Officer James Frederick

November

Presented Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Fr. Robert Swick, Chairman of Tampa Bay Veterans Alliance.

Inducted new members: J. Ralph Wilson, Cal Cundiff

December
Presented medals to Officers and Lady Auxiliary
Installation of Officers and Governors for 2020 by Sr. V.P. David Bussone, President – Robert Anderson

January
Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Anne Hamilton and Rand Scholet for their presentation on the life of Alexander Hamilton

February
Co-hosted with Cadadesi Chapter Regent Joan Russell and Vice Regent Beverly Entwisl, showing Free Movie “1776” at the Dunedin Library
Presented Medal of Appreciation to Caladesi Chapter Regent Joan Russell at DAR meeting
Color Guard posted colors at DAR Genealogical Seminar at Dunedin Library.
Hosted informal meeting of Past Presidents at Dunedin Golf Club.
Certificate of Appreciation of Carlton Weidemeyer for presentation “The Hessians”
Eagle Scout Certificate to Javier Mutt

March
Presentation of Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to U.S. Sea Cadet PO2nd Aaron Redway, LCDR Kevin MacFarland and LCDR Lois MacFarland.
BOG meeting via zoom decided to cancel live meetings until September.
Chapter awarded 12 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and 5 Bronze JROTC Good Citizenship medals

April
BOG meeting via zoom

May
BOG meeting via zoom
Scheduled May meeting via zoom.

South Shore Chapter

No report

St. Petersburg Chapter

No report

Tampa Chapter

No report

William Devane Chapter

No report

Lakeland Chapter

No report

Southeast Regional Vice President

Bernard William Wolff grafwolff@comcast.net

Since the last reporting cycle, I attended the FLSSAR Fall Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Orlando, Florida where I chaired both the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Meeting and the 2023 FLSSAR Congress Planning Meeting. Later in the month, as the Chair of the 2023 FLSSAR Congress Planning committee, I assisted the NSSAR Congress coordinator, and others, in reviewing potential venues for the 2023 NSSAR Congress. We inspected seven separate sites over a four-day period accompanied by evening meetings to ascertain the value of each hotel/resort for our purposes.

Elements (including myself) of the Miami Chapter’s Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard were featured at Epiphany Catholic Church in South Miami, FL. The pastor invited us to listen to the Brass Band play patriotic music in between presenting and retiring the Colors on Veterans Day.

As the SE RVP and D.A.R. Liaison to the Coral Gables Chapter of the D.A.R., I was invited and attended their annual meeting in Coconut Grove, FL. Additionally, along with the Miami Chapter color guard, I presented Colors at the annual meeting of the Mayflower Society in Homestead, FL.

At the Miami Chapter Annual Meeting, the President awarded me the Meritorious Service Medal and a Flag Certificate. At this meeting, the Charleville Musket became available for the first time as a fund-raiser for the 2023 NSSAR Congress.

The Southeast Regional Vice President's meeting occurred in late January and met at the Outback Steakhouse in Fort Lauderdale. It was well-attended by all three chapters and enjoyed the company of the FLSSAR President and Senior Vice President. The program featured several topics of general interest with emphasis placed on the 2023 Congress, education, and the strategic plan update. The FLSSAR President swore in the new officers for the Fort Lauderdale chapter.

At the end of February, I flew to Louisville for the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference. I attended the Executive Committee meeting, the NSSAR Strategic Planning committee meeting, the Insurance Committee meeting of which I hold the position of Chair for one of the sub-committees. Tickets were again sold for a chance to win the Charleville Musket. Additional fund-raising items, and other information concerning the 2020 Congress can be viewed on my 2023 FLSSAR Congress Planning committee report. I also was present at the Germany Society meeting, along with other committee meetings (e.g., the Eagle Scout committee meeting where I assisted grading Eagle Scout essay submissions).

The Last Naval Battle commemoration held on Merritt Island near Daytona, FL allowed me to join the FLSSAR Color Guard and carry a musket during the opening parade. The Charleville Musket was carried by the FLSSAR President and more tickets were sold. I also presented a wreath in the name of the Miami Chapter.

During the reporting period, I attended four Board of Director meetings (BOD) for the Miami Chapter of which I also serve as the Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster. Along with the BODs, I was present at four Saturday lunches. Further Chapter BODs and Lunches have been cancelled due to the coronavirus situation and local and State government orders and recommendations.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter meets the third Saturday every month (except June, July and August) at the Outback Steakhouse, 2725 South University Drive, Davie, Florida. The Chapter has use of the private dining room and orders from the menu. All members, guests and interested prospects are welcome. The meeting is announced each month at the time our newsletter is published.

MEMBERSHIP: As of January 1, 2020 we had 35 paid members and 10 waiting to be inducted, 6 of whom are from one family. We believe membership is a definite priority and if it were not for the novel Coronavirus, these 10 would already have been inducted.

ELECTION AND JANUARY 18TH MEETING: The Chapter bylaws call for the election of officers to be held in November of each year. As there was no quorum at the November 2019 meeting, the election was postponed until December, when there was still no quorum, moving the election to January 18th, the Chapter's regular meeting day.

Coincidentally, the Southeast Vice President's Meeting was scheduled for the same day, time and place as the Chapter's meeting. It was decided the two meetings should be combined and that The Honorable Bernard Wolff should preside. The election of the Chapter's officers was first on the agenda with Thomas Shepherd being elected President, Joseph Motes elected Treasurer, James Lohmeyer elected Secretary and Charles Adams elected Registrar / Genealogist. The meeting continued with other items on the Southeast Vice President's agenda.

In due course, lunch was served with all present being the guests of a Fort Lauderdale Chapter member. At the close of the meeting, the newly elected Fort Lauderdale officers were inducted by Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. FLSSAR President.

FEBRUARY 15 - Following the usual business, members heard a program on "The Lesser Known Facts of George Washington" based on David Rubenstein's book, *The American Story*.

FEBRUARY 22 - The President and Treasurer were the guests of the Miami Chapter's President's Annual Luncheon and George Washington's Birthday Celebration.

MARCH 21 - The monthly meeting was canceled due to COVID – 19.

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES AND MEDAL -

January 30th - Four Good Citizenship Certificates and a Good Citizen Medal were awarded to five cadets from the Pembroke Pines Civil Air Patrol Squadron. 13 Eagle Scout Certificates were awarded to 6 Broward County Boy Scout Troops.

Miami Chapter

The Miami Chapter meets at the American Legion Post 98 located at 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. The Miami Chapter generally conducts its Dutch Treat luncheon meetings on the second or third Saturday of the month (depending on conflicts with other regional, state and national events), with an approximate \$25.00 meal cost. All members, guests, and interested prospects are welcome. The date each month is published in our monthly Newsletter by Editor Bernard Wolff.

At 31 March 2020, the Miami Chapter had 107 Compatriots. We currently have 51 persons comprising our “1776 Corps.,” whose membership applications are in process of documentation and completion.

Our March 2020 luncheon and Board of Directors meeting was canceled due COVID-19 and all activities have been suspended for at least 30 days. For the past few months, our monthly meetings have been held on a Saturday and we plan to continue on Saturdays pending resolution of the current pandemic. We similarly plan to hold social receptions at least two times a year.

At the **FLSSAR 2020 Winter SE Regional BOM**, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by SE Regional VP President Bernard Wolff, Past President, Secretary and Current State resident Wm Lee Popham and sons James and John, and President William R. Wicks III. Delores Wolff attended as the representative from the Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary.

The **2020 SAR Spring Leadership Conference** was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Miami Chapter attendees and Color Guard participants were Bernard Wolff, and Wm. Lee Popham Sr. The Miami Ladies Auxiliary was represented by Delores Wolff, D. A. R.

Last Naval Battle Memorial Ceremony – Bernard Wolff and Wm. Lee Popham Sr., attended the Last Naval Battle Memorial Ceremony in Merritt Island, Fla., and participated in the FLSSAR Color Guard. President Popham represented the FSLLAR and Miami Chapter Treasurer Wolff brought Greetings on behalf of the Miami Chapter.

Battle of Thomas Creek – Cancelled due to the novel coronavirus.

Membership:

We opened the year with 103 members, all of whom had their dues paid as of 1 January. Since the beginning of the year we have admitted a net increase of four new Compatriots, for a total of 107 to date. Compatriots Dick Friberg and Ken Harrison were lost by death during the reporting period.

President’s Annual Luncheon and George Washington’s Birthday Celebration:

Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, FLSSAR President, was our featured installing officer for our Annual Luncheon and Washington’s Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138 on Saturday, 22 February 2020. The luncheon was attended by 38 Compatriots and their family members, including the President and Treasurer from the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter. In addition, Frank Sexton, Esq., Mediator, Arbitrator and Speaker, was the featured speaker on Brigadier General John Glover - Overlooked Hero of the American Revolution.

Installation of 2020 Miami Chapter SAR Officers:

Immediately following the presentation, William R. Wicks III was installed as President of the Miami Chapter. The following officers were installed for the 2020 year:

President:	William R. Wicks, III
1 st Vice President:	Robert A. Sileo
2 nd Vice President:	William S. Replogle
Secretary:	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
Recording Secretary:	William R. Wicks, III
Treasurer:	Bernard W. Wolff
Genealogist/Registrar:	Robert A. Sileo
Chaplain:	Ben Groff
Historian:	Thomas B. Jelke
Immediate Past President:	William R. Wicks, III
Commander, Thomas Paine Brigade.	David B. Mitchell, Esq

The following Medals and Recognitions were awarded at the Annual Presidents’ Luncheon:

Medal / Certificate	Name of Recipient
Lydia D.A.R. ragh	Kerry Wicks
Heroism Medal	James E. Popham
Martha Washington Medal	Karen Kovarik
SAR D.A.R. Medal of Appreciation	Delores Wolff
SAR D.A.R. Medal of Appreciation – 1 st Oak Leaf	Pam Cadman
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation – 1 st Oak Leaf	Lee Popham

Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service	Rob Sileo
Chapter SAR Meritorious Service Medal	Bernard Wolff
War Service Medal - Vietnam	William S. Replogle
War Service Medal – Vietnam	George E. Cadman III
War Service Medal – Afghanistan	
War Service Medal – Global War on Terrorism	
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	Will Replogle
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 1 st Oak Leaf	Rob Sileo
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 1 st Oak Leaf	David Mitchell
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal - 1st Oak Leaf	William Wicks

Frank Sexton was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation as a Speaker.

C.A.R. Activities and Support:

Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. has been elected to serve as Senior President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. for 2020. He previously served as Senior Vice President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. for two years. A total of six C.A.R. Membership Applications submitted by Compatriot Popham Sr. as First-Line Signer have been approved, - for his two minor children, and his four grandchildren. As a result, the Tequesta Society received the First Place Growth Award at the Florida State C.A.R. convention held in Orlando Fla in February 2020. Five of those Six new C.A.R. members have also become Junior Members in the Miami Chapter SAR – the other one is a girl.

Junior SAR Member James E. Popham will serve as Tequesta Society President for 2020, and Junior SAR Member John L. Popham will serve as Tequesta Society Registrar.

D.A.R. Activities and Support:

Several officers and members of the SAR Miami Chapter have been supporting the local D.A.R. Societies.

Compatriot Wolff brought Greetings to the Annual Meeting of the Coral Gables D.A.R. in February as the Miami Chapter D.A.R. Liaison, while Color Guard Commander Compatriot David Mitchell led our Thomas Payne Brigade in the opening flag ceremony at that Annual Meeting. Compatriot Popham, Sr., was the featured Speaker at the 8 January meeting and luncheon of the Coral Gables D.A.R. Society.

Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary:

The Miami Chapter Ladies’ Auxiliary is alive and well again, thanks primarily to the efforts of First Ladies Delores Wolff (2018 President Bernard) and Kerry Wicks (2019-2020 President Bill). Volunteer work is being performed at both the Miami VA Hospital – Pathways Program, and at the Veterans’ Rest Facility at the Miami International Airport, - where the OAS Facility used to be. Our Chapter continues to support the Auxiliary with both volunteer time and donations.

Veterans Support:

The Miami Chapter SAR donates time and money for the services to veterans provided by the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS). The Miami Chapter has pledged a minimum of \$1,000 monetary support for the 2020 year, in addition to the Pathways Program support in support of the Ladies’ Auxiliary.

Youth Activities Reports:

JROTC Medals: A total of 30 Medals have been purchased and distributed by the SAR Miami Chapter, for recognitions throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties during the months of April and May. Due to the COVID-19 with the schools closed the current plan is to sign all certificates and mail them to all the schools by Committee Chairman Will Replogle.

Palm Beach Chapter

Chapter 2020 Vision:

The Chapter vision and goal for 2020 will continue to focus on membership development, new member recruiting/mentoring, youth programs, police/first responder recognition, and support of the 2023 National Congress initiative. Despite the major impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Chapter vision and goal for 2020 is to continue to focus on new membership development/mentoring, special police/first responder recognition program in the 4th quarter, and support of the 2023 National Congress initiative.

Chapter Activities and Events:

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local and state activities including, county and state D.A.R. meetings/events, and local Genealogical Society membership recruiting events.

NSSAR Deputy Inspector General and FMR State/Chapter President Ray Wess installed the Chapter 2020 officers including President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miler, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton.

The Chapter inducted 9 new Compatriots including: Barry Clayton, Andrew and Anthony Carilli, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, Bill Richards, TK Krumenacker, and David Wratlslaw.

2019 Chapter President Bob Boggs recognized members for outstanding 2019 service including Compatriots: Don Lanman, Peter Johnston, Pete Miller, Buddy Miller, and 35-Year Member and FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson received the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Chairman Lanman inducted 5 Chapter Compatriot/Veterans into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion including: Reeve Bright, W. A. Parkinson, James Lanpher, Bill Richards and Bob Phinney, bringing the total Chapter VB membership to 38 or 23% of its total membership.

