

Fall Board of Management
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Orlando, Florida
April 30 through May 2, 2021



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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Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Meeting called to order by President David Bussone at 1:02 PM. Opening ritual accomplished.
Introduction of National Officers and Guests
Greetings brought by FLCAR Treasurer re 2020-21 fundraising project
Introduction of first-time attendees
Remarks and greetings from PG Manning and VPG Greenly
Minutes of the previous meeting approved as presented
Awards presentation – Certificates of Appreciation for Chuck Farmer, Dick Young, and Kenneth Norwood

Declaration of quorum – requirement met
Forum of candidates for national office:

C. Bruce Pickette, John Dodd, Michael Elston Esq., Robert Fish Jr., Allan Greenly, Tony Lee Vets,
Jim Lindley, Dr. Fred Olive III, Earnest Sutton, Dwight Elam, Darrell Addington, Pat Niemann

MOTION – Pat Niemann moves that The Florida Society endorse all unopposed candidates for national office and the SAR Foundation. Bob McGuire seconded. **PASSED**

Ballots passed out for selection of endorsement in contested election for Registrar General between Tony Lee Vets and Allan Greenly. Secretary Scott Breckenridge reports that Allan Greenly selected to receive the endorsement of the FLSSAR for the position of Registrar General of the NSSAR.

Color Guardsmen in uniform called forward to join in presentation of color guards awards:
Ralph Nelson – Von Steuben Medal
Jill Fields – Molly Pitcher Medal

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee Report – Pat Niemann

Virtual Color Guard Policy grandfathered to March 20, 2020
2020 Americanism contest now counts virtual participation
Gold Good Citizenship Medal to be awarded to Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)
New SAR logo approved but is not yet in effect – do not use
Youth Protection Training now available at sarcourses.org. It is good for three years. BSA certification no longer accepted for YPT training requirement.
2021 Congress in Renton, WA is still on. Information at SAR.ORG .

SWRVP – Bob McGuire

Chapter updates

Battle of Pensacola – To be held May 8, 2021

Battle of Thomas Creek – To be held March 27, 2021

Last Naval Battle – To be held March 13, 2021

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements – Cutoff date for requests is October 31, 2020

Old Business

None

Committee Reports

Medals and Awards committee – An update to the submitted report is in progress.

Nominating Committee - Substantial progress made. Only a few positions remain without a candidate

Membership Promotion and Retention – Will resend report.

Strategic Planning Committee – Will resend report.

New Business

ExCom - Gold Good Citizenship Medal application approved by Medals and Awards Committee for submission

Bernard Wolf - Board of Management meeting venue for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 search looked at Sheraton Orlando North, Rosen Plaza, and Embassy Suites.

MOTION – Sr. VP recommends Embassy Suites Kissimmee, FL as the location for the Board of Management Meetings to be held Oct 1-3, 2021 and May 6-8, 2022. **PASSED** (1 opposed)

President David Bussone – Discussion of the status of the FLSSAR.ORG website, its status, needs, and management. Technology Advisory Committee has made corrections to the sit but no recommendations.

Secretary Scott Breckenridge – Ad hoc Website Task Force is working on developing specifications for a new/upgraded website with the aim to put out a RFP (Request for Proposal). Website security has been upgraded (now HTTPS://) and made changes to reduce vulnerability to bots that cause spam and datamine. Members discuss.

MOTION – Scott Breckenridge move the Website Taskforce continue research to upgrade website with a discretionary budget of \$1000. Second by John Goolsby. Discussion E. Matthews, C. Nichols, D. Young.

MOTION – E. Matthews moves to table motion until after Finance Committee report. **PASSED** (1 opposed)

Dick Young – Finance Committee Report

MOTION – to accept the budget as presented with an additional budget of \$1000 for use by the Website Taskforce. Discussion: L. Crame. **PASSED** (2 opposed)

MOTION – Scott Breckenridge moves to take Website Taskforce motion from the table. **PASSED**

Steve Fields requests that the chair Call the Question. **PASSED** (1 opposed)

MOTION – Dwight Elam moves Rumbaugh Oration Contest be held during the Spring Board of Management Meeting and that entrants be videotaped for submission to the NSSAR Rumbaugh Competition. Bob McGuire seconded. **PASSED** (1 opposed)

MOTION – Lee Popham moves that Jim Stone fill the vacant Endowment Trust Fund Trustee Position with term ending in 2023. Bob McGuire seconded. **PASSED**

MOTION – Scott Breckenridge moves that the Operation Ancestor Search Committee be disbanded. Steve Fields seconded. **PASSED**

MOTION – Scott Breckenridge moves that the Chapter Challenge and Americanism Committee be disbanded and its duties transferred to the Secretary. Steve Fields seconded. **PASSED**

MOTION – Scott Breckenridge moves that the Good Citizenship Committee be disbanded and that its duties and funds be assigned to the Medals and Awards Committee. Steve Fields seconded. **PASSED**

MOTION – Ron Groves move to adjourn, **PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 15:59.

The next Board of Management Meeting will be held April 30 – May 2, 2021

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

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

No reports submitted

President

David E Bussone MAPatriot@flsar.com

I am honored to have served as your President this year. I viewed my job as having had several components:

- To Serve the members of our Society
- Promote the missions of the SAR
- Maintain a financially sound operation, and
- Abide by the responsibilities for the President as described in Article IV section 1

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as President, as well as the offices that preceded this year. I appreciate the support so many have given me this year. I've met new friends, had new experiences, and been places that I've not been to previously. I have been fortunate beyond words.

It has been an interesting year. I assumed my role in June 2020, 3 months after the Covid pandemic fully hit Florida. Despite that, and following whatever preventive requirements were in place at the time, we continued with meetings, events, and activities with whatever means served our purpose at the time. We learned Zoom, Go To Meeting, and Teams. Chapters used these tools to conduct their meetings in a manner with which they were most comfortable.

Our Society and its chapters moved forward under difficult circumstances, but in most cases maintained their momentum. I am perhaps most pleased that two of our three national events were held in person. The Last Naval Battle and Thomas Creek Commemorative celebrations were very successful. The Battle of Pensacola was blocked as a live event over Covid concerns. Nonetheless the Pensacola event team worked diligently to put on a well planned virtual event.

The remainder of this report is broken into two portions. 1) a list of awards presented to compatriots and others at the April 30, 2020 Friday evening Awards Banquet, and 2) an overview of my activities since the Fall 2020 BOM.

AWARDS

The following Awards and Certificates of Recognition were announced at the Board of Managers (BOM) Banquet. These recognitions represent the thanks of our Society for the time and efforts of those compatriot and other volunteers who gave freely of their time and energy.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All State Committee Chairmen

All State Officers

PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

All Retired Immediate Past Chapter Presidents

CERTIFICATES OF DISTINGUISHED STATE SOCIETY SERVICE:

All Florida SAR Executive Committee Members

COL Patrick J. Niemann

Steven Fields

H. Hall Riediger

Raymond C. Lantz

James Yost Gaskins

Robert W. McGuire

Billie Brock

LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL - 38

Doreen Bussone

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

Jan Brunelle - Medal

Laura Lee Zavalia - Medal

Becky Elam – State Oak Leaf

Arlene Stone – 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:

Brenda Hayes Brown - Medal

Madonna Crame - Medal

Debra Lee Allen – State Oak Leaf

Billie Brock – State Oak Leaf

Anne McGuire – State Oak Leaf

Cilla Leed Tomme – 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

DAR State Regent Kay Yarbrough

Jill K. Fields

Debra H. McMurray

Delores Wolff

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

Emma Glazener – Florida State President

Mimi Leroy Marler – Past Florida State Senior President

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

Hampton Eugene Allen

James D. Stone

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

Robert Brotherton

James Raymond Grayshaw

Roger Clark Smith

Kevin McFarland

SILVER ROGER SHERMAN OAK LEAF - 14

M. Scott Breckenridge	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
David Eben Bussone	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Richard Bruce Cardell	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Robert Stanley Cundiff	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Dwight Donald Elam	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Claude S. "Chuck" Farmer Jr.	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Steven Ray Fields	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Ronald Lee Grove	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Donald K. Lanman	2nd State Bronze Oak Leaf
DeCody Brad Marble	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Earl F. "Matt" Mathews	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
James Durward Stone	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
David Charles Thomas	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Jack L. Townsend Jr.	1st State Bronze Oak Leaf
Bernard William Wolff	1st State 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

Dwight Donald Elam

Joseph Mark Motes
Charles William Riegler
Raymond Francis Wess

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 MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - 10

M. Scott Breckenridge

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 Patriot Medal Committee Chairman E. Scott Bushnell at the Saturday Banquet:

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.

President's Activities

Although the pandemic prevented some activities from being conducted in person, there were still many opportunities to participate in virtual or hybrid events. The list below notes most of my activities since the Fall BOM. I attended as many as possible in person.