Chapter Compatriots joined local D.A.R. Daughters at several patriotic events including: Missing in America Veteran Internment Ceremonies, and Wreaths Across America flag placement ceremony.

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

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

Operation Virtual Outreach includes Chapter Officers, FMR Presidents and Compatriots. President, Reeve Bright, Vice President, Anthony Shea, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, James Mangan, Registrar, Peter Miller, Chaplain, Father Sears, Historian Buddy Miller, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officer @ Large, Barry Clayton, FMR Chapter President Don Lanman, and NSSAR Deputy Inspector General & FMR State/Chapter President Ray Wess. The Chapter has **10+** new member applications in process, and plans to induct **5** new Compatriots at its October 20 meeting including: ***Andrew & Anthony Carilli, Matthew Clayton, Alexander Cromartie, & David Wratlslaw.***

The Palm Beach Chapter recognized ***FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson*** on his ***35th Year in the NSSAR.*** ***Parkinson*** also received the Chapter's ***Distinguished Service Medal*** in the first Quarter.

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

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

Southwest Regional Vice President

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The 2020 SW Region Meeting was held at Pinchers on 1st St in Ft. Myers, FL. Caloosa was the host chapter and provided the color guard as well as coordinating the facilities. Members of other chapters took part in the color guard and opening ceremonies. Agendas were emailed in advance while table programs were provided by Caloosa. Also distributed was a master calendar of known color guard events and patriotic celebrations in Florida and Georgia through the end of 2020.

Attending:

National and State Guests: FLSSAR President Lee Popham with sons James and John, Vice President Central District Bill Sharp with Donna, FLSSAR VP Dave Bussone, FLSSAR Chaplain Dwight Elam, FLSSAR Historian Bob McGuire

Caloosa Attendees: Caloosa Chapter President Jim Stone, Hampton Allen, Rodney Burt, John Jones, Joe Lundquist Lee Matson, Ron Peck, Thomas Thompson

Charlotte Attendees: Charlotte Secretary Jim Schmidt

Naples Attendees: Naples Chapter President Len Crame, Don Cahill, Doug Gibbens, Michael Lyster, John McCullough, Jim Meerpohl, Philip Thieler

Saramana Attendees: Saramana Chapter President Doug Erb, Doug Erb, Vic McMurry, Tim Milligan. Woody Wilson

FLSSAR Ladies Auxilliary Attendees: FLSSAR Ladies Auxilliary President Anne McGuire, DAR; Myakka DAR Chaplain Debbie McMurry; Betty Jones; Jill Fields

Despite some very inclement weather, all but one of the registered guests was in attendance. After the introduction of guests and some words from national and state officers, we proceeded with luncheon.

Meeting Agenda:

- To induce chapters to take a “long view” in chapter planning for smoother operations and reduction of stress on chapter resources – physical, monetary, and manpower
- To provide guidelines to sitting Presidents, to officers, who will be taken over the reins of leadership and members, who are prospective officers.
- To discuss trends in and methods of chapter growth, retention, and promotion
- To hold a “roundtable” discussion of issues that chapters are facing as well as lessons learned and recent successes.

When the meeting resumed, agenda items were covered with some lively discussion and great ideas. The biggest takeaway from the meeting seemed to be an agreement that fuller job descriptions for chapter officers and key committees should be developed. Not only was this in hopes of better transitioning new personnel into their positions, it would also eliminate some of the “job shock” that comes with learning what many of these positions entail. Many chapters only have cursory descriptions of what the true responsibilities of these positions are – sometimes only a few sentences. A group of officers in the region volunteered to help develop a much more detailed tool that could be made to all chapters and tailored to their needs. Such a tool would also be useful in the instance of an officer of committee chair suddenly not being able to carry out their duties. Work continues on this with the hope that a preliminary resource would be available for comment in time for the Spring, Board of Management meeting.

Caloosa Chapter

The 2019-2020 program year commenced at the October Chapter Meeting with featured speaker J. Michael Tomme, President General 2016-2017.

In November we honored our Nation’s Veterans and heard speaker Dr. Cindy Coiner speak on Virginia and the American Revolution. Dr. Coiner was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her major contributions to our communities in the fields of counseling and education.

December featured our annual meeting and election of officers with guest speaker State President Lee Popham and special guest State Senior Vice-President Dave Bussone. Award presentations were made in recognition of the service of many Caloosa Chapter members.

The 2020 Officers of the Caloosa Chapter were installed at the January meeting by Florida Society President Lee Popham.

Officers installed were: President James Stone, Vice-President Michael Buff, @nd Vice-President and Secretary Hampton Allen, Treasurer Ray Dezenorf, Registrar Christopher Jenner, Assistant Registrar Douglas Walsh, Genealogist Ronald Peck, Chaplain Dwight Elam, Sergeant-at-Arms Jeffrey Brunelle, and Member-at-Large Lewis Elliott.

The February meeting was held on Washington’s Birthday. Speakers were Bill and Cara Elder portraying George and Martha.

The March meeting highlighted the reactivated Billy Bowlers Society of Children of the American Revolution. Speakers were the Senior President Teri Peterson and President Caleb Golden. The speakers were each presented the C.A. R. Bronze Medal of Appreciation for their roles in reorganizing the Billy Bowlers Society.

The Caloosa Chapter was also pleased to serve as hosts for the Southwest Region meeting held on February 1, in Fort Myers. The meeting was chaired by RVP Steve Fields and featured State President Lee Popham and Senior Vice-President Dave Bussone.

The Lighthouse Harry Lee Color Guard led the presentation of Colors at the rechartering ceremony of the Billy Bowlers Society, Children of the American Revolution, the Caloosahatchee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Estero Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and participated in the Wreaths Across America Program in Cape Coral, and the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Members also participated in the Florida D.A.R. meeting.

With the quarantine taking effect in March, the April and May Chapter meetings were cancelled. The Executive Committee was able to conduct business via conference call.

Youth awards were presented in absentia to JROTC Cadets at the 15 high schools in Lee County, as well as to the winners of the Caloosa Chapter Middle School Brochure Contest, Eagle Scout Contest and Rumbaugh Orations Contest.

Charlotte Chapter Report

No report

Naples Chapter

- On October 4-5, 2019, President Leonard Crame and Chancellor Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr. attended the FLSSAR Fall BOM in Kissimmee, FL and participated in the color guard. First Vice President COL Phillip R. Thieler, USA (ret.) attended the first day.
- On Thursday, October 10, 2019, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. New member John T. Shave was inducted by President Leonard Crame; 1st Vice President COL Philip Thieler, USA (ret) received veteran awards and SAR supplementals. Past President Michael Garey received his Silver Roger Sherman oak leaf cluster from the FLSSAR. Everglades Society CAR President Stephen Gauta gave a brief presentation on the status of the local CAR. Compatriot and author Michael Garey presented an overview of his new book "Patriots at War." There were 37 attendees including 5 NSDAR ladies and one CAR member.
- On Saturday, November 2, 2019, President Leonard Crame participated in the SW Region color guard for the Collier-Lee Mission 21 Honor Flight at RSW International Airport in Fort Myers, FL.
- On Saturday, November 9, 2020, President Leonard Crame attended the Collier-Lee Honor Flight Gala fundraiser event at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort, Bonita Springs, FL.
- On Thursday, November 14, 2019, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. Registrar J. Edward Lary inducted new members William Brock and Jonathan White. Registrar J. Edward Lary received the Lafayette Medal from the NSSAR with multiple oak leaf clusters for his volunteer work on the SAR Patriot Record System. A Bronze Good Citizenship award was presented to Honorable Hugh D. Hayes, current longest tenured circuit court Judge in Florida. Compatriot Acey Edgemon (retired CCSO) presented 16 first responder awards to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Fire, EMS and State Police, including 11 Heroism Awards. Sheriff Kevin Rambosk spoke about county crime statistics improvement and appreciation of first responders. There were 83 meeting attendees including 7 NSDAR ladies and 45 Public Service Award recipients, family and guests. The meeting had extensive newspaper and online coverage by the Naples Daily News.
- On Friday, December 15, 2019 the annual Joint Holiday meeting of Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR and Naples Chapter SAR was held at the Moorings Country Club in Naples, FL. The Naples Chapter SAR posted the colors to open the meeting at 5 PM. Regent Judy Goby-Oxtoby and President Leonard Crame jointly presided. Special guest SP4 Edward Favreau, USA (ret.), former tomb guard (1971-1972), made a presentation on the Guards of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. There were 68 meeting attendees.
- On Thursday, January 9, 2020, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. Special guest FLSSAR President Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. attended and made a brief presentation. New member Robert Mohr and family were inducted by Registrar J. Edward Lary. Jaedyn Procacci made a Rumbaugh Oration presentation and received the Chapter Winner medal a check for \$200. His application was later submitted to the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Chairman. Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies made a presentation on "The Active Shooter" and were presented Certificates of Appreciation. There were 51 meeting attendees, including 10 NSDAR ladies from three area Chapters
- On Monday, January 14, 2020, Jaedyn Procacci became the Knight Essay Contest Chapter Winner and Jared Marques became the Eagle Scout Contest Chapter Winner. Their application packages were submitted to FLSSAR Contest Chairmen, respectively. Awards including \$200 checks were later mailed to Chapter Winners.
- On Saturday, February 1, 2020, President Leonard Crame, 1st Vice-President COL Philip Thieler, USA (ret.), Secretary Michael Lyster, Treasurer A. James Meerpohl, Sergeant-at Arms John McCullough, Color Guard Commander Donald Cahill and Compatriot CSM Douglas Gibbens, USA (ret.) attended the Southwest RVP meeting at Pinchers restaurant, Fort Myers, FL.

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. President Crame presented two SAR supplementals to Treasurer James Meerpohl and a 5-year service pin and certificate to compatriot William Abbott. The meeting was attended by cadets from six Collier County High Schools along with their senior military instructors. Lely High School could not attend (SMI medical issue) but was recognized and included in awards. Cadets received the Bronze JROTC medal as the top 3rd-year cadet in each school. Three cadets participated in the Enhanced JROTC Contest and Cadet Grace Muesing of Gulf Coast High School was the Chapter Winner receiving the JROTC neck-ribbon medal and \$200 check. Cadet Grace Muesing's application was later submitted to the FLSSAR JROTC Chairman. There were 61 attendees including 6 NSDAR ladies.

The Thursday, March 12, 2020 Naples Chapter luncheon meeting was cancelled the day before due to confirmed cases of coronavirus in Collier County and adjacent counties in southwest Florida. A week later the Naples Chapter Board of Directors decided to suspend monthly chapter meetings and associated activities until the October 8, 2020 Chapter meeting based on the spread of the coronavirus and "social distancing" requirements.

Saramana Chapter Report

Saramana Chapter has had a very busy summer. Our Registrar, Charles Riegle, has finally gotten some much needed help. We are looking at inducting as many as 10 new members along with seven supplementals early this fall. We have just as many more candidates in the wings waiting for specific approvals. Our Vice President, Preston Adams, has now secured guest speakers all the way to next May. We had tried to move our luncheon meetings to Saturdays to help attendance, but it did not turn out as well as expected. A lot of energy has been devoted in getting a variety of speakers was some unusual topics for the upcoming year.

Our Color Guard has been extremely busy this past summer. We've attended as many as 14 events. Two events were for two of our own members at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. Another two events were for Honor Flights and two other events were for DAR Regents Council Luncheons concerning Flag Day and Constitution Day. We have six more events planned before December 15th. Our own Regional Vice President Steve Fields was able to attend each event including the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville Kentucky. We are planning on having six more events for the Color Guard before the middle of December.

We are looking forward to continuing our work with both our Police and Fire Departments which have been outstanding programs. Our JROTC program is one of the best in the state and we are proud to honor and award these youth for all the good works they do in the community.

Highlands Chapter

No Report Submitted

Secretary

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The current state of the Florida Society is 2324 total members, this is a bit lower than usual as we had a heavy drop year and the Virus is slowing National down in their efforts to process new applications. At this time, it seems to be going a lot better with regular packets of new member information and certificates beginning to come through again. All reports have been submitted and all duties are up to date, as I am stepping away from the secretaries job after 5 years, I will probably miss it for a few weeks, but I do wish my successor the best in his endeavors for the future.

I wish to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to have served the Florida Society and I hope to continue into the future with new endeavors.

Treasurer

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Since the Fall BOM, I have represented the Florida SAR at –

- The Florida Society C.A.R. Annual conference in Orlando
- Florida DAR Spring Conference in Orlando as part of the SAR Color Guard
- Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle

I was not able to attend the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville
 Last fall, I prepared yet another liability insurance application for an agent who had shopped coverage for us before, but then I was trying to include coverage for the Color Guard black powder events. I reviewed the application with him to make sure it was complete. I have not heard from him since then.
 The Florida Department of State Annual Report filing deadline was delayed until June 30. I decided to wait until after the Annual Meeting elections and file the 2020 Annual Report listing the newly elected officers.
 It is my understanding that all tax form filing deadlines have also been delayed. The Florida SAR IRS Form 990 EZ has not yet been filed, but it is in process. I plan to have it completed and filed prior to our meeting and I will have a copy for your review at the BOM.
 Please see the Finance Committee Report for a detailed 2019 and 2020 Budget Report. Those reports also show the funds designated for the 2023 Congress.

Registrar
 Ray Lantz

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**FLSSAR Application Stats
 27 Sep 2019 – 28 May 2020**

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	157	74	0	22	253
Approved* By NSSAR	149	48	0	14	211
Pended* By NSSAR	9	1	0	2	12
Pended By FSSAR	17	4	0	2	23
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date	2019 = 26 and 2020 = 12				

* Approved and Pended by NSSAR stats are generally not related to the Submitted to NSSAR stats, as the majority of the stats apply to applications reported as submitted on the previous report period.

NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

- DAR RC referenced on app and no physical copy was submitted.
- Unofficial transcript(s) of will(s) submitted instead of required legible copies of court recorded or original will.
- Proof documents are too poor quality to be fully legible.
- Proof documents are not a copy of the entire page. Page snippets cannot be used alone there must also be a legible full-page copy of the page the snippet was taken from.
- Proof document title page and copyright page not submitted for one or more documents.
- No proof submitted for one or more generations to connect lineage from one generation to the next.
- Incorrect check amount required for NSSAR and/or FLSSAR fees and dues.
- Lineage names do not match the submitted proof documents such as middle name or initial missing or given names shorted such as “Frank” instead of “Franklin.”
- Word(s) miss spelled in all areas of application.
- Lineage section locations do not conform to required format which is “City/County/State” such as commas used instead of “/” or “/” not used even if city and/or county not known.
- Lineage section dates not properly formatted full known date should be 2-digit numeric day (i.e. 02), 3 character month (i.e. Sep) and 4 digit year (i.e. 2001). (i.e. 02 Sep 2001)
- Proof document missing, listed on application but not sent with the application.
- Unproven/unaccepted information used on application from a previous SAR, DAR and/or CAR application record copy.
- Service reference section left blank on application form.
- Chapter Name and State section left blank on application form.

- Lineage incorrect for one or more generations.
- One or more required application signatures are missing on the application.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- The SAR embraces and has approved four membership application forms: MS/Word version; PDF version; SARApAid by Cox Software; and My Applications, the online application system. Links to the current updated version of each of these four forms is available from the SAR website by clicking on <https://sar.org/application>. Revised versions of the four forms have been acceptable since they were first approved by the Trustees in March 2017 but outdated versions of these forms, in particular the MS Word, the PDF, and the SARApAid forms, continue to be received at Headquarters. Now, the Trustees have set an effective date after which outdated versions of the forms cannot be used. At the 2018 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, the Trustees approved October 31, 2018, as the effective date for use of only the current versions of these application forms. The new application forms have several important changes: removal of the spaces for listing of the applicant’s children, a revision to the applicant’s signed certification, and addition of a space for signature of the Genealogist General. The current version date for each form type is:
 - MS Word version: “adopted Feb 2017 SAR Application Form 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
 - PDF version: “Rev. Mar 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
 - SARApAid by Cox Software: “Appaid Ver. 5.03... Feb 21 2018” found on the bottom of the application form.
 - My Applications (the online application system): This format does not have a revision date, but any application printed after May 7, 2018 will automatically contain the required changes.

Only application forms with these, or more recent revision dates, will be accepted as of October 31, 2018. While leeway is certainly due those whose applications were in process at the time we reach the deadline, we need for this deadline to be respected and we request those who assist with application process – sponsors, genealogists, registrars, secretaries, and others – to assist our applicants in using the right application form and in avoiding the disappointment of having their form returned because of use of the wrong form. Bob Fish, Chairman NSSAR Genealogy Committee Jim Faulkinbury, Genealogist General

- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSAR Chapter Registrars regarding the change in NSSAR policy regarding unproven information contained on submitted applications. Unproven information can no longer be submitted on applications. Likewise, any applicable information contained on document submitted with an application must be annotated on the application in the appropriate places when applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a pended application.
- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two persons of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. This does not apply to multiple supplemental

applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.

- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

Notes of Interest:

New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals

New versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.

- NSDAR/NSCAR Record Copy Acceptance Criteria Change 2011-06, Applications from other lineage organizations. SAR will now accept an official record or chapter copy of a DAR or C.A.R. application approved after 1 January 1985 as evidence of lineage and related fact except where DAR, C.A.R. or SAR has determined that the facts have been determined to be incorrect. In other words, **center checks on applications approved after 1 January 1985 no longer prevent a DAR application from being accepted in lieu of other documents.** Applications approved before this date are acceptable for corresponding facts marked as individually verified on DAR and C.A.R. applications. The subcommittee acknowledged that there were arguments on both sides of the issue and what it proposed was a middle ground that it deemed in the overall interest of the organization. No review process is perfect, but the overall DAR review process is an excellent one that includes a number of checks and balances. The old policy was clearly confusing to many applicants, chapter registrars, and state registrars, and the genealogy staff was spending a great deal of time requesting further information relating to DAR applications. Compatriot Peterman made a point in discussion I think all of us share; we do prefer copies of the documents themselves. Acceptance date for NSSAR record copies is 01 Jan 1074 and after.
- Current FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Application Fees can be found at <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/FeesDues.pdf> all chapter registrars should download and/or print this document for to ensure correct fees and dues are submitted with applications.

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No Report Submitted

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FALL BOM Minutes presented herein.

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"Nothing to report".

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As a reminder, there are two ways to receive SAR-Florida magazine called *The Florida Patriot*. Please consider which option you and your chapter membership wants for the coming year.

For a **printed issue** that will be mailed out four (4) times a year, there will be a subscription cost of \$12.00 per year that will need to be paid to SAR – Florida at the time that the membership dues are paid. Note that part of the printed issue will be in black and white. Since dues will be collected soon, please offer a subscription to your chapter members. For those that have paid, please provide a list of their names and mailing information to our Society Secretary along with a subscription check.

The other option is the **digital issue** that will be uploaded onto the SAR-Florida Website and an email notice will be sent out. The digital issue will be in color throughout. There will not be any additional cost for this option.

The deadline for submitting articles, reports, and announcements for consideration into the upcoming issues of the magazine are as follows:

Summer 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 10, 2020 (Original)
Summer 2020 Magazine Extended Date	= June 18, 2020
Fall 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= August 5, 2020
Winter 2021 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= November 15, 2020
Spring 2021 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 10, 2021

Be advised that when submittals are sent in late, it delays the publication of this magazine and makes it hard to deliver a good issue to our membership. General and historical articles also are appreciated so that our members get a variety of materials in each issue. All articles need to also be sent in MS Word format. The email addresses that can be used to submit your material for the magazine are as follows:

swampfoxsar@gmail.com.

On another note, the FLSSAR is looking at complying articles and pictures to be included in the NSSAR magazine.

If you would like us to promote your event in this submittal, please forward it to my attention. Note that your submittal should be in a MS Word format file. Pictures are to be sent as jpeg files.

Webmaster

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Since the last BOM the Webmaster has completed 188 hours of support to the Society and various Chapters.

This support ranged from simple help getting Usernames and Passwords to work on the New National Logo Brand currently being considered at the National level.

Developed a new Help system and am working to make it available for all complicated Pages.

Placed Battle field (Florida) information on the Public Site.

Created a Committee membership lookup capability

Created a Medals lookup capability

Created a way for members to upload pictures, including their Info page Pictures

Created a listing on the Members Only site to show what I am working on, for whom, when requested/started and when completed

Encouraging Members to use the Help form (link on Listing Page) to request Webmaster support.

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive

Presented during session

Financial Review

Pursuant to Florida Society SAR Governing Documents, Bylaws, Article V, Section 3, Financial Review Committee (revision date: May 20, 2017), the FLSSAR Executive Committee (EXCOM) under the leadership of FLSSAR President William Lee Popham, Sr. commissioned a Financial Review Committee led by the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff to conduct an analysis of the 2019-2020 financial activity of the Florida State organization. Each year an ad hoc committee is formed to review the record and ensure all financial activity corresponds to the expectations of the membership.

The Financial Review Committee, acting as an independent agency within the FLSSAR, received explicit instructions that informed our activity in several areas of interest:

- **Review the Treasurer's Annual Report.**

1. A simplified, end of the year assets accounting indicates a sum of \$113,668.22 (checking account balance plus surplus) which is under 10 times the annual expenditures of \$139,018 which appears to obviate against any potential tax liability.
2. The Meeks Fund is currently up to date with all outstanding contributions being deposited per the Treasurer's end of year report (January, 2020).

- **Review the previous audit report.**

1. The Documents Committee should review the Financial Review Committee charter [revision 10/16/2016, recommended in the 2016 Financial Review] and delete references to an Audit Committee.

RESPONSE: This action appears not to be completed. References were noted to indicate the word "Audit" can still be found, including in the instructions found within this set of instructions. The term "Audit" also appears in copies of the October 2019 *Proceedings*. The Financial Review Committee Report is due in time for the Annual Meeting/Spring BOM. Therefore, there should be no reference to a report due for the Fall *Proceedings*. The alternative is to mention in the Fall *Proceedings* that the Financial Review Committee's Annual Report is due in the Spring.

2. Authorized check signers for the Society need to be updated after the 2020 elections and remove those individuals who are no longer authorized as signers by the Florida Society.

RESPONSE: The Committee finds that the previously authorized check signers for accounts held at Wells Fargo Bank will change with the election of a new Secretary. This change will require a timely response to affect a smooth transition for account management.

- **Review the people and procedural controls for access to the funds before deposit.**

1. Three people have access to the accounts at Wells Fargo Bank: the Registrar deposits monies collected for application fees; the Secretary deposits reinstatement fees and annual dues; the Treasurer deposits registration fees and all other checks mailed to the FLSSAR.
2. The Registrar and Secretary both send scanned copies of their deposit slips to the Treasurer which are matched to the bank statement.
3. The Treasurer makes any, and all deposits to the Wells Fargo Money Market Account.

- **Review all financial assets, the people authorized to access them, and documentation of transactions.**

1. Wells Fargo checking account: the three abovementioned personnel are authorized signers to the account: Registrar; Secretary; and Treasurer. The Treasurer has the only checkbook for the account.
2. Wells Fargo Money Market account: There is one Money Market Account at Wells Fargo valued at \$64,378.31 on December 31, 2019. There are two signers for the account. No activity was reported in the end of year statement from Wells Fargo other than addition of some account interest and two transfers to the Meeks Fund. No checks were written, according to the December 31, 2019 statement recapitulation.
3. The Secretary and Treasurer are the only authorized users of the two credit card accounts from Wells Fargo Bank.
4. Treasurer card: Any outstanding balance is paid when the current invoice is billed.
5. Secretary card: Any outstanding balance is paid when the current invoice is billed.

- A check balance of \$ 111,401.67 on the Wells Fargo Bank statement dated December 31, 2019 indicates a difference with the cash assets stated in the checkbook of the Society for the same date. The difference of

\$2,266.55 was due to outstanding checks that had not been cleared by the bank in order to balance the checkbook by the end of the year. The Registrar, Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized depositors for the checking account with confirmation of deposits by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has the only checkbook and has signed all checks during fiscal year 2019. There are no other authorized check signers. There are no authorized co-signers. There are no other checking accounts.

Review the people and procedural controls for making payments for asset disposal.

1. Monies are dispensed by the Treasurer when invoiced for budgeted committee or event related expenses; it is usually the committee chair or event leader who sends an invoice or asks for reimbursement. If a bill is sent directly to the Treasurer, even though in the Budget, the Treasurer forwards the invoice to the committee or event leadership for his approval prior to sending a check.
 2. The Treasurer relies on good sense with some bills and determines a threshold amount that, if exceeded, encourages him to seek approval (usually via email for an expeditious outlay) from the EXCOM (\$200-\$300) or possibly the BOM (\$500+) to gain approval of the expenditure. A solicitation for an off-budget payment from the BOM would be accompanied by an expected amendment to the budget. However, at times it is possible that a small, off-budget request would be honored if it pertained to FLSSAR interests (e.g., color guard). It is a judgment call for the Treasurer. A complete list of all budget line items and receipts/expenditures is provided on a year-to-date basis at each BOM for transparency.
- **Review the documentation filed to substantiate expenditures.**
Ninety-three checks were written in 2019 (numbers 1856-1948). Since this volume of checks written exceeded 55 checks, a random number equaling one-tenth were randomly selected to review (n=10). This is the suggested number for analysis directed by the conventional worksheet. A random number was generated by a tool found in the Excel spreadsheet. No discrepancies were reported by the Committee.
 - **Write a Financial Review Summary letter to the president or chair (see Below).**

2019 Summary Letter

On February 2, 2020 the Financial Review Committee of the FLSSAR spoke with the Treasurer to perform the annual non-certified review of the Society's financial books and reports for the fiscal year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. In response to the Financial Review Committee's request, we received from the Treasurer sufficient financial records and specifically requested documents to perform the annual noncertified financial review for fiscal year 2019.

We concluded that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the monetary transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

The cash balance of \$113,668.22 from the Wells Fargo Bank checking account accurately represents the assets of the Society on deposit. The current value of the Wells Fargo Bank money market account reflects an accurate amount of \$64,378.31 as of December 31, 2019.

Both credit cards carry only current balances which are discharged at the next billing cycle.

Suggestions for Improvement:

1. We suggest that a tickler file be established to assist as a reminder for the disbursement of funds to satisfy outstanding obligations.
2. A reconciliation of the checking account should be made every two months to keep account values and activity clearly in mind.
3. As in past recommendations, the word "audit" should be changed to "financial review" to accurately assess the function of the Committee, including the verbiage leading to and including the Summary Letter. In the case of the current Summary, the wording has been changed to indicate the change. This should be accomplished by tasking the Documents Committee to review the current Financial Review Committee charter (revision 10/16/2016).
4. A recommendation to add the Treasurer's name to the Secretary's credit card to allow more simple billing procedures and access to the account in case of emergencies.

Respectfully submitted this May 20, 2020 by,

BERNARD W. WOLFF, MPA For the Financial Review Committee

Medals and Awards

As stated in the NSSAR Handbook (Volume 5), the awarding of medals and awards should always be given very careful and serious deliberation to determine that the proposed recipient is qualified, deserving, and the occasion for presentation is appropriate. The presentation of medals and awards should not be treated lightly by the National Society, district, state society or a chapter, and should always be given judicious

thought to assure that the presentation is in keeping with NSSAR principles. It is essential that the integrity of NSSAR medals and awards be maintained.

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

A member may be awarded several National Society medals more than once: Meritorious Service Medal, Roger Sherman Medal, Heroism Medal, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Liberty Medal, C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation, Samuel Adams Congress Planning Medal, Service to Veterans Medal, and the Florence Kendall Award.