10 Oct 2020 – South Atlantic District Meeting
07 Nov – Daytona/Ormand Beach Chapter ExCom – Deland, FL
11 Nov – Liberty Tree Dedication, Lake Sumter Chapter, at the Montverde Academy.
14 Nov – The Villages Chapter, SAR, Monthly Meeting
21 Nov – Daytona/Ormand Beach ExCom Meeting
21 Nov – Ft. Morris Commemorative Celebration
22 Nov – South Atlantic District Presidents Meeting
05 Dec – Daytona/Ormand Beach Chapter Meeting
05 Dec – Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration
12 Dec – The Villages Chapter, SAR. Monthly Meeting
16 Dec – Installation of Officers for The Clearwater Chapter
18 Dec – Installation of Officers for The Saramana Chapter
19 Dec – Installation of Officers for the St. Petersburg Chapter
02 Jan 2021 – Daytona/Ormond Beach Chapter Meeting
05 Jan – West Central Region Officer Zoom Class
09 Jan – The Villages Chapter, SAR, Monthly Meeting
13 Jan – NSSAR Education Committee
24 Jan – South Atlantic District Presidents Meeting
25 Jan – Charlotte Chapter Meeting
30 Jan – South Atlantic District Meeting
30 Jan – Georgia Society State Meeting
02 Feb – FLSSAR Officer Zoom Class
10 Feb – NSSAR Education Committee
13 Feb – South East Regional FLSSAR Meeting
19 Feb – C.A.R. State Meeting to Bring Greetings
20 Feb – North East Regional FLSSAR Meeting
21 Feb – Installation of Officers & Presentation, Miami Chapter
27 Feb – West Central RVP Meeting
28 Feb – South Atlantic District Presidents Meeting
05 Mar – DAR State Meeting
05 Mar – Attended DAR Banquet to bring Greetings and present State Regent Yarbrough a medal from the FLSSAR
08 Mar – FLSSAR Officer Zoom Class
11 Mar – Installation of Officers for the Naples Chapter
13 Mar – Last Naval Battle Commemoration, Guest Speaker
27 Mar – Thomas Creek Commemoration

28 Mar – South Atlantic District Presidents Meeting
05 Apr – FLSSAR ExCom Meeting
10 Apr – Council of State Presidents Meeting
18 Apr – Liberty Tree Dedication at Edna Pearce Lockett Estate
25 Apr – South Atlantic District Presidents Meeting
29 Apr – FLSSAR ExCom Meeting

My thanks again for the support and involvement of my compatriot officers and others throughout our Society. You have made this year a success under difficult circumstances.

May God continue to instill in us, our children, the FLSSAR, and the NSSAR, the Values and Ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the Founders of the United States of America.

Senior Vice President

Bernard William Wolff grafwolff@comcast.net

My duties reporting in this period began in October with a hybrid meeting at in the Embassy Suites Kissimmee, FL. As the Meeting and Arrangements Chair, I had responsibility for the October BOM, assisting the FLSSAR President in providing a smooth flow of events for the weekend. The ensuing months required many responses to emails and several virtual meetings of the EXCOM.

Congress meeting in a virtual format. Along with a virtual NSSAR Strategic Planning meeting, I also participated in a virtual FLSSAR Nominating Committee meeting. I had the opportunity to add color guard points by presenting wreaths at virtual Battle of Trenton, Battle of Princeton, and Moore's Creek Bridge gatherings.

I was fortunate to be able to enjoy a luncheon with the FLSSAR President while in Mt. Dora where we discussed items of interest concerning the Florida Society.

And, in a show of normality, I attended the Last Naval Battle memorial in person, along with roughly 106 other attendees, including my wife Delores who presented a wreath on behalf of the Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary. As I write this report, I will attend the Battle of Thomas Creek this weekend. Leadership virtual meetings: To this date, as chair of the NSSAR Insurance Committee sub-committee, we have concluded our work until we meet again at the 2021 Congress to render our report.

Additionally, I have participated in a Rumbaugh Oration ZOOM committee meeting and a NSSAR My personal thanks extend to the many compatriots who have supported me along the way. You have encouraged me to assist the Society in many ways, including coordinating, planning, and executing the many committees of which I have been a member over the years. I am particularly grateful for your support in my current role as your Senior Vice President.

We have all experienced the hardship and travail of the current medical alert in this country and especially the State of Florida. In many cases, it has curtailed normal activity, limited access to the outside world, and confined us to our local environment. The situation, however, has opened new ideas for our consideration: virtual meetings. Even though, these have been contemplated from time to time, they have now advanced to a regular occurrence. And so, much of my activity has been relegated to this form of communication at all levels, including in-depth telephone conversations about pending matters. Even so, in-person meetings and events are beginning to happen albeit with some modifications (masks, social distancing, etc.)

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Six meetings Miami Board of Director occupied my attention in the intervening months between BOMs. We met, both physically and virtually as I was in residence at Mt. Dora for some of the time and covered the business at hand. The monthly luncheons were conducted through in-person meetings and virtual assemblages and worked well.

In February, I attended my home chapter in Miami and, again was sworn in by the FLSSAR President David Bussone and retained the positions of Editor and Treasurer. I was also recognized with the Distinguished Service Medal by Miami Chapter President William Wicks, Sr. I was also presented with an oak leaf cluster for the Roger Sherman medal.

Chair: Strategic Planning Committee; 133rd (2023) FLSSAR Congress Planning Committee; Financial Review Committee; and the Meeting and Arrangements Committee. Earlier in the reporting period, I successfully negotiated contracts for two of our BOMs, beginning in October 2021. Further details on the other chaired committees appear elsewhere in the Proceedings.

Member: Education initiative Committee, Documents Committee, Nominating Committee

I attended the D.A.R. Spring Forum in Orlando and released possession of our current long rifle to Compatriot Steve Fields who was also present.

Executive Administrator

H. Hall Riediger already.1942@gmail.com

All duties have been completed for the 2020-2021 year.

Executive Committee Member at Large

E. Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

No report submitted

Northwest Regional Vice President

Earl F Mathews emathewsjr@embarqmail.com

Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

Total member base has remained stable over the years and currently standing at 179 members. Over the course of the current year, most have increased membership counts, recognizing Pensacola Chapter leading the increase in membership.

Oct 2020: attended annual Winter BOM Meeting, participated in FLSSAR Color Guard

Jan 2021: installed new officers at Panama City Chapter

Due to continuation of Covid-19 epidemic various counties and cities had different regulations governing meetings and members of each chapter making a choice to not have meetings.

All chapters were contacted in the NW Region to participate in a Regional BOM, only 1 chapter was willing to participate in either a "Zoom" or in-person. No regional BOM was held.

Requested any activity reports from chapters covering periods Oct 2020 to Mar 2021

Panama City and William Dunaway Chapters appeared in both the NSSAR and FLSSAR November 2020 magazines.

Summary of chapter meetings in region:

Chapters reported following:

Aaron Snowden:

October 2020- March 2021

Aaron Snowden Chapter has been communicating since March via email and phone due to virus. We were able to fill the Chapter officer positions and working hard to re-new as many members for 2021. We have been fortunate to have had several noteworthy events these last few months.

Liam Gibson of Navarre High School placed 3rd in the state competition for NJROTC Essay contest on how NJROTC made him a better citizen. Lonnie Jones and Bert Outlaw presented Liam with SAR Certificate, DAR medal and certificate, and DAR check. He had previously received SAR medal and check.

The normal county Veterans Day ceremonies were cancelled but Chapter Vice-President Lonnie Jones took it upon himself to display 12 flagpoles with colonial and military flags representing various periods in our history.

The local DAR chapter invited us to attend a Veterans Day ceremony for flag raising and remarks for our Chapter namesake Aaron Snowden at the Milton Cemetery. The ceremony was held the Saturday after the Wednesday Veterans Day, when ten DAR/ SAR members met with SAR members raising colonial flag, and DAR members making remarks about Aaron Snowden and Veterans Day. A flower wreath was laid at the gravesite.

Griffin Walker, a student at Pace High School reached Eagle Scout rank with his Court of Honor being held. President Bert Outlaw and VP Lonnie Jones were asked to participate in the ceremony. Griffin was presented with the BSA/ SAR patch and his proclamation read. Lonnie Jones took the time to give short talk on programs available to Scouts thru SAR.

We look forward to a better, safer 2021.

Emerald Coast:

Oct meeting: 7 members and 7 guests, no speaker

No further reports

Pensacola Chapter:

President Chris Washler with chapter members, are preparing a video on 24 March for the “Battle of Pensacola” which would be incorporated for a virtual event. He has coordinated a ‘color guard’ with Dick Young, Color commander of FLSSAR. More details will be presented at the BOM.