Each medal previously listed has its own criteria. Please refer to the specific medal in the Handbook for the number of oak leaf clusters and/or multiple awards permitted. Also, any multiple awards of state society medals should use the oak leaf cluster system. For more specific information on each award medals available, refer to the NSSAR Handbook (Volume 5).

When various committees of the FLSSAR plan to give out certificates, medals, patches etc. for such programs such as the Knight Essay Contest, the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, JROTC, CAR, Eagle Scout, the committee chair is responsible to notify the Medal and Awards Committee of the number of awards that they are planning to award for the upcoming year by October so that the appropriate items can be ordered from the NSSAR. Although such awards may not need to be approved by the Medal and Awards Committee, proper planning is required in order to keep cost down and to not have to expedite such awards based on last minute planning.

Nominating

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Compatriots for election for the year 2020 – 2021:

President – David Bussone	Editor – Jeffery Sizemore
SVP – Bernard Wolff	Webmaster – Scott Bushnell
Treasurer – W. Richard Young	RVP NE – Jim Gaskins
Secretary – Scott Breckenridge	RVP NW – Earl “Matt” Mathews
Mem. At Large – Scott Bushnell	RVP NC – David Thomas
Recording Sec. – Ronald Grove	RVP EC – Charles Berger
Registrar – Ray Lantz	RVP WC – John B. Goolsby
Sgt at Arms – Claude Farmer	RVP SW – Robert McGuire
Chaplain – Dwight Elam	RVP SE - open
Chancellor – Carl Hoffman	
Genealogist – Richard Cardell	National Trustee – William Lee Popham
Historian – Larry Sturgeon	Alt. Trustee – David Bussone

The committee recommended for Patrick Niemann for nomination to the South Atlantic District for the Vice President General, South Atlantic District (SAD) for 2020 -2021. The SAD concurred and forwarded the nomination to the NSSAR.

Patriot Medal

No Report Submitted

NSSAR Affairs

SAR Education Center & Museum Committee

No activity this report.

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

Nothing to report at this time.

Americanism and Chapter Challenge

All participants have been vetted and the awards will be presented on the evening of June 12

2023 Orlando Congress

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A 133rd Congress Planning Handbook (Handbook) lists the different Task Forces needed to execute the FLSSAR plans to deliver the 2023 NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL. It also indicates the job descriptions of the Congress Planning Committee and Task Force Commanders. The Handbook will be made available to the formal committee members, initially. It will also be sent to those who attended the formation meeting and signed the attendance sheet. Eventually, it will be uploaded to a 2023 Congress website (see below). Being mindful that we are still three years from this annual event, expect changes to the Handbook as we move forward. Each iteration will be dated to indicate new information. At a later date, an agenda will appear to give a day-by-day look at the program with dates and times.

As many of you are aware, we have been engaged in fund-raising to handle the financial obligations of the FLSSAR concerning the Congress. Many of you have purchased a chance to win a Charleville Musket. In many cases, you have been able to choose your personal ticket number. There are still a few tickets left at \$20.00 apiece, or alternatively six for \$100.00. Once a total of 300 tickets are sold, we will hold the drawing and one lucky winner will have a new musket to maintain. This drawing should raise about \$5,000 net profit. After most of the tickets are sold, we plan to purchase another weapon and repeat the process.

The NSSAR EXCOM approved a Congress Medal Set at our Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky last February 2020. We are now in possession of 300 sets. Each set is comprised of a box, a standard-size medal and a miniature-size medal. They have a military style bayonet back. The medals have a navy-blue drape and a profile of Juan Ponce de Leon, in 3D, on the front while the NSSAR logo appears on the backside of a round medallion. The Congress Medal Set sells for \$40.00 plus shipping (to be determined), or they will be available at FLSSAR and NSSAR functions.

The NSSAR Executive Director approved the minting of a Challenge Coin as the EXCOM already agreed to the design. It reflects the appearance of the medal used in the Congress decoration. It will take four to six weeks before they become available after the order is given for manufacturing them.

The members of the Florida Planning Committee came to a consensus about publishing a FLSSAR Congress Planning Website. This resource will provide timely, pertinent information to inform the membership of our progress in planning for the 2023 event. It should be consulted regularly as additions, deletions, and other changes will appear as decided. Our web designer will provide several pages for our use and will include at least a Main Page, Handbook Page, Photo Album, and a Shopping Cart for the sale of previously mentioned goods. Others are likely to be added over time.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been busy selling throws to raise money for their portion of the financial responsibility at this Congress. They have already sold out the first run of their delightful throws and will be ordering another batch, soon. They have a net profit of roughly \$3,000. The next run should earn a similar amount.

There is a suggested number of 80 people who will be needed to staff all the responsibilities for a congress. This effort will take all of us working together to present to the general membership a most excellent event. If

we all do a little, much can be accomplished. Please volunteer at your earliest opportunity and contact any one of the Task Force Commanders that will appear in the Handbook.

Documents

No Report Submitted

Education Outreach Committee

The Committee's actions will be presented at the Saturday session.

Ethics Committee

Committee has followed through on a complaint from 2019 and provided its determination to the FLSSAR Executive Committee as required.

Finance Committee

At the end of the BOM Proceedings Book, you should find the summary of cash receipts and cash disbursements for both the year ended December 31, 2019 and the five months ended May 31, 2020. These reports also show a new Congress Fund to separate the cash designated to cover the expenses of the 2023 Congress and related expenditures.

At May 31, the Florida SAR had \$172,439 in its two Wells Fargo bank accounts, of which \$11,162 is reserved for the 2023 Congress Fund.

Year Ended December 31, 2019

Dues were more than expected, but we were unable to identify those fees collected for the Patriot Magazine subscription, so we continued to print and mail copies. BOM registration fees were more than expected, as were the expenses. As you will recall, at the Fall BOM we revised the Budget to reallocate some of our budgeted expenses to fund the Congress Fund. The OBT annual contribution to Florida SAR was overlooked and I have been in touch with the Trustees. We spent about \$1,000 less on medals and awards than budgeted, but it looks like we will make that up, and more, in 2020 as we catch up on medals and resupply inventory. As noted in the Treasurers Report, I have not been able to get a quote on liability insurance. The Congress Committee spent \$825 to purchase the "Raffle Musket".

Five Months Ended May 31, 2020

The COVID-19 Virus and related restrictions will play havoc with our budget for 2020. BOM attendance is expected to be down, but costs are expected to increase to allow for members to attend virtually. The Commemorations of the Battle of Thomas Creek and Battle of Pensacola were both cancelled. Our Youth Program Committees were able to conduct all their contests and most of those checks have been written. Annual dues collections were less than expected. Dues have been paid to National. Again, we seem to be unable to separate Patriot Magazine subscriptions from Dues. I will work with Hall Riediger on that. I was late in getting the 2019 Congress Fund Assessment notice out, and as of May 31 I had not received payment from all chapters. The notice for the 2020 Congress Fund Assessment will go out by the end of June.

The Congress Committee spent \$4840 on medals for the 2023 Congress.

As always should anyone have any questions about the finances of the Florida SAR, feel free to contact me at any time.

<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTERS ARE REMINDED TO FILE THEIR APPROPRIATE IRS FORM 990 AND FILE ON TIME</p>

Genealogy

No Report Submitted

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

No Report Submitted

Membership Promotion and Retention

The committee has continued the work done by Jerry Hardwich last year, updating and enhancing his Best Practices for Recruiting, Retention, and Reactivation document, and his two power point presentations for use with chapters, DAR, or public relations efforts.

In addition, we have created an FLSSAR New Member Handbook.

New Chapter Development

At this time, there hasn't been any inquiry to formulate a chapter within the Florida Society. If you know of an area where they are more than 12 members willing to start a new chapter and have individuals willing to serve as chapter officers and committee men, please let us know.

Newsletters and Periodicals

The winning newsletters have been submitted to the FLSSAR Treasurer for preparation of checks.

Strategic Planning

The Executive Committee tasked the Strategic Planning Committee to prepare an updated Strategic Plan (STRATPLAN) for the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR). The Strategic Planning Committee is a Standing Committee that has the obligation and responsibility to develop successful pathways to the future operations of the organization with a keen eye on improvement and effectiveness.

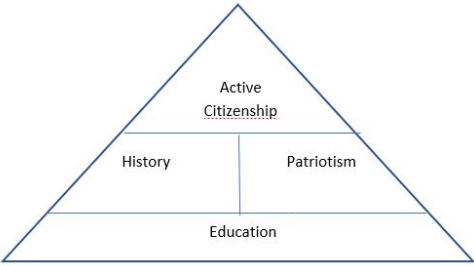
The original committee began as an ad hoc enterprise with approximately 30 volunteers and eventually became settled as a Standing Committee with a current membership of five members plus a chairman. Many of the original procedural goals have been realized while others require an on-going effort.

The following are a few observations that we feel may be of benefit to the FLSSAR as we look at the first phase of this roll-out: Phase two will appear later and will also address implementation of the updated STRATPLAN. This is a working document and is expected to be revised moving forward.

FLSSAR Strategic Plan Committee

Recommendations	Rationale	<u>Years to do 1,3,or 5 only</u>
Understanding the organizational culture of the FLSSAR.	<p>Given the maturity of the SAR in terms of existence, many of the underlying beliefs and assumptions (ways of looking at things) have become implicit and unconscious, possibly causing an interference or resistance in accepting a changed strategic plan.</p> <p>Some of this is being addressed but it is only a part of the culture. One tends to reflect on the internal and external organizational environment, to be sure. The organizational mission as illuminated by a mission statement is fundamental as is determining a strategy, or way forward. But one also needs to look at the leadership, its activity, its training, and its function at all levels.</p> <p>We have but lightly touched on why men join and why they stay. That is how do we keep the group together? Socialization becomes of paramount value when considering how to remain a viable organization.</p> <p>We have excellent written material that helps get out the information. But I am not clear how the information is relayed within the individual chapters.</p>	Could be done in a year.

	<p>I have noticed that some do a fine job with a Chapter Newsletter. If it is only disseminated at a meeting and meetings are lightly attended, did we do a good job at dissemination? Or, was it only adequate?</p>	
<p>Develop a Mission Statement</p>	<p>A strategic planning initiative typically involves an organization-wide initiative to formulate or reformulate goals and develop new methods of achieving those goals. The aim should be to develop a general plan that pinpoints the place to which you would like to go and the impediments and opportunities that will hinder or facilitate your successes. The FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee devised such a way forward in 2017 and began implementation over the next two years.</p> <p>We may wish to entertain a more pointed focus on the way we approach our strategic plan by including a few items that appear in most plans. A defined Mission Statement, or vision of the SAR is paramount to this effort. Much of what is published and available to the public mentions some of the things we do as a group, but I really do not see a Specific Mission Statement, as such. The current Mission Statement that we find tells of what we do but does not relay an overarching vision of the organization. This should be remedied. The NSSAR website, under Mission & Goals is more descriptive than visionary in that it speaks of the Objects of the NSSAR.</p> <p>A visionary statement will raise questions for us about our raison d'être. For instance, are we in the business of insuring informed citizens, insuring a more perfect union, preserving an understanding of the sacrifices of our ancestors, among other considerations? I believe that we can, as a committee, generate a consensus of opinion about our vision of the future.</p> <p>When I was working with the J6 (Policy, Plans, and Procedures) for USSOUTHCOM, we formulated responses to interests held by the General, and others. Typically, the process started with a document prepared by an individual, or group. From that point, it was shopped to other departmental offices that had an interest in the project, and they "chopped" on the document with their relevant thoughts and ideas by adding commentary in highlighted colors. In this way, the budding document made the rounds and eventually ended up with common agreement among all parties. Once completed it was sent to a higher echelon for acceptance and passage.</p> <p>In that light, I offer my opinion on what a Mission Statement might look like for our organization. Please review it and we can discuss this at the next BOM during our meeting.</p> <p>The Sons of the American Revolution is a patrilineal group (in some cases lineage is</p>	

	<p>derived through the grandmother) of men and their supporters that promotes the development of active citizenship through teamwork, civic engagement, and programs that espouses our underlying mission goals of encouraging a strong sense of patriotism, an appreciation for American Colonial history, and the benefits of a well-grounded education. We support each other and our communities by generating and fostering the values of personal integrity, moral purpose, and the idea of excellence in the discharge of our mutual interests in upholding the Constitution of the United States of America and other foundational documents upon which this nation was founded.</p> <p>The Sons of the American Revolution mission is to instill active citizenship in the people of the United States through a base of excellent educational standards that promote an understanding of American Colonial history which will foster a sense of patriotism in the residents of our great Nation.</p> <p>The included graphic gives a visual statement as to the relative idea of what we promote. Underlying all is education. This is the base element that provides our understanding of history wherein we can develop a sense of patriotism. Once these are in place, we can engage our communities with active citizenship (to be defined).</p>	
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<p>Promote and understand education as a primary function of the FLSSAR.</p>	<p>Approach the Education tier of the Mission Statement of the Strategic Plan by recognizing a three-pronged methodology: incorporate the highly successful Tampa Bay SAR Education Outreach; institute Certification Courses for adults; and develop and sustain professional education for FLSSAR officer holders by implementing standing training packages but by developing new approaches, ideas, and concepts.</p>	<p>3-5</p>
<p>Expand the Publicity Committee into a Community Outreach Committee.</p>	<p>Expand the scope of the publicity committee to embrace the idea of community outreach. Publicity generally promotes information associated with something of news value promoting an event to gain public attention. However, Community outreach refers to efforts that connect an organization's ideas or mission to the public. Outreach takes on an educational component that engages the community which is a basic underlying element of the FLSSAR.</p> <p>Three are a variety of approaches that we can take as part of the Society. Some of these concepts can be effected by the larger organization and, yet, others can be implemented by the individual member.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We should encourage conversation, not only among ourselves, but with the public as it relates to our Mission. Find out what interests them and where we can fill in the gaps. This can lead to deeper associations and maybe foster new friendships and members. 2. Invest in period clothing (i.e., uniform, Colonial dress, etc.). Step beyond Color Guard events and visit festivals and community events that involve local businesses. Set up a booth and interact with the community, spreading our message. This activity will raise awareness, provides a face for the FLSSAR and allows you to share takeaway content to help people you meet remember you. 3. Engage local educators by promoting our youth programs. Attend parent/teacher meetings and offer entrance applications and ideas to recognize their students. Encourage educators to promote class essays that can satisfy curriculum requirements and be entered into our contests. Assist chapter committee members in recognizing students who can be awarded decorations and present them as a member of the FLSSAR. The community must view you as a partner that will be there for the long term as a subject matter expert that is available for them. 4. Target the leaders and influencers working in local business and education. Provide value to them by offering FLSSAR programs and 	<p>3-5</p>

	<p>recognition. Assist chapter committees dedicated to these efforts. Become known as a provider to increase acceptance in their spheres of influence. This is a potential source of fund-raising activity.</p> <p>5. Host events beyond the typical FLSSAR and local chapter activities. Provide seminars about Colonial history, be available as a speaker to community groups, join Toastmasters International; you will have a captured audience and they provide great training for those who wish to speak in public.</p>	
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Technology Advisory Committee

Continuing to monitor National Database development

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

W. Richard Young, Commander
 Steven R. Fields, Vice-Commander
 M. Scott Breckenridge, Adjutant

It has been several months since our last report. Our Color Guard units have been busy as you can see from the many reports following. With our state and most states pretty much shut down since early March, many of our usual events have been cancelled and are likely to continue to be cancelled for another month or two or more. The North Carolina Society is planning a virtual event for the commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on June 20 with virtual participation in the Color Guard for this National Event. Go to the NCSSAR website for more information if interested.

Your Florida SAR Color Guard staff has discussed the idea of discontinuing the State Color Guard hat pin as it is not authentic to the period. The pin was designed by Hall Riediger as a means to identify the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. While distinctive, our patriot ancestors did not wear metal hat pins. We will have another option to discuss with you at the Color Guard meeting Friday afternoon.

I have been honored with the opportunity to approve several Color Guard medals over the past couple of months. The Silver Color Guard Medal has been approved by the National Color Guard Commander James Fosdyck for: Scott Breckenridge, Steve Fields, Danny Hooper, Victor McMurry and Lee Popham. Commander Fosdyck also approved the Molly Pitcher Medal for Jill Fields for her support of the SAR Color Guard at State, District and National events (with 31 events listed on her application) and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard for Ralph Nelson.

Dick Young, Commander

1. George Washington Camp #1 Chuck Farmer, Commander

Members of the George Washington Camp # 1, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution have been active during the last half of 2019 and the first several months of 2020 to "Show the Flag" and otherwise develop into a team reminiscent of a Continental Army unit trained by General von Steuben. We have participated or trained in several local and state and national events, to include:

In early June 2019, provided a color guard for presentation of the Oration Medal at the First Baptist Church, Orange Park. (David Ramseur, Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer, John Roberson, Ken Norwood)

On Flag Day, 14 June, Darryl and Laura Ingle, plus Chuck Farmer, joined with Jerry Hanchett, St. Augustine chapter, to work with members of the St. Augustine DAR in passing out American flags, pins and greetings of Happy Flag Day to visitors in Colonial St. Augustine.

Three members joined in the internment of S 1/c Herbert Poindexter at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Seaman Poindexter was killed aboard USS OKLAHOMA (BB-37) in the attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7th 1941 (Bill Ziegenfus, Tom Booth, Chuck Farmer)

On Independence Day, a small party of our troops, in Continental Army and Militia garb walked the downtown of Fernandina Beach, greeting shoppers and visitors with wishes of "Happy Independence Day", answering many questions on our dress and the Revolutionary War, plus posing for photographs with interested

visitors. In 2020, we will look at expanding our presence to two sites in Jacksonville and one in Orange Park. (Scott Breckenridge, Paul Tucker, Dennis Carpenter, Chuck Farmer)

August found our members presenting certificates of recognition to new Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor in Yulee and Jacksonville. (Paul Tucker, Ike Thornton, Chuck Farmer)

We provided a color guard for the Jacksonville DAR Constitution Week luncheon on September 14th at Marsh Landings Country Club. (David Ramseur, Ken Norwood, Scott Breckenridge, Paul Tucker, Darryl Ingle, Bill Ziegenfus, Chuck Farmer)

September 15th found Scott Breckenridge teaching CAR members of the Vaughn-Latham Chapter some drumming from the War of Independence era and Chuck Farmer presenting an Eagle Scout certificate of recognition to a new Troop 549 Eagle in the Yulee area.

Several of our members successfully completed the National Park Service training in black powder and the von Steuben manual of arms at Kingsley Plantation in late September and were provided appropriate qualification cards. (Darrell Goss, Paul Tucker, Charles Coats, Chuck Farmer, Josh Jolly)

During the Florida Park Service Service "History of the American Soldier" at Fort Clinch, Fernandina Beach, FL, our members continued black powder training demonstrated Revolutionary War firelocks and educated visitors on home and personal material in use in colonial America, with our Travelling Trunk. Four members were qualified in firelock handling and the manual of arms. (Bill Ziegenfus, Darryl Ingle, Scott Breckenridge, Chuck Farmer, Dick Cardell)

As part of the Veteran's Day celebration, members presented colors at a luncheon given by the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville. (Darryl Ingle, Rick Sanders, Fred Emery, Miles Ramseur, David Ramseur, Paul Tucker)

We participated en-mass in the Jacksonville Veteran's Day parade, with a marching color guard and other members riding a decorated vehicle. Received some nice television coverage. (Paul Tucker, Steve Adams, Miles Ramseur, Dick Cardell, Chuck Farmer, Gray Chandler, John Roberson, Darryl Ingle, Dennis Carpenter, Rick Sanders, Fred Emery, Theresa Emery, Ike Thornton, Scott Breckenridge). Additionally, Bill Ziegenfus represented the SAR at the Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery memorial event.

On November 18th, two of our members took part in the Georgia Society's commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris, Sunbury, GA. We fired a salute with elements of the Georgia Color Guard (Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer).

We joined in the Wreaths Across America remembrance at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on December 14th. (Paul Tucker, Scott Breckenridge, Gray Chandler, Chuck Farmer, Bill Ziegenfus, Jim Gaskins)

During mid-January, in company with members from central Florida chapters, presented information on the Florida Society in conjunction with DAR members at the Central Florida Highland Games at Winter Springs. (Chuck Farmer)

Attended the Navy Junior ROTC Pass-in-Review and change of leadership ceremony at Ridgeview High School. (Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer).

Attended the 23 January Naturalization Ceremony at the U. S. District Court, Jacksonville, FL (Brian Hancher, Chuck Farmer)

Presented Eagle Scout certificates of recognition to forty two new Eagle Scouts of the Black Creek District, North Florida Council in February 1st. (Darryl Ingle, Bill Ziegenfus and John Roberson)

Presented Eagle Scout certificates of recognition to two new Eagle Scouts of Troop 208, Shawnee District, North Florida Council on February 1st. (Ike Thornton)

Presented colors on February 2nd at an American Legion Four Chaplains Commemoration (Paul Tucker, Josh Jolly, Darryl Ingle, David Ramseur, Ken Norwood, Ike Thornton, Chuck Farmer)

On February 7th, participated in Black Powder training by the National Park Service at Kingsley Plantation (Paul Tucker, Josh Jolly, Chuck Farmer).

On February 9th, conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony in conjunction with DAR members and CAR chapters from Jacksonville and Fernandina Beach as well as members of the local community, at the Mandarin Community Club, Jacksonville. (Scott Breckenridge, Paul Tucker, David Ramseur, Josh Jolly, Chuck Farmer, Fred Emery, Ken Norwood, Ike Thornton, Darryl Ingle, John Roberson, Bill Ziegenfus, Bob Hale and Robby Stokes)

Presented colors on 22 February at the Jacksonville DAR George Washington Birthday celebration at Marsh Landings. (Scott Breckenridge, Ken Norwood, Josh Jolly, Paul Tucker, Bill Ziegenfus, Darryl Ingle, David Ramseur and Chuck Farmer)

Participated in Florida Society Color Guard at the Florida State DAR Conference, Orlando, FL, on 6 March. (Josh Jolly, Paul Tucker, Chuck Farmer)

Participated in Color Guard and ceremony for the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War on March 7th at Merritt Island, FL. (Scott Breckenridge, Bill Ziegenfus, Jim Gaskins, David Ramseur, Chuck Farmer, Paul Tucker, Josh Jolly)

Regretfully, the spread of the coronavirus has curtailed a number of events, to include our presentation of awards to ROTC and JROTC cadets at twenty-five local high schools or universities, the Battle of Thomas Creek commemoration, Lindidfarne Hall school dedication, celebration of Patriots Day at Saint Simons Island, GA, and the Jacksonville DAR 125th anniversary celebration, plus the Battle of Pensacola commemoration. Once the current virus concern wanes, we intend to continue with planned events.

Our color guard consists of over twenty members, of whom nine have functioning firelocks, four with stage prop long arms. Of these, nine have completed training by the National Park Service or under their procedures. Additional training will be scheduled following virus stand-down. We are in the process of arranging liability insurance required by the NSSAR for firing color guards.

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter

Inactive

3. Cape Canaveral #3 Nicholas Mihora, Commander

October 2019 19 October New member inducted David Lee Derryberry. Compatriots Desmarais, Jensen, Jones and Mihora assisted as color-guard.

November 16 November New member inducted Jay Longway III. Compatriots Desmarais, Jones, Mihora and Norman assisted as color-guard.

December 20 December New member inducted Grant Steinke. Compatriots Desmarais, Mihora and Norman assisted as color-guard.

February 2020 22 February Dual meeting with Brevard DAR Chapters. Compatriots in Period attire: Norm Desmarais, Douglas M Bisset, Sonny Jones, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora. Inducted three new members Edward Bridgham, Daniel Hansen, Francis Reid

March 07 Last Naval Battle memorial. Over 30 organizations supported this year's event with about 180 participants. Compatriots from Georgia also participated in the services. We had the honor of having President General John T Manning attended this year's memorial.

The LNB monument is in the process of being moved within the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center from adjacent to Sykes Creek to the main plaza facing the SAR/DAR monument which is the plaza's centerpiece. At its current location less than 5% of visitors view the LNB monument.

4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter James Gibson, Commander

In the past year the Clearwater Chapter Color Guard (Samuel Adams Camp) has as a unit or individually participated in numerous activities, e.g. Eagle Scout Ceremonies, Sea Scout Awards, DAR Genealogy Seminars, DAR National Historical Marker Dedication (Henry B. Plant), SAR award at Atria Assisted Living facility honoring SAR member of 78 years, participation with other SAR Chapters, American Legion, VFW, and others in an interment ceremony of 20 abandoned cremains of veterans and/or spouses at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, and leading the Town of Belleair annual Christmas parade.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the Samuel Adams Camp has been unable to participate in any recent Color Guard activities. However, we are pleased to report that the Clearwater Color Guard is expected to more than double in size this year. Ten Continental Army uniforms have been ordered for the Color Guard, but, unfortunately, because of the Covid-19 restrictions, they have not all been shipped. The uniforms have been made, and the factory in New York has received our order, but shipment is on hold due to the virus. We anticipate shipment next month or in June.

These uniforms will give us eighteen in the unit and permit greater participation in future events.

5. St. Lucie River Chapter Yorktown Camp #5 – Commander Hall Riediger

11/11/2019 The Chapter participated in 2 Veteran's Day Celebrations, 2 members were at the Port St. Lucie Event and 4 members participated in the Stuart Veterans Day parade and Celebration.

3/7/2020 Two members participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration at the Merritt Island Veterans Museum and Park, then went to the luncheon held for the President General John Manning.

6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville Sean Tonnelier, Commander

July 4th 2019, st Augustine Florida. Walked in uniform among the crowds. Inspired 3 men to seek membership. Received \$20.00 from a group of Hindu Americans. Put it in our Patriot fund in the form of a personal check in September, honoring my pledge. Had fun!

November 11 2019, Veterans day. Kanapaha veteran's park, Gainesville Florida. Eric Newman and i marched and led the Milton Lewis young marines of Fort Clark middle school, both of us in uniform. Eric dedicated our chapter wreath at the monument to the fallen veterans of the American Revolution. Note: there are monuments to each of America's conflicts at the park.

November 16 2019. 14th annual Ft Morris "come and take it" ceremony. Ft Morris Georgia. Marched with the Georgia color guard carrying the SAR flag. Dedicated our chapter wreath in uniform.

December 14 2019. Wreaths across America at Forest Meadows park East, Gainesville Florida. Dave Thomas, chapter president, in colonial clothing, Eric Newman, in colonial naval officer's uniform, and myself, in colonial uniform. Eric dedicated our chapter wreath. Annual event.

December 19th, 2019. Naturalization court, Federal Courthouse, SW 2nd avenue Gainesville Florida. Wore colonial uniform to honor the new citizens.

February 15th, 2020. Gainesville DAR good citizenship awards/George Washington tea. American legion post 16 Gainesville Florida. Dave Thomas, President, in colonial clothing and myself in colonial uniform representing our chapter.

March 7th, 2020. Last naval battle ceremony. Merritt island veterans center Florida. Marched with the color guard in colonial uniform. Dedicated our chapter wreath. National event with President general Manning in attendance.