Tallahassee Chapter:

No reports received

Panama City Chapter:

25 Jan: installation of new officers

1 Feb: new member sworn in, 5 guests attending

No further reports

William Dunaway Chapter:

Meetings have been conducted from Oct 2020 to Mar 2021

Oct – Speaker Dr. David Bovine – Political parties through the Years- presented “Certificate of Appreciation”, 7 members, 3 guests

Nov – Speaker Mike Taylor – noted local citizen project – presented “Good Citizen Award” 8 members, 5 guests

Dec – Speaker Chapter President Mathews presented “A Christmas during the Revolutionary War” 6 members, 3 guests

Jan – Celebrating 13th Anniversary and installation of new officers, 12 members, 5 guests

Feb – Speaker current Regent of DAR local chapter Doris Spears, presented “Certificate of Appreciation”, 9 members, 5 guests, induction of new member. Passing of Compatriot Harry “Hap” Dunaway

Mar – Speaker Steve Benton, county Supervisor of Schools, presented “Good Citizenship Award”, 6 members, 3 guests, Applications: 1 submitted, 1 pended, 3 prospective

s/Earl “Matt” Mathews

NW Regional VP, Florida SAR

President/Genealogist/Registrar of William Dunaway Chapter, Florida SAR

CAR, Blue Springs Society, Senior President

Dual member of Joel Early Chapter, Georgia SAR

North Central Regional Vice President

David Thomas dctfive@hotmail.com

The North Central Region is made up of 6 Chapters in Fourteen Counties, They are Gainesville, Lake City, Lake-Sumter, Ocala, The Villages and Withlacoochee. The last year has been very interesting and confusing to say the least. I attended the Fall BOM in Kissimmee, I was able to make it two chapter meetings and swore in their officers, Lake City and Gainesville. Cathy and I were able to attend the Wreaths Across **AmWithlacoochee** event on dec 19 in colonial attire along with DAR Gainesville Regent Kay Hall and vice Regent Nancy Briles along with other members of DAR and Jacob Robert Brown Chapter, CAR at the Keystone Heights Memorial Gardens. Cathy and I also attended the Thomas Creek event on May 27th, myself in colonial attire and we dedicated wreaths for the Gainesville Chapters, DAR and SAR

Ocala Chapter

The Ocala Chapter of the SAR resumed meeting in September at the Elks Club, but in January moved to Eggs Over on Baseline Road because the Elk’s Club imposed a facility fee for the meetings which would double the luncheon expense for each attendee.

Several new members and one transfer occurred, President Maurice Hitt, Jr. was awarded the Liberty Medal for Sponsoring 10 new SAR members. Secretary Alan Clark, MD had a total of 9 supplemental patriots recognized including twowith Circumstantial evidence for two sailor families.

There were two guest speakers including a high school applicant for the Rumbaugh Oration and Knight Essay contests, , who also is applying to the American Legion oration contest. The other talk was given by Mark Barie on interesting Revolutionary War Events. Maurice Hitt and Wayne Curtis presented several Eagle Scout medals. President Maurice Hitt Jr has been working on organizing and restoring Chapter founding documents.

Considering the national impediments to any organizational events our chapter has performed well with loyal member turnout and the confirmed mission of preserving the memory and purpose of the founding Fathers and patriots.

Withlacoochee Chapter

Our chapter Activities from November 1st 2020 to April 10th 2021 included 1 new member induction. A total membership of 81.(the rest of the report was dropped by the email provider have requested from the NCRVP the remainder of the report.

Gainesville Chapter

having live meetings has been a challenge with los attendance, President Dave Thomas initiated zoom meetings but still low attendance.

The Gainesville Chapter has 55 members now with 4 awaiting approval and one new application to be submitted soon.

The Chapter Officers remain the same

Dave Thomas attended Wreathes Across America colonial attire at the Keystone Hts Memorial Garden on Dec 19th. Sean Tonnelier in colonial attire and Jack Wood attended the Wreaths Across America at Forrest Meadows in Gainesville on Dec 19th.

Dave Thomas and Sean Tonnelier in colonial attire and Jack Wood Attended the Thomas Creek Celebration on May 27th, Dave Thomas presented a Wreath.

Sean Tonnelier was presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal at the February Dinner Meeting.

Lake City Chapter

New Officers were sworn in by Regional Vice President Dave Thomas on March 8th as follows:

Joseph Carroll President

Charles Kime 1st Vice President

Darla Carroll Secretary

Ray Millican Treasurer

Conny Bossard Chaplain

William Williams Registrar

Bill Pfeil Color Guard Commander

Robin McDaniel Sergeant at Arms

Two new members and one awaiting approval

Three JROTC programs at Columbia, Suwannee and Union Counties

Two Elementary School with 18 entries in the Essay contest

The Villages Chapter

No report submitted

Lake-Sumter Chapter

Reports are featured in other parts of the proceedings.

Northeastern Regional Vice President

James Y. Gaskins jgaskins0152@comcast.net

NE Regional Meeting hosted by the St Augustine Chapter February 2021

Noters and minutes of the FLSSAR NE Regional meeting held in St Augustine, FL on Saturday , February 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9 AM and adjourned at 11:55 AM.

!4 compatriots were present

Items discussed included:

“the Florida Patriot “Winter edition:

A The Ladies Auxiliary FLSSAR custom woven throw blanket (2023 Congress Fund raiser)

B, The 2023 FLSSAR Medal. The Last Naval Battle (March 13,2021 a 10:00) at Merritt Island, FL

C the Highlands Chapter Liberty Tree dedication (April 18, 2021@ 2 PM)

D The FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting (April 30 -May 2, 2021)

E The 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek (Saturday March27,2021 @ !0:00 AM Jacksonville)

FLSSAR NE Regional Vice President Jim Gaskins called the meeting to order and following opening protocol introduced FLSSAR President David Bussone.

FLSSAR President David Bussone provided updates and insights on several topics. He described the overall declining membership following the 2020 pandemic and statewide mandated lockdowns. As society seeks to return to normal, healthy re-opening, we should prepare to reach out to potential new members and be ready to encourage growth within the Society

He praised the progress Daytona-Ormond chapter has made under the leadership of newly appointed president Bill Elder. He noted that Compatriot (now FLSSAR Secretary) Scott Breckenridge has personally weighed in over the last few years to maintain administration stability within the chapter when needed. President Bussone described the positive response he got from various Chapter Registrars when asked to pitch hit for Daytona.

President Bussone discussed a proposed bill that is being discussed in Congress (HR 127) which addresses antique firearms and would impose undue and un-Constitutional restrictions on the Right to Bear Arms. The matter has been referred to the NSSAR chancellor General for action.

President Bussone commented on the upcoming Congress that is scheduled to be held in Orlando, FL in July 2023. FLSSAR has assumed the duties of coordinating the Congress. Sitting Senior VP Bernard Wolff is the Officer in Charge of that project and will provide guidance on preparations and needs of the FLSSAR to support the Congress.

St Augustine President Chuck Nuckolls Jr. KUDOS for a super job of deciding for the meeting and preparations for us to meet in the courtyard of Yimenez-Fatio House Museum, He noted a decrease in membership during 2020, but demonstrated a positive point of view on the coming months and years. The current members of the St Augustine Chapter are enthusiastic and ready to re-enter the public sector as safety permits. Chuck noted that the FLSSAR requirement that each chapter donate \$1.00 per member for the 2023Congress need to be administrated better so that all Chapters contribute and that the funds are accountable and applied as needed to support the Congress. He encouraged everyone who has not received the Covid Vaccine to seek it out and get the shots.

Flagler Chapter President Charlie Hayes also described a small decrease in membership following the 2020 mandated lockdowns. The Chapter is also looking forward to the re-opening of society so that we can jump start our community involvement.

Jacksonville Chapter President Chuck Farmer along with Jacksonville Registrar Gray Chandler echoed the refrain of reduced membership following the lockdowns. Chuck gave a good description of the use of the Chapter Traveling Trunk and how it holds the attention of the young and old alike. Jacksonville will observe their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday Feb 21 at the Mandarin Community Center on Mandarin Road, Jacksonville at 3 PM. Chuck discussed upcoming Color Guard events and briefly described the requirements for both the Silver and Bronze Color Guard Medals. Gray Chandler reviewed frustrations in dealing with the somewhat unyielding Genealogists who work at NSSAR regarding ever changing approval guidelines and administrative issues, i.e. requirements for SAR only watermark paper to submit applications in an electronic age. Notes from his comments were distributed to all attendees. Gray lauded the labors and loyalty of FLSSAR Registrar Ray Lantz for his many years of service to the FLSSAR.

FLSSAR Past-President David Ramseur provided information on the upcoming Color Guard events at the Last Naval Battle and the Battle of Thomas Creek. See attached flyers for details.

President Bussone presented Jim Gaskins with a reproduction 1777 Charleville musket, having held the winning ticket from the 2023 Congress fund-raising lottery.

Jacksonville Chapter sponsored the annual commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek. The 2021 ceremony commemorated the 244th Anniversary of the battle. Past President David Ramseur continues to provide guidance and leadership in the success of the ceremony.

Jacksonville Chapter Activities - Oct 2020 through March 2021

The last quarter if 2020 was rather sparse, as far as chapter activities went. The bulk of activity was preparation for Wreaths Across America, with severe restrictions under threat of the Wuhan virus. We did engage in a few events of interest, as well as conducted our in-person executive committee and chapter meetings to include:

October 2nd & 3rd - Florida Society Board of Management.

October 15th - Chapter Meeting at Ramada Inn.

November 11th- Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville , with Princess Amalee CAR chapter members.

November 19th - Chapter meeting, with Public Service awards to Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Service recipients.

December 7th - American Legion flag retirement, Jacksonville.

December 19th - Wreaths Across America, Jacksonville National Cemetery. Participants numbers restricted by cemetery. Sounded "Taps".

The first quarter has been one of greater activity as restrictions continue to be lifted. The remainder of the late winter and onset of spring should give us increased Chapter and color guard involvement, with more clement weather. Among our 2021 activities have been:

January 9th - Callahan Living History event - Color guard visit in era garb.

January 16th - Wreaths Across America wreath retrieval, Jacksonville National Cemetery (non- color guard activity)

January 22nd - Eagle Court of Honor for Nate Hebert, Troop 549, Crandall Camp , Yulee.

January 26th - Ridgeview High School NJROTC Pass-in- Review, Orange Park

February 11th- Flag demonstration and Travelling Trunk presentation. Lindisfarne Hall school, Fernandina Beach.

February 20th - Nortn-east Region, SAR meeting, St. Augustine (non-color guard event)

February 20th - Florida CAR Conference, St. Augustine Beach. Presented colors in conjunction with St. Augustine chapter and FLSSAR officers, Jacksonville,

February 21st - Flag retirement and chapter meeting, with support of Boy Scouts, Vaughn-Latham and Princess Amalie chapters plus several Jacksonville, Nassau and Clay county DAR participation.

March 13th - Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, Merritt Island, FL

March 25th - Andrew Jackson High School JROTC awards event

March 26th - Robert E. Lee High School JROTC awards event.

March 27th- Battle of Thomas Creek commemoration, Arnold Road. First run as a Nattonal Color Guard event. Over 100 participants, local, Florida, surrounding states and National Color Guard representation. DAR, CAR and Scouts involved. One word - **WOW!**

April 1st - Middleburg High School NJROTC awards event

Daytona-Ormond Chapter SAR, H. William Elder, President

Chapter Officers:

President:	H. William Elder
Secretary/Treasurer:	M. Scott Breckenridge
Chaplain:	Rick E. Morrow
Director-at-Large:	Lance P. Langlotz
Board Member/ Past Pres:	Newton White

Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 37. The annual report and dues payment was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

Meetings:

Monthly chapter meetings had begun again in early 2020, but were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Monthly Zoom meetings began in Dec 2020 and have been occurring regularly on the 1st Saturday of the month ever since.

ROTC and JROTC

Presented Bronze ROTC Medals to 4 cadets at Volusia county high schools. All presentation ceremonies were cancelled due to COVID-19, so the medals were mailed to the schools.

Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony

Participated in the Liberty Tree Planting ceremony at the Environmental Discovery Center in Ormond Beach with the Captain James Ormond NSDAR.

Color Guard

Participated with the NSSAR Color Guard at the NSDAR Conference at the Renaissance Hotel at Sea World and at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Merritt Island for the Last Naval Battle ceremony.

ACTIVITY REPORT – 1 October 2019 TO 30 April 2020

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 Battle Field. 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 Battle Field Jacksonville. Three Compatriots.

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

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.

Saint Augustine Chapter Quarterly Report Year 2021

Three monthly period January through March 2021

Due to Covid-19, did not meet in Jan and Feb. March 9th meeting was attended by 11 members and five guests.

A total of three members of the chapter attended the Florida Society CAR Annual Meeting held in St Augustine Beach. Compatriot Charles Nuckolls participated in the color guard for this event.

Compatriots Jerry Hanchett and Dennis Jane attended the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution held March 13, 2021 at Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island.

A total of seven members attended the Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony held March 27th, at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve, which is north of the Jacksonville Airport. This battle took place on May 17, 1777, and was the southernmost battle fought in the Revolutionary War. Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith was the featured speaker. Compatriot Charles Nuckolls participated in the color guard and placed wreath for the chapter.

The chapter presented a Police Commendation Medal to a Patrol Officer from St Augustine Beach. Also, JROTC medals were presented to three high school cadets at three different high schools.

Membership has increased from 36 to 47 members during the past 12 months.

John Tinny, former Chapter President and former State President (2000-2001) passed away.

New members this quarter are Robert Warren Pohle, Jr. and Joshua Barry Welcher.

The chapter celebrated its forty-year anniversary on Feb 7th.

East Central Regional vice President

Hall Riediger

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Brevard Chapter

submitted by James Gearey Ward, President

January

- Brevard Chapter has 109 annual members in good standing
- An in-person membership meeting was held 1/16/21 at the Tides Club, Patrick Space Force Base. This was the first return of Brevard Chapter to its pre-pandemic venue.
- Assistant Registrar Ashdown is advancing four applications
- A motion passed for Brevard Chapter to donate \$100 to the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution (FSCAR)
- Compatriot Donn Weaver described the Missing in America Project (MIAP): remains of approximately 200,000 veterans in America not claimed by family. The goal is appropriate burial.
- Attendees were polled as to whether to conduct an in-person February meeting, to conduct an in-person George Washington Birthday observance, and whether to invite the Daughters of the Revolution, which would require a larger venue to better meet covid-19 mitigation protocols
- President Ward thanked 2016 President and Recording Secretary Bob Humker
- Webmaster Robbie Carlisle invited compatriots to review Brevard Chapter website information
- 2018-2020 President and Registrar Bonnett, and Assistant Registrars Brian Jensen and Sam Ashdown, with other chapters, assists the Daytona-Ormond Beach Chapter in recruiting activities
- Revision of governing documents continued
- The Stark Report was submitted to FLSAR and NSSAR
- January service and contributions to veterans will be reported by 2/1/22

February

- FLSAR President Bussone and Acting East Central Regional Vice President Riediger were consulted prior to an Executive Committee in-person meeting 2/12/21 for a final Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War decision
- An in-person membership meeting was held 2/20/21 in the Tides Club ballroom, Patrick Space Force Base.
- 23 Compatriots attended, plus 4 WOSAR, plus 8 Daughters of the American Revolution
- Terry Terhune was inducted as a new member. He gave a short historical sketch and displayed an 1899 photograph of Anna Cavada Humphrey of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Prayers were asked for Compatriots Bonnett, Herman, and Jones as they face health issues.
- Compatriot Robert Brinckerhoff transferred to Brevard Chapter
- President Ward announced the Executive Committee decision to host an in-person Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War observance in lieu of a March membership meeting
- President Ward thanked Compatriots Doug Bisset and Veterans Committee Chairman Norm Desmaris for compiling the Stark Report
- President Ward thanked 1st Vice President and Host Committee Chairman Joel Etherton for meeting arrangements
- President Ward thanked Compatriot Carl Miller, Speaker Coordinator

- Compatriot Nic Mihora announced the Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall would be in Melbourne in 4/15-18/21
- Articles for the “Brevard Beacon” newsletter were solicited
- Secretary Jensen is representing Brevard Chapter at the Children of the American Revolution convention in Saint Augustine
- George Washington’s Birthday was observed. Compatriot Doug Bisset was the speaker, showing a video created for Brevard Public Schools. A fundraiser was conducted for the Daughters of the Revolution
- February service and contributions to veterans will be reported by 2/1/22

March

- An in-person final Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War planning meeting was held
- 109 persons representing 38 organizations attended the 2021 Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War observance, well supported by Vice President General-Central District William Edward Sharp, 2014-2015 President General Lindsey Cook Brock, FLSSAR President David Bussone, Senior Vice President Bernard Wolff, Treasurer and Color Guard Commander Richard Young, Executive Administrator and Regional Vice President-East Central Hall Riediger, Regional Vice President-Southwest Robert McGuire, and Recording Secretary and Color Guard Vice Commander Steve Fields. the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp#15, Jacksonville SAR, Flagler Chapter, Georgia Marshes of Glynn, Chapter, St. Lucie Chapter, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Regents Councils Presidents Lona Burnett and Deb Plaag, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary National Society Billie Brock and Florida Society Anne McGuire, Lawrence Kearney Chapter, Hickory Bluff Chapter, Abigail Wright Chamberlin Chapter, Jacksonville Chapter, Tampa Chapter, Withlacoochee Chapter, Cape Canaveral Chapter, Philip Perry Chapter, and Rufus Fairbanks Chapter, and Children of the American Revolution Luke Winbun of Iowa, and Marine Corps League Detachment 513, Courageous Division of the Sea Cadets, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Compatriot Donn Weaver and the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island provided the venue. Compatriot Doug Bissett served as cannoneer, opening, and closing the ceremony with a bang. Compatriot Sam Ashdown registered participants and distributed streamers. Compatriots Brian Jensen and Nic Mihora augmented the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. Past Treasurer Carroll Lord continues to assist regarding accounts receivable and accounts payable. LNB initial complimentary feedback was appreciated, and further feedback is invited to make the 2022 observance even better.
- Quarterly Veterans Administration Voluntary Service, Lake Nona virtual meeting
- March service and contributions to veterans will be reported by 2/1/22