7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter
Inactive

8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8 Saramana Chapter Camp Commander, Vincent Panissidi

June 11, TUE: Honor Flight St. Petersburg Airport S. Fields
June 15, SAT: Manasota Regent's Council DAR Flag Day Luncheon S. Fields, D. Erb, P. Adams, C. Paige
June 30, SUN: Allegiance Sunday, Sarasota First Baptist Church (**National Event**) S. Fields, D. Erb, L. Dean
Sep 7, SAT: Manasota Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon - (**National Event**) S. Fields, D. Erb, V. McMurry, G. Smith, C. Riegle
Oct 4-5, FRI-SAT: Florida SAR Society Board of Management - (**State Event**) S. Fields, D. Erb
Oct 19, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Guest Speaker, S. Fields, D. Erb, C. Paige
Oct 24, THU: Funeral for Compatriot Billie West Lowe, Bradenton, FL S. Fields, D. Erb, V. McMurry, C. Riegle
Nov 02, Sat: Honor Flight #21, Ft. Myers - (**National Event**) S. Fields, D. Erb
Nov 11, Mon: Veterans Day Parade, Williamsburg, VA – (**National Event**) V. Panissidi, C. Riegle
Nov 11, Mon: Veterans Day Parade, Sarasota, FL – (**National Event**) S. Field, D. Erb, C. Paige, V. McMurry
Nov 16, SAT: Saramana Luncheon S. Fields, W. Goulet Sr., C. Paige, D. Erb
Dec 12, Tue: Funeral for Jimmie Manis; Sarasota National Cemetery S. Fields, D. Erb, V. McMurry
Dec 14, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Installation 2020 Officers, Chapter Awards, Eagle Scout Essay Contest V. Panissidi, D. Erb, C. Paige, W. Goulet, S. Fields
Jan 17, FRI: Saramana Luncheon – Knight Essay Contest V. Panissidi, D. Erb, V. McMurry, W. Goulet, S. Fields
Feb 14, FRI: George Washington Birthday Celebration with DAR and SAR V. Panissidi, D. Erb, V. McMurry, W. Goulet, W. Goulet Jr.

NOTE: All Saramana color guard activities through June 2020 have been cancelled due to the ongoing outbreak.

9. Thomas Paine Camp #9, Miami Chapter, Commander -David B. Mitchel

September 14, 2019: The Color Guard presented the colors at the South Florida Regent's Council Annual Luncheon, Miami Shores Country Club.

November 22, 2019: The Color Guard presented the colors at the Florida Chapter, Mayflower Society Annual Dinner, Hampton Inn, Homestead, Florida. The keynote speech was presented by the Color Guard Commander, David B. Mitchell, "The Mayflower Compact and the American Constitution."

February 22, 2020: The Color Guard presented the colors at the Miami Chapter, SAR, Annual Luncheon, Miami Shores Country Club.

Once the 'Stay at Home' orders are lifted, I expect a more active Color Guard going forward. Thank you for your attention.

10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10, Central Florida Chapter, Commander Andrew Showen
No Report Submitted.

11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Withlacoochee Chapter - Russ Gibson, Commander

Members of the of the color guard of the Witlacochee Chapter, Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, participated in several events during the June 2019-May 2020 time frame.

Events included "Flags Out" at Bushnell National Cemetery, Flag History program at a Brooksville nursing home in June. In July we participated in a 4th of July concert. In August we participated in a Citrus County School District program and two "Flag Etiquette" classroom programs. In November we participated in "Massing of the Colors" in Inverness and a Veterans Day parade. As color guard commander I also presented a class on our "Founding Fathers" to 27 different classes in five different schools.

In February, members participated in a poster contest presentation. In March we participated in "The Last Naval Battle" in Merritt Island. We were planning on going to Jacksonville for "The Battle of Thomas Creek" but the coronavirus intervened.

12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12, Lake Sumter Chapter: Scott Bushnell, Commander

The Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented and retrieved the colors at chapter meetings which occurred in June, October, November and December 2019, and January, February and March 2020. The April 2020 chapter meeting was cancelled because of the Covid-19 virus, and at this writing it is deemed unlikely that the May 2020 meeting will be held.

Lake-Sumter Color Guard members appeared in each of the three local parades in which the chapter participates. Those parades were the July 4th parade in Tavares, the annual Christmas parade also in Tavares, and the “Georgefest” parade honoring George Washington in February 2020. Color Guard members appearing and bearing colors in one or more of these parades were George Chaffee, John Moore, Jim Carl, Robert Bass and Allan Lane.

The Lake-Sumter Color Guard posted the colors in support of a DAR function at the Leesburg City Library on November 13, 2019. The event was sponsored by the Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter of the DAR in Leesburg and was attended by about 40 DAR and SAR members and members of the public. The presentation was titled “Womens’ Voices in History.” Lake-Sumter Color Guard members Scott Bushnell, Allan Lane, George Chaffee, Jim Carl and Robert Bass participated. Chapter members Tim Donihi, Chuck Johnson, and Terry Oldham also attended.

The Lake-Sumter Chapter participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park at noon on December 14, 2019. The ceremony was sponsored by the American Legion Post in Fruitland Park. Four Chapter members participated in uniform, marched in under colors, and assisted in the laying of wreaths in the cemetery. These members were Allan Lane, George Chaffee, Ron Grove and Jim Carl. At the conclusion of the event, the four-chapter members laid a wreath at the gravesite of the parents of Compatriot Bob Moody, who served as President of Lake-Sumter Chapter for seven terms.

In July 2019, the chapter’s Color Guard Commander, Glenn Langston, suffered a severe stroke. Former Chapter President Scott Bushnell took over for Glenn and is serving as our Color Guard Commander. On March 5, 2020, Glenn passed away in Eustis, FL. At the family’s request, the Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented the colors and served as an Honor Guard at his funeral service in Eustis. Attending Color Guardsmen were Scott Bushnell, Allan Lane, George Chaffee and John Moore. Glenn was 92 years of age and a World War Two veteran. He was a ten-year member of the SAR and had served as a chapter officer. He remained active with the chapter as color Guard Commander until incapacitated by stroke.

The dedication of a Liberty Tree at Montverde Academy by Chapter representatives and the Lake-Sumter Color Guard was scheduled for April 22, 2020. Because of the Covid-19 virus and the closure of all schools in Florida, this event has been postponed, possibly until the Fall of 2020.

13. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, Naples Chapter, Commander Don Cahill

On July 4, 2019, Color Guardsmen Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl and John McCullough (in uniform) represented the Naples Chapter SAR in convertibles with colors just ahead of the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR in the Annual Naples Independence Day Parade.

On September 28, 2019 Color Guardsman Leonard Crame participated in the SWFL regional Color Guard at the Lee-Collier Honor Flight Mission 20 at Ft. Myers RSW Airport.

On October 5, 2019 Color Guardsman Leonard Crame participated in the FLSSAR Color Guard at the BOM meeting in Kissimmee, FL.

On October 10 and November 14, 2019, the Chapter Color Guard posted the colors to start the Chapter Luncheon meeting at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, FL.

On November 2, 2019 Color Guardsman Leonard Crame participated in the SWFL regional SAR Color Guard at the Lee-Collier Honor Flight Mission 21 at Ft. Myers RSW Airport.

On December 13, 2019, Chapter Color Guard posted the colors to start the annual Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR/Naples Chapter SAR Joint Dinner meeting at The Moorings Golf & Country Club in Naples, FL.

On January 9 and February 13, 2020, the Chapter Color Guard posted the colors to start the Chapter Luncheon meeting at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, FL.

On February 1, 2020 Color Guardsmen Donald Cahill, Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl and John McCullough participated in the regional SAR Color Guard to start the SWFL VP Regional Luncheon meeting in Ft. Myers, FL.

The Naples Chapter cancelled the March 12, 2020 Chapter Luncheon meeting due to the spread of coronavirus and soon after suspended all Chapter meetings and related activities until October 2020.

14. Hillsborough River Camp #14 - Dick Young, Commander

Since last fall, the Hillsborough River Camp/Tampa Chapter Color guard has participated in the following events:
October 22

Met the West Central Florida Honor Flight #40 at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport

December 14

Presented the Colors at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at American Legion Post #5 USS Tampa
Veterans Cemetery on Kennedy Blvd in Tampa

At least one member of the Hillsborough River Camp joined other groups and participated in the following National and State Color Guard events:

October 4-5 Florida SAR Board of Management
November 11 Veterans Day Parade at Inverness
March 6 Florida Society DAR State Conference in Orlando
March 7 Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Merritt Island

15. General Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp, #15 Caloosa Chapter – Robert McGuire, Commander

On May 4th, 2019, the Caloosa Color Guard participated with members of the Naples and Saramana Chapter color guards in a welcoming event at the Fort Myers Airport (RSW) upon the return of Honor Flight Mission 19. Compatriots Hamp Allen (in uniform) and Bob McGuire participated in the Court of Honor for Compatriot/Eagle Scout David Reid on May 19th. Compatriots Jim Stone, Lewis Elliott, and Hamp Allen participated in flag ceremonies on Memorial Day (May 27th) at Campo Felice Senior Living Center in Fort Myers.

Most of our color guard activities are suspended for the summer hiatus. However, Compatriots McGuire and Elam both participated in several National Color Guard events with the NSSAR Color Guard during the 129th SAR Congress in Costa Mesa CA.

In September, the Camp will participate in uniform at the DAR Constitution Day Luncheon on the 14th and at the DAR Fall Forum in Orlando on the 21st. We will also attend the welcome of Honor Flight Mission 20 at RSW on the 28th.

On October 2, 2019, the Caloosa Color Guard participated along with members of the Naples and Saramana color guards in a welcoming event at the Fort Myers Regional Airport (RSW) upon the return of Honor Flight Mission 20. Also, earlier that day, the Caloosa Color Guard participated in the re-chartering of the Billy Bowlegs Society C.A.R. by presenting colors at that event. On October 9th the Color Guard presented colors at the Caloosa Chapter membership meeting. On October 12th, a Unit Training Assembly (UTA) was conducted to provide training and drill for members. On October 24th, two members of the color guard performed a living history presentation to students at the Gulf Middle School, Cape Coral.

On December 14, 2019, the Caloosa Color Guard participated in a Massing of Colors at the Wreaths Across America event at the Coral Ridge Cemetery at Cape Coral along with numerous other patriotic and veteran organizations.

On February 1, 2020, the Caloosa Color Guard presented colors at the SW Regional VP meeting in Ft. Myers. On February 14, 2020, the color guard posted colors and performed the flag-folding ceremony for the Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR in Ft. Myers. On February 22, 2020 the color guard had a “double header” in which we posted colors at the Estero Island DAR Chapter meeting in Ft. Myers with State Regent Kay Yarbrough as guest, then we posted colors that evening at the Caloosa Chapter Washington’s Birthday banquet also in Ft. Myers.

On the weekend of March 6 to 8, the Caloosa Color Guard split forces, participating as part of the Sons of Liberty Brigade which posted colors at the opening banquet of the Florida State Society DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando on Friday evening. On Saturday, part of the color guard participated in the Last Naval Battle celebration at Merritt Island while others remained in Orlando to staff (in uniform) the SAR information table during the FSSDAR Annual Meeting.

Shortly after these events on that first weekend in March, the coronavirus COVID-19 restrictions were put in place. This has resulted in the cancellation of the Battle of Thomas Creek celebration (Jacksonville) on March 28th, Collier-Lee Honor Flight Mission 21 welcome on April 25th, JROTC awards presentations on April 30th, and the SAD Spring Meeting & Battle of Pensacola celebration that were to have taken place on May 9th. All of these are missions that the Caloosa color guard had planned to participate in.

16. Gabriel Long Camp #16 David Chestnut Commander, St. Petersburg Chapter

Inactive

17. Lake City Chapter Outpost Williem Pfeil, Commander

No Report Submitted.

18. Lakeland Chapter Outpost #18, Lakeland Chapter – Mike Girard, Commander

Mike Girard appointed as Commander. Working on uniforms and era clothing. Richard Hagerman will be unable to assist with any strenuous activities. We will be able to participate in future activities soon.

Liaisons

C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide Committee

I was able to attend the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution Annual Conference in Orlando in February. I brought greetings from our President and our Society and delivered our annual donation. I also presented the SAR's C.A.R. Bronze Medal of Appreciation to the out-going State President Dominique Matthews and the C.A.R. Silver Medal of Appreciation to the out-going Senior State President Virginia "Ginger" Poffenberger, after her two years of service in that position. Elections were held. Emma Glazener was elected State President and Dr. Holly Hamilton was elected Senior State President. Hopefully, they will be able to join us for the Youth Luncheon Saturday to present the State Project and tell us how we can help.

There were five local Florida Societies that presented entries for the Lindsey Brock C.A.R./SAR/SR Relations Award. The winning C.A.R. Society was Swamp Fox (Pompano Beach). The other four societies presenting entries were Vaughn-Latham (Amelia Island), Princess Malee (Jacksonville), Everglades (Naples) and Treasure Coast (Vero Beach). Congratulations to all for their efforts. If one of these societies is in your area, take to time to recognize their effort, offer to join in their activities and invite them to join your chapter activities during the upcoming year. If there is a society in your area that is not listed, seek them out and extend the same offers and invitations. If there is no local society in your area, you are asked to visit the State and National C.A.R. websites and find a way to support their societies and/or their projects.

CAR Activity Report

In 2019 the Committee initiated the Florida CAR Activity Report. It is based on the National CAR Activity Report. In 2020, any Chapter submitting the Report will be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. Any Chapter meeting five of the ten listed activities will receive a flag streamer or if you were awarded a flag streamer in 2019, you will be presented with another award to be placed on your streamer. For 2021, a Chapter must meet six of the ten listed activities to earn the flag streamer.

SAR Junior Members

This Committee is also responsible for encouraging Junior Membership and Junior Member participation. As a Chapter, you should encourage your current members to submit applications for their sons, grandsons and nephews, wherever they may live, and take advantage of the SAR Family Plan. Your Chapter should encourage your local Junior members to attend your meetings and participate in Chapter activities, including your Color Guard.