April

- Brevard Chapter has 112 members in good standing
- 2ndVP Jerry Scarpate obtained ROTC/JROTC certificates, obtained President Ward’s signatures, and delivered them with medals to fifteen colleges and high schools
- An in-person meeting was held April 17, 2021 at the Tides Club, Patrick Space Force Base
- 22 members, 3 WOSAR, and 4 guests attended
- Christopher Alan Ratzel was inducted
- Carl Council Clemmons was reinstated
- Prayers were asked for Compatriots Bonnett, Buchanan, and Conklin as they face health issues
- The Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War Observance was reported; a program was distributed
- The upcoming FLSSAR Board of Managers meeting was announced. 2018-2020 President Bonnett and President Ward are delegates, and two more are authorized based on 112 Brevard Chapter members. Brian Jensen was elected as a delegate
- Elections will be conducted at the May meeting
- A motion to have a June meeting passed, given the Daughters of the American Revolution cancelled their flag day observance. DAR members are welcome to attend.
- 2nd Vice President and ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman Jerry Scarpate reported the status of that program
- Colonel, USA (retired), and State Department (Retired) Dan Layton surveyed an inspiring set of careers including several global hot spots of the time
- A Patriot Day observance was held
- Compatriot Nic Mihora represented Brevard Chapter at the Liberty Tree dedication, Highland County
- Compatriots Tim Hicks, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora and Donn Weaver represented the Brevard Chapter at the 31st Annual Veterans Reunion opening ceremony in Melbourne. 112 wreaths were laid. 54,000 people attended during the week’s activities.
- BOM reports were submitted
- April service and contributions to veterans will be reported by 2/1/22

JROTC Status Brevard Chapter Approximately 15 schools are having Awards Ceremonies within the county that have accepted ROTC medals and Awards. Currently the ceremonies will be private (Covid-19), we are in communication with the schools that we can personally present the Medals and Awards if the ceremonies become public.

Central Florida Chapter

Central Florida Chapter

The chapter continues to meet monthly with the exception of the summer months of June, July and August. In September, we strengthened our ties with the local DAR with several of our officers and members attending their Constitution Day Luncheon. We have celebrated our annual Patriot's Day Lunch in April and our Awards Day in May. During the course of 2019, we have had excellent speakers and programs, including: Dr. Patrick Blythe, "The Role of Technology in Shaping Our Experiences with Information," (January); Compatriot Donald Green as Benjamin Franklin (February); Rick Haven "History of the Various Continental Army Regiments and Their Uniforms" (March); Bob Samson "East Florida Rangers" (April); Elouis Carter "Wreathes Across America" (May).

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

Membership:

We have received the following new members since January 1, 2021:

Lawrence Walters, Ashley Rosser, and Scott Ewalt.

Oklechobee Chapter

St. Lucie River Chapter

report submitted H Hall Riediger, President

It has been a very sobering year for the St. Lucie River chapter, 1st VP Bill Cassada resigned in November because of major family problem in Connecticut, the in January President Robert Beasley resigned to take the job of major care provider for his wife who very ill, then February John Auld Secretary resigned because of a failing memory leaving the 2nd VP /Registrar and the Treasurer. Add in covid, an erratic meeting schedule and we have suffered from exceptionally low meeting attendance..

Hopefully this last month we have begun to stabilize with the establishing of a fixed meeting date, and a fixed Meeting Place, Mission BBQ. This is a small venue but then we don't have huge turnout, the food is good, inexpensive and it is a very patriotic establishment catering to former military and first responders, at plays the star Spangled Banner as 12 noon sharp every day.

We have managed to attend the LNB Celebration, we have also continued the JROTC Program, and the Florida Good Citizenship program. We are going to have to rebuild the color guard, veterans programs, youth programs, civic outreach programs and still need members to step up to be officers, but we have made a good inroad, with Hall Riediger stepping up to be President, Steve Trinkle to 1st Vice President and Bill Sander staying at 2nd VP / Registrar. It will require some outreach to members but St Lucie has been here before and worked our way out and we will do it again.

West Central Regional Vice President

A Parks Honeywell parkshoneywell@gmail.com

1. All chapter meetings have been attended which were scheduled during this period. Three meetings were attended at Clearwater and Saint Petersburg. Two were attended at South Shore in person and another one will be this month by Zoom. One will be attended by Zoom in Tampa later this month. I attended a meeting in person at Lakeland. Major John DeVane 's will be attended in person immediately following this BOM
2. small I would say, and I am not aware that they are doing any recruiting.
3. West Coast Region (I just recently found out) is host for the BOM. I will be there throughout the meeting and will do my Major John DeVane (In Plant City) has not yet met during my term of office, but they have tentatively scheduled an in-person meeting t5o enable me to pass on any news from the BOM. Meanwhile I have spoken by phone and email with the two top officers. The chapter is dangerously Two chapters give me the most concern, St Petersburg because of the loss of Bob Brotherton. The good news is there is that they now have a strong leader in B.G. Brett McCullen, USAF (Ret). Clearwater member Harry Fuller has taken a VP role there, and Clearwater Assistant Genealogist Walter Arnold has agreed to be a registrar understudy to Registrar Will Smith. Conveniently, Compatriot Arnold's home is in St. Petersburg.
4. absolute best with the few WCR folks in attendance. I could use some guidance there.

Southeast Regional Vice President

William Lee Popham Sr lee.popham@hotmail.com.

During the seven months ended 30 April 2021, Regional Vice President Popham attended:

- **Five Miami Chapter SAR In-Person & Seven Simulcast monthly meetings;**
- **Two Fort Lauderdale Chapter Virtual meetings;**
- **Two Palm Beach Chapter Virtual meetings;**
- **The SouthEast Florida Regional Virtual meeting, where the Patriot Research System (PRS) was demonstrated, and the Compatriot Grave Marking Program was discussed;**
- **The SAR Miami Chapter Annual Presidents Day Luncheon and Installation of 2021 officers;**
- **I attended the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution State Conference in St. Augustine Fla as Senior President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. in Miami.**
- **The Spring 2021 Virtual SAR Leadership Conference, where I now serve on six National Committees: Strategic Planning (Chairman); Budget (Chairman); Finance (Vice Chairman); National Dues Billing Task Force (Chairman); Eagle Scout; America's 250th Anniversary; Newsletters & Publications; SAR Document Digitization Task Force;**
- **Participation in the Florida SAR Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard;**

**PALM BEACH CHAPTER SAR – Submitted by
Palm Beach Chapter SAR Quarter 1 Report**

**Donald K. Lanman
January-March-2021**

Chapter 2021 Vision:

Despite the ongoing impact of the *Covid-19 Pandemic*, the Chapter vision and goals for 2021 include its focus on *membership development/mentoring, Youth/Scholarship programs, Veterans' services, Police/First Responder recognition* and supporting the 2023 National Congress initiative.

Chapter Activities & Events:

Chapter meetings and activities continue to be restricted due to *Covid-19* restrictions, Chapter meetings will be conducted virtually until the October 19 meeting.

NSSAR Deputy Inspector General Ray Wess installed the 2021 Chapter Officers; President, Donald Lanman, Vice President, David Wratlaw, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, John Workman, Chaplain Ben Tidwell, Historian Sonny Barber, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officers @ Large, Bill Richards and TK Krumenaker.

The Chapter added 6 new Compatriots in Q1 bringing the total membership to 168, plus 10 member applications in process. A special Memorial Service honored long time Compatriot and former *Chapter President* Elwyn L. Moore who passed at age 90.

The Chapter conducted a special “*Toast to Washington*” Ceremony in honor of Washington’s 289th Birthday conducted by *NSSAR Deputy Inspector General Ray Wess*. Several Compatriots were honored for their 2020 service including: Distinguished Service Medal for former Registrar, Peter Miller, Distinguished Service Certificates for Bob Boggs, Ben Tidwell, Greg Parkinson and Buddy Miller.

Junior Compatriot Spencer Langenstein earned his *BSA Life Scout Award*, and as Chairman of the Chapter *SARUS Flag Certificate* program he intends to use the program as his Eagle Scout Project.

Despite the *Pandemic*, Chapter *Compatriots Lanman, Parkinson and Krumenacker* joined DAR Daughters and over 150 supporters in a special “*Drive By Tribute Parade*” honoring *WW 2 Navy Veteran & Pearl Harbor survivor, JR Somerville* on his 100th Birthday.

The Chapter continued its dedication to *Veterans Service* programs including providing Volunteers at the West Palm Beach VA, Fisher House, and enrolling an *Ambassador* supporter of the *Florida Governors “Forward March”* program of the *Florida Veterans Foundation* providing direct services to Florida’s 1.6 Million Veterans.

Compatriot/Author/Philanthropist & SAR Gold Citizenship Medal winner *Alex Dreyfoos* is providing his two award winning books, *Passion & Purpose & A Photographic Odyssey* to the Chapter as a fundraiser for its *Youth & Scholarship* programs. Both autographed books are available @ \$49.00 (retail \$90) with all proceeds going to the Chapter. Dozens of books have already purchased. (Inquiries dlanman258@aol.com)

Chapter *Compatriots* will be represented at several important patriotic events including: *Last Naval Battle, Thomas Creek Battle, Fall 4 Fallen Veterans Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremony, Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day to Remembrance Ceremony*, and the *SAR Board of Management* meeting in support of these great events.

FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER, SAR Submitted by: Tom Shepherd, President

Our last zoom meeting minutes below. Please read the minutes as I made a report on the donation of \$350 during that zoom meeting to the CAR who were in attendance, in addition a personal donation of \$50 from me. We have presented 23 Eagle Scout certificates, and so far to date I'm at 9 JROTC medals awarded, hopefully there will be more in the next 2 months.

Meeting Minutes

Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR

March 28, 2021; 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Members: Thomas Shepherd, President; Chuck Adams, Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Troy Gallant; Martin Hollick; David Lohmeyer; Jason Martin; Mark Parker; Michael Stevenson; Mark Snider; William Zimmer; and Prospective Members & Guests: Representatives of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), Swamp Fox Society: Kathy & Betty Schultz; Cathi & Victoria Servideo; Kacie & Kyle Peterson; and Colleen Langton, President.

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gavelled the meeting to order at about 1:33 p.m. **Introductions:** The members and participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd gave the Invocation. Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Thomas Shepherd asked for approval of the previous meetings minutes. **Motion:** made by Chuck Adams and seconded by Michael Hollick to approve the meeting minutes of 12/27/20. Unanimously approved.

Officer's and Committee Reports: Thomas Shepherd asked for reports from the other Chapter Officers.

· **Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams reported that the application for Dennis Grubbs, has been submitted and that he expects approval around July 2021. Additionally, he has worked with Troy Gallant to assist in his transfer to the Brevard Chapter, and with Mark Snider in establishing dual membership in order to join our chapter.

· **Treasurer/Historian and Program Committee Chairman:** Joe Motes reported that the chapter's bank account will have a balance of \$361.83 after a contribution of \$350.00 to the CAR clears. Since the last report he transferred \$400.00 to the Chapter's certificate of deposit. The Chapter is owed a \$600 reimbursement from FLSSAR. Over the last few months, he has mailed out over 20 Eagle Scout recognition certificates. Due to COVID protocol, he still is not doing any in person awards. Joe Motes then displayed the Fort Lauderdale SAR check payable to the CAR Swamp Fox Society and advised the representatives present that he would be mailing it to them shortly.

New Member Inductions: Thomas Shepherd said it is time to induct Peter Stevenson and, his son, Michael Stevenson. He conducted the SAR Induction Ceremony asking each inductee to state his name when affirming his faith in liberty and the Constitution, and then asking each for his affirmation of support for SAR. He went on to explain the background and significance of the Rosette pin. Peter Stevenson said he was happy to be inducted and recognized his patriot ancestor, Ezra Eames. Michael Stevenson said he was excited about becoming a member.

Old Business/New Business/Announcements: Tom Shepherd asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, he announced that we have a special presentation from members of the CAR.

CAR Presentation: Kathy Peterson introduced newly inducted President, Colleen Langton. Colleen Langton thanked the Chapter and Joe Motes for all its support. She went on to discuss recent activities and planned events for the Swamp Fox Society. She encouraged Chapter members to join their mailing list by sending an e-mail to Katyots@aol.com.

Closing Ceremonies: Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the SAR Recessional

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

SAR Miami Chapter:

2021 Spring BOM Report – April 15, 2021

The Miami Chapter has been able to have monthly luncheons at the American Legion Post 98 located at 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 with appropriate social distancing and wearing masks. The Chapter was having a bring your own lunch/drinks status until the February 2021 Annual meeting which returned to a catered lunch. The Miami Chapter generally conducts its Dutch Treat luncheon meetings on the third Saturday of the month (depending on conflicts with other regional, state and national events), with an approximate \$20.00 meal cost. The Miami Chapter has continued to use Go-To-Meetings, virtual video meetings, for all monthly luncheons and Board of Director meetings if members cannot attend in person. All members, guests, and interested prospects are welcome. The date each month is published in our monthly Newsletter by Editor Bernard Wolff.

Membership:

We opened the year with 98 members, all of whom had their dues paid as of 1 January. Since the beginning of the year, we have experienced:

3 new Compatriots;

2 Transfers In

(1) Transfer Out

1 Reinstatement

for a total of 103 to date.

We also have 7 new applications in the hopper, working their way through the review process.

We did not lose any Compatriots by death during the reporting period.

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

We conducted our Annual President's Day Luncheon on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the American Legion Post Building, 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables. David E. Bussone, President, Florida SAR was the guest speaker and installed the new officers. Cadet Edwin Mora presented his ROTC second place speech. This was a full catered meal, buffet, with each member self-serving with gloves. We plan to continue our Saturday monthly virtual meeting pending resolution of the current pandemic. We similarly plan to hold social receptions at least two times a year when resolution of the pandemic.

Installation of 2019 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 2019 year:

President - William R. Wicks, III
 First Vice President - Robert A. Sileo
 Second Vice President - William S. Replogle
 Secretary - William Lee Popham
 Recording Secretary - William R. Wicks, III
 Treasurer - Hon. Bernard Wolff, II
 Registrar - Robert A. Sileo
 Genealogist - Wm. Lee Popham
 Chaplain - Benjamin E. Groff, Jr.
 Historian - Thomas B. Jelke
 Immediate Past President – Bernard W. Wolff
 Commander, Thomas Payne Company - David B. Mitchell, Esq.

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

Medal / Certificate	Name of Recipient
Bronze Good Citizen Medal	William R. Wicks, III
Martha Washington Medal – Oak Leaf	Kerry Wicks
Martha Washington Medal – Oak Leaf	Delores Wolff
SAR-DAR Medal of Appreciation –	Stephanie Dana Outlaw Pezoldt
SAR-DAR Medal of Appreciation – 1 st Oak Leaf	Karen Kovarik
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation	James E. Popham
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation	Fran Whiteman
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation	George E Cadman III
Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service	Bernard W. Wolff
Chapter Meritorious Service Medal	William R. Wicks, III
War Service Medal – Global War on Terrorism	William Hogan
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	Benjamin E. Groff
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 1 st Oak Leaf	Thomas Jelke
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 2nd Oak Leaf	Bernard W. Wolff
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 2nd Oak Leaf	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
State Distinguished Service Award Certificate	James E. Popham
Bronze Color Guard Medal	William R. Wicks, III

Compatriots Bussone was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in our ceremonies and fellowship. Tequesta Society C.A.R. and Cub Scout Pack 280 Representative Donna Jimenez each received Flag Retirement Certificates. At the FLSSAR 2020 Fall BOM and Annual Meeting, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by Chapter Secretary (and past State President) Wm Lee Popham Sr, and his Lady Laura Zavalia; and by Treasurer (and FLSSAR Sr. VP) Bernard W Wolff accompanied by his Lady Delores, as well as Miami Chapter President William Wicks and Kerry Wicks. The 2020 SAR Richmond Congress was cancelled, but Virtual Committee Meetings were attended by Compatriots Popham and Wolff. The Virtual Trustees’ Meeting was also attended by Compatriot Popham. Compatriot Wolff and Compatriot Popham attended.

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 2020-2021. 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 2020. Five of those new C.A.R. members have also become Junior Members in the Miami Chapter SAR.

Junior SAR Member James E. Popham serves as Tequesta Society President, and Junior SAR Member John L. Popham serves as Tequesta Society Registrar.

DAR Activities and Support:

Several officers and members of the SAR Miami Chapter have been supporting the local DAR Societies. Compatriots Popham, Sr., was the featured Speaker at the January 2020 meeting and luncheon of the Coral Gables DAR Society.

Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary:

The Miami Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary is alive and well again, thanks primarily to the efforts of former First Ladies Delores Wolff (2017-2018 President Bernard) and Kerry Wicks (2019-2021 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).

Youth Activities Reports:

JROTC Medals: A total of 30 Medals have been distributed, by mail, by the SAR Miami Chapter, for recognitions throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties during the month of March. Due to the China Virus, the school awards assemblies have been closed sessions, and all certificates were signed and mailed to all the schools by Committee Chairman Will Replogle. .