DAR Liaison

The new FSDAR State Regent, Kay Yarbrough, has appointed new co-chairs of their SAR-SR Liaison Committee. They are Brenda Hayes Brown (407) 620-2018, bhayesbr@gmail.com and Anne McGuire (239) 542-0068, amcguire@slvx.com. Brenda is a member of the William P. Duval Chapter FSDAR and has been active for some time in supporting the Highland Games and inviting SAR representatives to participate with the DAR. Anne was previously chair of the SAR-SR Liaison Committee and is Honorary Regent of the Lawrence Kearny Chapter, FSDAR. She is also President of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

The Florida Society DAR has also moved their meeting location for Fall Forum (held in September) and their Spring Conference (held in March) to the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World as they outgrew the Florida Hotel at the Florida Mall as their attendance exceeded 700 members. Our SAR DAR Liaison Committee has participated in the past two FSSDAR meetings at the new Renaissance Orlando Hotel venue and looks forward to attending the Fall Forum there on September 24 to 27, 2020.

Ladies Auxiliary

The baskets will be raffled at this meeting, so it is urged that every chapter attending submit a basket. Money collected goes to give prize money to the various youth programs. Other contributions made to the Ladies Auxiliary are greatly appreciated.

It is most appreciated that all chapters consider bringing a basket to the Fall and Spring BOM meetings. If there are any questions on what needs to be in a basket, please contact Anne McGuire.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also be having a luncheon for all members and potential members at this Board of Management meeting. For Ladies that are interested in joining, see Anne McGuire for a membership application.

The Ladies Auxiliary has also started a fund-raiser for the National Congress that will be held in Florida in a couple of years. The details were in the FLSSAR Florida Patriot magazine. Please see Anne McGuire to participate in their fundraiser.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

Consists of the reports for the 3 committees listed below

Battle of Pensacola

cancelled: COVID-19

Battle of Thomas Creek

On March 13th, the City of Jacksonville Mayor closed all City Parks to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Virus and our backup location was also closed causing the cancellation of our event. We were looking forward to another great ceremony honoring our Patriot Ancestors and especially with this year's event being honored as a National Color Guard Event. Next year's event being the 244th anniversary will be held on Saturday the 27th of March and prayerfully, the virus will have passed and no longer cause another worldwide pandemic causing deaths and lock downs.

However, now several SAR State Societies are going to Virtual Zoom celebrations like one that I heard about in VA. Also, I was planning on attending my ancestors "Ramsour's Mill Battle Ceremony" in Lincolnton, NC next month; however, due to the virus it will now be Virtual on Zoom which will be interesting. The event is now schedule for Saturday, June 20th (which was the date of the battle) and if you are interested in participating in the event with President General Jack Manning and other compatriots through Zoom please let me know.

Last Naval Battle

Over 30 organizations supported this year's event with about 180 participants. Compatriots from Georgia also participated in the services. We had the honor of having President General John T Manning attended this year's memorial.

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Youth Programs

Americanism Youth Contests

2019 - 2020 Americanism Elementary School Poster and Middle School Brochure Contests winners.

Our 1st place winner for this year's Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was Caydence Prosak of Hernando Elementary School and the Withlacoochee Chapter. FLSSAR check for \$150.00 and Ladies Auxiliary check for \$75.00. Student Prosak will also receive a 1st place ribbon, 1st place medal and a 1st place trophy.

Our 1st place winner for The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Contest was Isabella Rincon of Gulf Middle School and the Caloosa Chapter. FLSSAR check for \$150.00 and Ladies Auxiliary check for \$75.00. Student Rincon will also receive a 1st place ribbon, 1st place medal and a 1st place trophy.

2020 - 2021 Theme will be based on George Washington

Eagle Scout

We continue to gather and update names of Chapter Eagle Scout contacts. Twenty-four Chapters have submitted names of their Chapter contact person. An additional six have indicated that they do not participate in any Eagle Scout recognition.

Throughout the year the committee receives inquiries from new Eagle Scouts. Most of them are seeking a letter of congratulations from the SAR. These are all referred to a local Chapter for follow-up. Each Scout inquiry also receives information from the State Committee on the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.

Each Chapter may submit one local winner of the contest to participate in the State contest. This year only three chapters submitted an entry. The entries were ranked first through third were by the Eagle Scout Committee following judging guidelines established by the National Eagle Scout Committee: 1st-Jared Marques, Naples Chapter; 2nd-Noah Owens, Clearwater Chapter; 3rd-Daniel Wood, Caloosa Chapter. Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st-\$1000, 2nd-\$500, 3rd-\$250. Checks were also presented to the winners by the Florida Ladies Auxiliary.

The committee is also tasked with the responsibility of reviewing and approving nominations for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. No nominees were submitted in 2019.

The deadline for submission of each Chapter King winner for 2020 will be January 15, 2020. Chapters should establish their deadline early enough to meet the State deadline.

History Fairs

No Report Submitted

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

The 2019 contest received 21 essays from 8 Chapters. Congratulations to our winners:

1. Rachel E. Sheppard from Withlacoochee
2. July Hassanein from Lake Sumter
3. Jason Puwalski from Caloosa

As in the past, for the 2020 contest Chapter winners are due to me by January 31, 2021. Chapters are free to choose their own due dates for their local contests, but year end seems popular. Sample flyers and other help are available from me for the asking.

Good Citizenship

No Report Submitted

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

No Report Submitted

JROTC

There were four entrants for the 2019-20 JROTC Enhanced Program. The committee judged the applications and essays with the following results:

- 1st Place: Cadet Grace Muesing (Naples)
- 2nd Place: Cadet Edwin Mora (Miami)
- 3rd Place: Cadet Lliam Gibson (Aaron Snowden)
- 4th Place: Cadet Samuel Brasgella (Saramana)

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

On behalf of the American History Teacher Award Committee, I am happy to report that Lake District Middle School Teacher Karen Flores has been chosen as the FLSSAR Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year.

Teaching in Eustis, Ms. Flores has taught American History for twenty years and, as she says, intends to teach American History for another twenty years!

Bob Cundiff, Chair

Habitat for Humanity

It appears that there are only 5 chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity program; Clearwater, Jacksonville, Lake-Sumter, St Lucie, and Withlacoochee.

Number of dedications for 2019-2020:

Clearwater – 3

Jacksonville – 7

6/1/2019 – Tom Booth and Scott Breckenridge presented 1 flag at Beaches H4H.

6/22/2019 – Tom Booth and Scott Breckenridge presented 1 flag at Beaches H4H.

9/21/2019 – Tom Booth and Scott Breckenridge presented 1 flag at Beaches H4H.

10/25/2019 – Darryl Ingle presented 2 flags at Clay County H4H.

12/14/2019 – Tom Booth presented 2 flags at Beaches H4H.

Lake-Sumter – 5

Tim Donihi presented 2 flags Feb. 6 at Veteran's Village in Umatilla; Ron Grove presented 1 flag

Nov. 22 in Eustis; George Chaffee presented 1 flag Sept. 20 in Oxford; Allan Lane presented 1

flag Sept. 7 at Veteran's Village in Umatilla; Veteran's Village is a single street of maybe 15

houses H4H has built in Umatilla just for veterans. I had my contact from H4H and the Lake Cty

sheriff (the one with the construction program) as speakers 2 meetings ago. After that we donated

\$100 towards a new roof H4H was doing for a veteran. This has been a very good thing!

Ron Grove

St Lucie River – 3

Withlacoochee – 2

For those of you unfamiliar with the program, it is very simple, highly rewarding, and provides great publicity for the SAR. When Habitat for Humanity has a home dedication ceremony, we participate (preferably in colonial attire) and present the new homeowner with a US flag kit and a copy of the Constitution. The flag kits are 75% reimbursable from the Endowment Trust Fund, and the copies of the Constitution are available at no charge from your local US Representative's office. If your chapter would like to get involved, please let me know and I can provide more details.

Operation Ancestor Search

No Report Submitted

Patriotic Activities

Functions:

1. Through the chapters, to encourage Americanism which is devotion and loyalty to the United States, its traditions, its customs and its institutions.

2. To encourage chapter participation in Allegiance Sunday programs which are held on the Sunday of the 4th of July, or the Sunday immediately prior to the 4th at which allegiance to the United States is reaffirmed.

3. To encourage participation by chapters at the naturalization of new citizens and develop programs which delineate the duties, rights and privileges of all citizens.

4. To develop programs of Patriotic Educational Significance for presentation before school, citizen, fraternal, and civic groups. Programs may be of historical documents, or biographical sketches of individuals or groups who had impact on the establishment and development of the United States.

5. To administer the Flag Program for the Florida Society to include competition for the rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award to the State Society with the best Flag Program, award and present the NSSAR Flag Certificate to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR, encourage FLSSAR chapters to participate in Flag Day, June 14, ceremonies, and promote respect and honor to the Flag of the United States. **Encourage chapters to present the NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate (NEW) to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR.**

Presentations of certificates can be simple or elaborate. Usually they take only a few minutes with a member introducing himself, talking briefly on the importance of or history of the American flag, explaining the award, and presenting it to the group. Certificates can be presented in an SAR folder, in a frame, or mounted to a plaque. If the certificate is mounted or framed, it is more likely to be put on display rather than stuffed in a drawer. Flag Certificates and the new Flag Retirement Certificates are available from the SAR store for only \$4.

In July, 2019 the SAR National Society approved a new award: The U.S. Flag Retirement Award.

The award is presented to NSSAR state societies by the NSSAR National Society.

The criteria of the award:

To qualify, one-half of its chapter (sic) and the state society must each present at least one U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate within a one-year period. Special recognition will be given if 100% of the chapters and the state each present at least one U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate within a one-year period.

Qualification criteria for the award is to be reported, by the state society, to the chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee and the National Society. The Flag Committee Chairman will evaluate the criteria and determine the award to be given.

The Award:

The first time a state society qualifies for the award, a streamer and a U.S. Flag Retirement Award Certificate will be awarded. Thereafter, each time the society qualifies for the award, a white star and a U.S. Flag Retirement Award Certificate will be awarded. If 100% of the chapters and the state each presents at least one certificate in a one-year period a Certificate of Excellence will be awarded, also.

Report Date:

The date that a state society must submit its report for the U.S. Flag Retirement Award is March 1 of each year.

*James G. Alexander
NSSAR Flag Committee Chairman*

Many thanks to Compatriot Steve Williams for getting the committee this information in time for inclusion in the Fall Board of Management proceedings.

Alliance Sunday is held on the Sunday closest to July 4th. Compatriots are encouraged to contact the head of their congregation or church to see what activities are planned to recognize Independence Day. These observances are opportunities to offer the services of the color guard or to have a member lead worshiper in the pledge of Allegiance. A Flag Certificate could also be presented if appropriate. This year several chapters took part in Allegiance Sunday activities. If yours did, please let the committee know so that we can include that information in our end-of-year report.

For more details or information on any of these activities, please contact one of the committee members listed above.

Public Service and Heroism

The Public Service and Heroism Committee (PS&H) recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for heroic acts with a commendation and medal. States, chapters and commendation recipients are recognized in a booklet published and distributed at the National Congress each July.

The State-level PS&H Committee exists to publicize the committee's function to the states' local chapters and to encourage their participation. Awards presented are reported to the National-level PS&H Committee and the State-level society by filling out an on-line form.

All Commendations should be reported prior to June 1, to ensure inclusion in the PS&H Committee Commendation booklet for distribution at the July NSSAR Congress. The fillable on-line **Public Service & Heroism Report Form** PDF forms may be found the NSSAR web site.

The Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to

the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The recipients are usually recommended by their superiors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. No Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

The Fire Safety Commendation and Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal, which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation and Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics, certified Emergency Medical Technicians, and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond which is normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once, and no Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

A Heroism Commendation and Medal 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, firemen, EMS and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered in the performance of one's normal duty, nor by medals for valor by the armed forces. Animals are not eligible for recognition. The medal may also be presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and the wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel.

More detailed information on specific awards may be found in the NSSAR Handbook, Vol. 5, along with the description of the qualifying service.

Publicity /Earl Marlin

All participants have been vetted and their awards will be presented on the evening of June 12

Veterans Affairs

Functions:

The Veterans Affairs Committee has two major areas of responsibility.

1. *The primary responsibility of the State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen is to encourage, advise, and motivate the various Chapters (primarily through the Chapter Veterans Affairs Chairman) to:*
 - a. *Recognize and present War Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their respective Chapters who have served in the military during a war period.*
 - b. *Recognize and present Military Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their respective Chapters who served in the military during peace time.*
 - c. *Recognize and present the SAR Purple Heart pin and Wounded Warrior Coin to veterans within the Chapter who received the Military Purple Heart during their military service.*
 - d. *Encourage gifting and visitation to veterans both within the Chapter as well as at local VA Hospitals, clinics, and nursing/private homes.*
 - e. *Participation in military funerals, parades and other veteran functions/activities. (SAR uniforms should be worn when receiving the colors at the funeral of a homeless veteran when no family members are present.)*
 - f. *Participate and conduct such other Veterans Affairs as directed by the President, Florida Society.*
2. *The State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen should encourage the Chapters to participate in the national USS Stark contest. The Veterans Affairs Committee responsibilities include:*

- a. *Process and consolidate all applications for the USS Stark Award for entrance into the National Contest.*
- b. *Summarize the forms for the State of Florida and submit the summary to the NSSAR USS Stark Chairman.*
- c. *Inform the FLSSAR President of the state winner of the contest at the Spring BOG for the presentation of the SAR Flag streamers. (The National winner is announced by the NSSAR.)*

Compatriots, with nearly ¾ of the year gone, now would be a good time to make sure that your records of this year's activities in support of our veterans are up to date. Not only does this ensure that your chapter and the state society accurately report their activities to national, it also helps to identify veterans or activities that we have not yet received the recognition or support that they deserve.

This year the Florida Society has increased its support of the Missing in America Project (MiAP). This organization helps to locate and identify the unclaimed remains of veterans and their spouses. They then coordinate with the VA to ensure proper internment for them. At intervals, they organize ceremonies at national cemeteries where these veterans and spouses can be interred with the honor and respect that they are due.