Southwest Regional Vice President

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Caloosa Chapter Spring 2021 Report

President Hampton E. Allen heallen45@gmail.com

Jan. The Caloosa Chapter began 2021 with its first Chapter meeting on January 13 with the installation of the new 2021 Chapter Officers by SW Regional VP Robert McGuire. During this meeting the Chapter members were shown the Youth Awards entries for both the Poster and Brochure contest. The Youth Awards winners will be honored at our chapter meeting in April. The Chapter also awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Deputy Chief Robert Rewis. Chief Rewis is employed at the Fort Myers Shores Fire Dept. Chaplain Dwight Elam conducted a Memorial Service for those members of the Caloosa Chapter who passed away in the year 2020. Out going Chapter President Jim Stone was presented with the Chapter Meritorious Medal and his Past President's Pin.

Feb. On Saturday, Feb 13, several members of the Caloosa Chapter Color Guard travel to Sarasota, FL to pay tribute to Compatriot Doug Erb during his Celebration of his Life Ceremony. On Saturday, numerous members of the Caloosa Chapter and the Caloosa Color Guard attended the SW RVP's Regional Meeting which was hosted by the Naples Chapter at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, FL. A tour of the Collier Museum was conducted for the wives. The Feb. meeting of the Caloosa Chapter was held on Monday, Feb 22 to celebrate President George Washington's Birthday. John Stewart was the special guest speaker for the meeting and gave an excellent program on Jefferson's Perceptions of General Washington.

Mar. Several members of the Caloosa Chapter traveled to Orlando to attend the annual FL DAR Conference and staff the SAR Information Table during the conference. Members of the Caloosa Color Guard joined with the Florida Sons of Liberty to present and post the colors during the DAR Friday night banquet with the NSDAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren attendance. The March meeting of the Chapter was held on Wed, March 10 with Chapter President Allen presenting a program called "They Made A Difference" about some of the unsung patriots of the American Revolution. On Saturday, Mar 13, members of the Caloosa Color Guard joined with the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty once again to celebrate the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution at Merritt Island, FL. This was followed on Mar 27 with members of our Color Guard again joining a combined Color Guard consisting of many members of the FLSSAR but also the Georgia SAR with the NSSAR National Color Guard Commander to celebrate the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, FL.

Apr. On April 3, members of the Color Guard from the Caloosa Chapter joined with members of the Saramana, Charlotte, and Naples accompanied by representatives from 3 DAR Chapter joined together to form a Color Guard for the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration at the ECO Park in Cape Coral Florida. The April meeting of the Caloosa Chapter will be held on Saturday, April 10 in Ft Myers where we will honor our 2021 Youth Awards Program winners. We will also be inducting one new SAR members and awarding several Chapter Medals to include the DAR Medal of Appreciation and the Bronze Color Guard Medal. On Sunday, April 18, we will again join the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty to celebrate a Liberty Tree Dedication in Highlands County, FL. This will be followed by the FLSSAR BOM starting on 30 April -2 May.

Charlotte Chapter Spring 2021 Report

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The Charlotte Chapter entered the fall 2020 season as a chapter in deep trouble. As was the case with many chapters, regular meetings had been suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions and in fact its past meeting venue which was a Retirement Center was completely locked down to outsiders. The chapter had not had a meeting since February 2020 and its president was residing in Massachusetts. The time for elections in December came and went with no activity. After contacting members and consulting with FLSSAR President Bussone, RVP McGuire reorganized the chapter and a special election was held in January which elected a new slate of officers. President Bussone appointed McGuire to the position of Chapter President.

Chapter membership reached a low point of 17, before rebuilding to the present 22. Hybrid in-person and ZOOM meetings were held each month at a local restaurant called Luigi's which provides a private meeting room for the chapter's use. There have been program speakers at each meeting and attendance continues to increase. A Board of Directors was established to conduct administrative business outside of the membership meetings, generally the week prior.

The Chapter newsletter, *The Charlotte Chronical*, has been reestablished with the Editor publishing monthly issues. A Chapter website has been established with the help of State Webmaster Scott Bushnell and a Chapter Facebook page will be added shortly. The newest Color Guard unit in the state, The *USS Alliance Camp #18* has been organized and approved, and has participated in both the Last Naval Battle and the Thomas Creek celebrations this spring. Prospects for the continued survival of the Charlotte Chapter, now in its 45th year, have greatly improved.

Highlands Chapter Spring 2021 Report

Not yet submitted

Naples Chapter Spring 2021 Report

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On **October 8, 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. It was the reopening of the Naples Chapter activities since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. Tiburon Golf Club provided the necessary social distancing spacing and required the use of masks to enter. Collier County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, Crystal Kinzel spoke on the duties of her elected position using her website. The Election of new officers (delayed from March 2020) was held including the use of email absentee ballots to insure a quorum. SWFL RVP LTC Robert McGuire attended and installed new officers. There were 30 attendees.

On **November 12, 2020**, the Naples Chapter met at Tiburon Golf Club, Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with President Leonard Crame presiding. Compatriot Acey Edgemon moderated the Public Service Awards Program with 16 awards presented to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire and Highway Patrol including 10 heroism awards. One additional heroism award was presented to the CCSO at a later date. Veterans were also acknowledged and FL Battalion Veterans certificates were presented. It was announced that CSM W. Douglas Gibbons was the new Chapter Veterans Chairman and Director-at-Large replacing Registrar J. Edward Lary. The meeting had extensive coverage by the Naples Daily News and articles were posted on FLSSAR Facebook and in the Florida Patriot and SAR Magazines. There were 72 attendees.

On **December 4, 2020**, the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR and Naples Chapter SAR met at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The joint meeting began promptly at 5 pm with Regent Judy Goby-Oxtoby and President Leonard Crame presiding. Additional FL Battalion Veterans certificates and two 5-yr. service awards were presented. Speaker John Stewart presented his impersonation of Thomas Jefferson. There were 51 attendees.

On **January 14, 2021**, 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. FL Battalion Veterans certificates were presented. SWFL RVP LTC Robert McGuire spoke on the Collier-Lee Honor Flight 19 when he was the guardian of Major General James Dozier. Attendance at the meeting was 21, reduced by COVID-19.

On **February 11, 2021**, 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. The Chief Medical Officer at NCH Hospital systems and two additional doctors presented an update on the status of COVID-19 in Collier County. The JROTC Program was conducted without cadets and

their military instructors present due to COVID-19. Veterans Chairman CSM W. Douglas Gibbens gave a presentation on JROTC in general and Past President Michael Garey announced the top cadets (using photos) from the seven Collier County High Schools receiving Bronze JROTC medals and certificates. Cadet Connor Bricco of Naples High School was the Enhanced JROTC Chapter Winner and awarded the JROTC neck medallion and \$200. Cadet Connor Bricco was later announced the 1st Place State Winner (including \$1,000). All Chapter awards were delivered to high school senior military instructors. There were 22 attendees at the meeting instead of 60-80 during normal times.

On **February 20, 2021**, the Naples Chapter hosted the SWFL RVP meeting at Tiburon Golf Club, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. The meeting began promptly at noon with RVP LTC Robert McGuire presiding. COL Patrick Niemann attended representing the FLSSAR Board. There were 19 attendees including 6 NSDAR spouses who were given the opportunity to tour the Collier County Museum during the business meeting. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

On **March 11, 2021**, 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. SWFL RVP LTC Robert McGuire attended with FLSSAR President David Bussone. Compatriot James Stuckey, Sr. (also representing his son) was inducted. Flag Awards were presented by Flag Chairman Treasurer A. James Meerpohl and President Leonard Crame to the Collier County Public Schools, represented by Supt. Dr. Kamela Patton, and the Naples Italian American Club, represented by President George Giunta. The election of new officers (2021-2022) was held including the use of email absentee ballots to insure a quorum. FLSSAR President David Bussone installed the elected officers, including President Leonard Crame who began a third consecutive term. There were 22 attendees.

On **March 25, 2021** Chancellor Dr. Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. (1937-2021) passed away peacefully at the Ambassador of Scarsdale in White Plains, New York near his family. Having served as SAR Naples Chapter President, Florida Society State President and South Atlantic Region VPG, he will be sorely missed by all of his compatriots and friends.

On **April 3, 2021** President Leonard Crame participated in the Florida Sons of Liberty color guard State event at the NSDAR celebration of Vietnam Veterans at Eco Park in Cape Coral, FL.

On **April 8, 2021**, 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. Compatriot Joseph Ulrich was inducted. Flag Awards were presented by Flag Chairman Treasurer A. James Meerpohl and President Leonard Crame to the Collier County Public Library, represented by Director Tanya Williams, and the Community School of Naples, represented by Athletic Director COL Bart Weiss. Compatriot Timothy West presented "Washington's Crossing, The Rest of the Story." There were 25 attendees, including 6 NSDAR ladies.

On **April 18, 2021** President Leonard Crame and Treasurer A. James Meerpohl participated in the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade color guard at the Liberty Tree Dedication (National event) at the historic Edna Pearce Lockett Estate in Highlands County, FL on the banks of the Kissimmee River.