On September 26th of this year, six compatriots from three SAR chapters joined members of several DAR chapters, the Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion, VFW, other veteran and civic organizations gathered with the Missing in America Project at Sarasota National Cemetery for the internment of 17 veterans and spouses from the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam eras. Honors were rendered by a color guard from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force as well as a firing detachment and bugler. The SAR members participated as pallbearers during the ceremonies and in the procession to the columbarium.

Another program that has seen increased participation is Honor Flight. The Honor Flight program provides trips for groups of older veterans who would not otherwise be able to travel to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. that have been erected in honor of their service. When a flight returns, the SAR joins with hundreds... sometimes thousands... of grateful Americans to welcome these veterans home once more. Events attended by SAR chapters in Florida include May 4th in Ft. Myers and June 11th in St. Petersburg. Coming up are flights into Ft. Myers on September 28th and November 2nd. These events are not just for the color guard. If you have the chance, please come out to help welcome our heroes' home.

Lastly, Veteran's Corps Survey Forms and the appropriate supporting documentation should be forwarded to the state Veterans Recognition Committee Chairman, Don Lanman. Completed surveys that meet the criteria published by the state and national societies will be processed quickly and will generate a Certificate of Patriotism to present to our compatriot veterans. Please report presentation of these certificates (and the corresponding medals) to the committee at year's end.

Veteran's Recognition

1. **Committee Members:** Patrick Niemann, Robert McGuire, Robert Humker, Steven Fields, DeCody Brad Marble
2. **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 9 to = 605 members:**
 - a. **NE**=89
 - b. **NW**=50
 - c. **NC**=81
 - d. **EC**=71
 - e. **WC**=132
 - f. **SE**=63
 - g. **SW**=119
 - h. **24%** of FLSSAR membership are represented in the Veterans Battalion.
3. **Committee Activity:**
 - a. Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted on a Quarterly basis and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion recognition within each chapter.
 - b. Veterans Battalion Roster has been updated on the FLSSAR web site listing of all Veterans Battalion members.
 - c. The committee chairman is reviewing all Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of VB application form with DD-214, and mailing the VB letter and Certificate within 48 hours to the Chapter for presentation.
 - d. Chapter Presidents are requested to personally present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to each approved Compatriot at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.

- e. Chapter Presidents are reminded that the *SAR War Service Medal* may only be authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service directly within a DOD designated “combat area” as noted on their DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the *Military Service Medal*.
- f. The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans Corps committee to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

To date I have received requests totally about \$8,500. There's still about \$16,000 available. The ETF year ends October 31 with the filing deadline being Nov. 15. Last year we had 66 requests for \$15,626. Please look through you activities and see what you have done that could help your treasury. Last year we made a few changes to the rules and this year I am going to request a few more. We want to do all we can to encourage outreach programs. Remember a keep to reimbursement is that these monies are only for non-SAR members. I will be having a meeting of all youth activity chairmen at 9 AM on Saturday at the BOM. Please encourage your chairman to attend.

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

Approved 2019 distributions from ETF amounted to \$14,207.83 and were disbursed in accordance with the policy established by the SAR Distribution Committee to 23 participating Chapters. Requests for this fiscal year are due to that committee by the end of October. It appears that there will be ample “unitrust income” available to meet all approved requests again this year.

The 2019 distribution to the Operating Trust Fund has been met as requested and shows on the financial report

Appendix Pages to follow

Disbursements – May 2020

Florida Society Budget Comparison For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Revised to Reflect Changes Approved at October 2019 BOM

Revised Remaining Operating Congress Budget

Budget 2019 Actual Cash Disbursements NSSAR Dues 63,820 63,000 (820)

Dues Refunds 30 (30) Reinstatement Dues 1,370 1,500 130 Registrar Stipend 4,800 4,800 - Secretary Stipend 4,800 4,800 - Exec Admin Stipend 4,800 4,800 - Presidents Expenses 1,776 1,667 (109) Sr VP Expenses 805 1,667 862 Secretary Expenses 1,169 800 (369) Treasurer Expenses 119 200 81 Registrar Expenses 866 600 (266) BOM Expenses - - Hotel (Meals) 20,161 16,000 (4,161) BOM Refunds - - - Hospitality Room 300 800 500 A/V & Other 131 1,500 1,369 PG Room 278 300 22 Hotel Deposits 1,000 - (1,000) Internet/Computer Expense 645 600 (45) Technology Comm - 100 100 Knight Essay Comm 1,845 2,000 155 American His Teacher Comm 500 750 250 Eagle Scout Comm 1,782 2,000 218 JROTC Comm 1,950 2,100 150 Good Citizenship Comm - 250 250 Patriotic Education - 250 250 Historical Sites Committee - - - Educational Outreach Committee - - - Rumbaugh Oration Comm 4,436 4,000 (436) Americanism Poster Contest 250 350 100 Americanism Brochure Contest 150 350 200 FSCAR Donation 1,000 1,000 - History Fair Comm 475 500 25 SAR Museum & Learning Center 1,000 1,000 - NSSAR Library 300 250 (50) Battle of Pensacola - 250 250 Last Naval Battle 430 500 70 Battle of Thomas Creek 445 500 55 Medals & Awards Comm 556 1,500 944 C.A.R. Committee 114 100 (14) Patriot Medal Comm 348 500 152 Americanism/Chapter Challenge - 100 100 Newsletters & Period Comm 475 600 125 Publicity Comm 525 600 75 New Chapter Dev Comm - 750 750 Veterans Battalion 74 200 126 Other Committee Cost - 200 200 Bank Charges/Fees 12 100 88 Storage Fees 1,201 - (1,201) Miscellaneous Costs 323 300 (23) D&O/Liability Insurance - 2,500 2,500 Patriot Mag Cost 5,239 5,600 361 Other Postage/Delivery - - - ETF Donation 250 - (250) Meeks Fund Donation (F4F) 1,275 1,275 - Highland Games Donation (DAR) 100 - (100) 2023 Congress Expenses 825 - (825) 2023 Congress Fund Transfers - - Reallocate from ETF Donation 2,000 2,000 - Reallocate from 2018 Excess 1,667 1,667 - Reallocate from Pres Expenses 3,333 3,333 - Reallocate from Meeks Fund 2,000 2,000 - Reallocate from SVP Expenses 833 833 - - - 2020 Member Assessment - - - Carry Over to Future Years 400 400 - Total 142,160 825 143,742 757 825 Net Cash Surplus 28,008 9,008 11,833 (25,183)

Cash Receipts – December

Patriot Medal Honorees

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded on by a State Society and may be presented on to an Individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the State Society, a representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal.

Coleman	Philip	Jacksonville	1964	Bradley	Lauren	Clearwater	1994
Coleman	Jack	Jacksonville	1965	Chapman	Arthur	Ft. Lauderdale	1994
Henderson	Francis	Deland	1969	Morgan	Gerald	Central Florida	1994
O'Hara	V	Central Florida	1969	Atheam	Guy	St. Lucie River	1995
Booth	Eden	Deland	1970	Browne	Stuart	Ft. Lauderdale	1995
Hoffmann	Carl	St. Augustine	1970	Carr	Phillip	St. Lucie River	1995
Sawyer	Bickford	Clearwater	1970	Crutcher	Courtenay	Clearwater	1995
Haley	Curtis	Miami	1971	Evans	Stanley	Ocala	1995
McKesson	Harley	Miami	1972	Alderman	John	Lakeland	1996
Hewitt	Clarence	Clearwater	1973	Cahoon	John	Emerald Coast	1996
Avant	George	Tallahassee	1974	Cramer	Ralph	Naples	1996
Drew	Austin	At-Large	1975	Nelson	Ralph	Lake-Sumter	1996
Gerhart	Luther	Clearwater	1975	Blackburn	James	Palm Beach	1997
Sutherland	Calvin	Ft. Lauderdale	1975	Casey	Edward (Bud)	At-Large	1997
Waugh	James	Palm Beach	1975	Marlin	Walter	Naples	1997
Sellers	Matthew	Ft. Lauderdale	1976	Wingate	Charles	Jacksonville	1997
Thompson	Richard	St. Petersburg	1976	Burns	George	Jacksonville	1998
Williams	John	Tallahassee	1976	Curtis	Frederick	Caloosa	1998
Bothwell	Cecil	Central Florida	1977	Hamilton	Renaldo	Central Florida	1998
Bowers	Herbert	Saramana	1977	Thomas	Abram	Brevard	1998
Williams	Zack	Deland	1977	Boone	Sam	At Large	1999
Hatt	William	Saramana	1979	Hodalski	Frank	Saramana	1999
Morris	George	St. Petersburg	1979	North	Douglas	St. Lucie River	1999
Fisher	Carlton	Clearwater	1980	Shepley	Raymond	Palm Beach	1999
Hinkle	Henry	Panama City	1980	Armitage	Jim	Maj. John DeVane	2000
King	Sidney	Caloosa	1980	Kraehenbuehl	A.	St. Lucie River	2000
Cross	J	Miami	1981	Malcolm	Owen	Ocala	2000
Sisson	Wilbur	Boca-Deerfield	1981	Tinny	John	St. Augustine	2000
McClanahan	James	Brevard	1982	Carter	John	Panama City	2001
Friberg	Richard	Miami	1983	Eastwood	Ralph	Gainesville	2001
Miles	James	Brevard	1983	Little	Albert	Deland	2001
Rumbaugh	Joseph	Ft. Lauderdale	1983	Towery	William	Lake-Sumter	2001
Buechner	Carl	Central Florida	1984	Bingham	Thomas	Panama City	2002
Coats	Simon	Boca-Deerfield	1984	Fowler	Richard	St. Lucie River	2002
La Fontaine	Leo	Charlotte	1985	Holyfield	James	Palm Beach	2002
Twiggs	Albert	Saramana	1985	Miller	Harold	Saramana	2002
Gentry	Michael	Miami	1986	Harrison	Kenneth	Miami	2003
Healy	Lunsford	Brevard	1986	Hollien	Harry	Gainesville	2003
Hoyt	Edward	Saramana	1986	Davidson	Alvie	Lakeland	2004
Foster	Robert	Tallahassee	1987	Gaines	Frederic	Central Florida	2004
Marshall	John	Ocala	1987	Montes-Bradley	Saul	Miami	2004
Irvin	Richard	Brevard	1988	Schafer	Charles	Clearwater	2004
May	Floyd	Boca-Deerfield	1988	Lancaster	Basil	Saramana	2005
Snyder	Frederick	Miami	1988	Moody	Robert	Lake-Sumter	2005
Ford	Howard	Brevard	1989	Wallin	Grant	Clearwater	2005
Haas	Raymond	Caloosa	1989	Bailey	David	Saramana	2006
Snapp	Albert	Lakeland	1989	DuBose	Benjamin	Brevard	2006
Winter	Henry	Deland	1989	Yarnell	Kevin	Tampa	2006
Beebe	John	Naples	1990	Brock	Lindsey	Brevard	2007
Fetherolf	Martin	Charlotte	1990	Brown	Gene	Clearwater	2007
Claghorn	Charles	Brevard	1991	Toops	Ronald	Lake-Sumter	2007
Kellogg	Ira	Lakeland	1991	Camillo	John	Withlacoochee	2008
Ralston	Charles	Ft. Lauderdale	1991	Lockhart	George	Jacksonville	2008
Young	Harry	Ft. Lauderdale	1991	Young	Edward	Pensacola	2008
Stevenson	William	Treasure Coast	1992	Cardell	Richard	Jacksonville	2009
Sullivan	Edward	Ft. Lauderdale	1992	Davis	Dabney	Central Florida	2009
Weddle	William	Jacksonville	1992	Hammock	Leon	Clearwater	2009
Carnes	William	Gainesville	1993	Duay	Theodore	Ft. Lauderdale	2010
Copeland	Robert	Central Florida	1993	Partin	James	Gainesville	2010
Ware	John	Jacksonville	1993	Ramseur	David	Jacksonville	2010
Young	Winthrop	Clearwater	1993	Riegle	Charles	Saramana	2010
Avant	David	Tallahassee	1994	Jantzen	Nelson	Clearwater	2011
Bauchspies	Rollin	Jacksonville	1994	Tarpley	Phillip	Saramana	2011

Williams	Steven	Brevard	2011	Townsend	Jack	Withlacoochee	2016
Crapo	Harold	Saramana	2012	Buckley	Edward	Palm Beach	2017
Lantz	Raymond	Pensacola	2012	Fehrenbaker, Sr. .	Lawrence	Naples	2017
Moody	Randy	Caloosa	2012	Gaskins	James	Jacksonville	2017
Bridges, Sr.	Douglas	Miami	2013	McCullough	John	Naples	2017
McMurry	Victor	Saramana	2013	Honeywell	Alfred	Clearwater	2018
Riediger	Hermann	St. Lucie River	2013	Matson	Lee	Caloosa	2018
Bushnell	Earle	Lake-Sumter	2014	Sizemore	Jeffery	Central Florida	2018
Day	Charles	Withlacoochee	2014	Wess	Raymond	Palm Beach	2018
Hooper	Danny	Clearwater	2014	Gibson	James	Clearwater	2019
Cahill	Donald	Naples	2015	Jones	Lonnie	Aaron Snowden	2019
Llyod	Luther	South Shore	2015	Stewart	John	St. Petersburg	2019
Motes	Joseph	Ft. Lauderdale	2015	Young	Walter	Tampa	2019
Myers	Norman	Central Florida	2015	Barton	Marshall	St. Petersburg	?
Kelsey	David	Flagler	2016	Pullman	John	Clearwater	?
Meeks	Gerald	Palm Beach	2016				

Fowler Newsletter Winners

YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd
2019	Flagler	Saramana	Palm Beach
2018	Brevard	Saramana	Lake/Sumter & Palm Beach (tie)
2017	Brevard & Caloosa (tie)	Withlacoochee	Flagler
2016	Brevard	Withlacoochee & Flagler (tie)	St Lucie River & Caloosa (tie)
2015	Brevard	Caloosa	Naples
2014	St Lucie River	Naples & Gainesville	Caloosa
2013	Brevard	Central Florida	Flagler