Saramana Chapter Report Spring 2021 Report

Tim Milligan, President timmilligan@verizon.net

Since the Fall BOM report our chapter has faced the same obstacles as all other chapters facing the Covid pandemic. We have met a few times in person and have been broadcasting our meetings via Zoom. Our December meeting was in person and our new officers were installed by President David Bussone. Our current officer list is:

President	Timothy Paul "Tim" Milligan
Vice President	William E "Bill" Battles III
Secretary	Howard William "Randy" Randolph Jr
Treasurer	John Harrigan Boll
Registrar	Christopher Ned "Chris" Romine
Genealogist	OPEN
Sergeant-at-Arms	Waldemar Melvin "Walt" Goulet, Sr
Chaplain	Bernard C. Schiefer, Jr.

Governor (2021)	Jeffrey Allen “Jeff” Robbins
Governor (2021)	S. Preston Adams III
Governor (2021)	John Leland Fitzpatrick
Governor (2022)	Dr. David Carter Purviance
Governor (2022)	Waldemar Melvin “Wally” Goulet, Jr
Governor (2022)	John Henry Heyer
Trustee (2022)	Richard K. “Dick” Mahaffey
Trustee (2022)	Dr. David C. Purviance
Trustee (2023)	John Harigan Boll
Trustee (2021)	Bernard C. Schiefer, Jr.

Soon after the start of 2021 we lost Past President Charles Riegle and Immediate Past President Douglas Everett Erb. This was a very somber start to the New Year. We have been meeting in person and by Zoom since February. In March and April we celebrated our First Responders and Law Enforcement. Four certificates and medals were awarded for fire and rescue. In April we will award eleven certificates to different police officers in three categories: Commendation, Life Savings, and Heroism.

We continue to reward our youth for their outstanding contributions. We participate in the Knight Essay, ROTC awards and Rumbaugh to name a few. Our local C.A.R. chapter is in a situation that may lead to their disbandment. Our chapter is putting forth a strong effort into keeping them active.

Our membership is also doing well. We have ten new members since last October and eleven in the pipe-line.

Our Upcoming events are:

Apr 18: Liberty Tree Dedication, 2p. Edna Pearce Lockett Estate, Highlands County, FL (CG-S)

Apr 30 – May 1: FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers Meeting and Annual Meeting (CG-N)

May 6: Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola; Pensacola, FL (CG-N) VIRTUAL EVENT

May 12: Board of Governor’s Meeting, Gillespie Hall, Church of the Redeemer. Noon to 3pm

May 15: Saramana Luncheon – Guest Speaker; Sara Bay CC, Sarasota, FL (CG)

May 31: Annual Sarasota Memorial Day Parade; combined SAR, DAR, and CAR event; assemble 10am with 11am start (CG-N)

Jun 12: Manasota Regent’s Council DAR Flag Day Luncheon {CG}

Jul 10-15: NSSAR 131st Annual Congress; Renton Washington (CG-N)

SEP ?: Manasota Regent’s Council DAR Constitution Week Luncheon (CG)

Sep 23-25: NSSAR Fall Leadership; Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY (CG – N)

Oct 1-2: FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting; Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL (CG-S)

Oct 6-7: South Atlantic District Meeting; Spartanburg, SC; recommended for current state

Secretary

M. Scott Breckenridge sbreck61@gmail.com

Completing my first year as the Florida Society Secretary has been both challenging and rewarding. I'd like to thank President David Bussone, and all society and chapter officers for their patience as I've learned the ropes.

The 2020 Annual Report/Reconciliation with NSSAR was completed on 1/29/2021, and all dues were paid. We ended 2020 with 2,433 members (less Dual, Youth, and Memorial). There were 345 members who did not renew their membership, and we started the year with 2,088 members. With reinstatements and new members, the current FLSSAR membership total (as of 4/1/2021) is 2,235, including Dual and Youth members. Membership total with National (they do not count Dual, Youth, or Memorial) is 2,195.

I would ask chapters to be attentive to the following changes and notify me in a timely manner so that I can keep the FLSSAR records and website updated.

1. Changes to member demographics (i.e. address, phone, email, etc.). In addition to FL records, I also update the National records. Keeping this information updated ensures that our members continue to receive communications from NSSAR and FLSSAR.
2. Changes in chapter leadership (i.e. chapter officers) and their terms of office. Keeping this information updated is very helpful to all state officers, and can prevent delays in communications.

Lastly, regarding Youth members:

The Youth Registrant program existed from 2001 until it was terminated in 2011. Under the program a person under age 18 could file an application which, if approved, would allow that person to convert upon request to standard membership without any further documentation. When the program was terminated, all existing Youth Registrants could either convert to Junior Membership or, after they reached their 18th birthday and before age 29, could still apply for Regular Membership.

I would encourage those chapters with Youth members to contact their sponsor and see if they would like to convert the Youth member to Junior (if under 18) or Regular status. There is no fee; just payment of the annual NSSAR and FLSSAR dues, and no application is needed. If, however, they turn 29, they get dropped, and application for Regular status would require the standard application process.

Treasurer

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See appendix for Treasurer's report

As of March 31, the Florida Society has approximately \$211,000 cash in the bank. Of that, almost \$27,000 is in the 2023 Congress Fund, \$34,000 is in the Meeks Fund for the Future of Florida (SAR) and 130,000 is available to fund future operations. See the attached report of Cash Balances by Fund. This is the first time you have seen this report. Dues have been paid to National for 2021, but there will be minimal cash receipts for the rest of the year for our programs and operations, other than BOM registrations which will fund the BOM expenses (hopefully).

We continue to wait for National to address about liability insurance at the State Society level. My attempts to find coverage at a reasonable cost did not meet with any success in the past; however, I was trying to include our Color Guard and back powder salutes which falls under "firearms" exclusions. I will restart that process.

I was also charged with finding a way to allow BOM registrations to be paid by credit card. I have to admit, I let that slip by again. I did some research, and the process seems easy enough. I will try to follow up prior to the fall BOM.

Please see the Finance Committee Report and the many attachments for a review of the cash receipts and disbursements for the calendar year ended December 31, 2020 and the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Registrar

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**FLSSAR Application Stats
04 Sep 2020 – 17 Apr 2021**

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	179	51	0	21	251
Approved* By NSSAR	148	58	0	16	222
Pended* By NSSAR	17	1	0	3	21
Pended By FSSAR	32	14	0	2	48
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date			2020 = 28 and 2021 = 11		

* 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:

- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSSAR 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:

- NSSAR temporarily ban on use of any type DNA Evidence still remains in effect. As soon as this has been lifted all FLSSAR Chapter Registrars will be notified. No estimate is currently available as to when a decision may be made by the NSSAR on this critical issue.
- **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/FLSSAR/Docs/Fees_and_Dues_List.pdf all chapter registrars should download and/or print this document for to ensure correct fees and dues are submitted with application.

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The Chancellor has nothing to report.

Parliamentarian

Mrs. Billy Brock has graciously been the Parliamentarian at our meetings until we are able to find a regular SAR member to take over these duties.

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

Summer 2021 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = June 10, 2021
Fall 2021 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = August 1, 2021

Winter 2022 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = November 15, 2021
Spring 2022 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = March 5, 2022

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. If you want to submit your chapter newsletter as a submittal, please submit it in either MS Word or MS Publisher format.

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.

As areminder, please remind your chapter members that a subscription to the FLSSAR printed issue is \$12.00 per year. For anyone that is interested, please make out your check to the “FLSSAR Treasurer” and send it to Scott Breckinridge (Florida Society Secretary).

Webmaster

Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

Developed a Help System (still being populated)

Developed and implemented SAR Charlotte’s Website at the request of Bob McGuire and State President. Accomplished in approximately 70 hours between February 1st to March 19th

Developed and implemented a visual view of the state website as part of my Documentation Project. This is still being maintained and added to. It will be a deep dive into the system and all its capabilities. It is accessible from the Members Home Page with out needing to Log In.

Provided 347 hours of support and development to the state and chapter websites between January 1st and April 19th, 2021

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive

David E. Bussone MApatriot@flsar.com

Since the last BOM meeting (10/3/2020), the Executive Committee has met two times, via GotoMeeting.

1/10/2021

- Report on St Petersburg Chapter officers.
- Report on upcoming Zoom training.
- Report on Bylaws proposals to be presented at BOM.
- National Commemorative Events/Status
- Special Congress to be held on March 13th.
- Discussion on BOM Voting

4/5/2021

- FLSSAR 125th Anniversary Celebration
- Reviewed hotel and BOM registration lists.
- Reviewed awards to be presented.
- Discussion on Patriot magazine subscriptions and mailings. No decisions made.

The Executive Committee will meet at the Embassy Suites in Kissimmee on 4/29/2021. Results will be presented at the BOM session on 5/1/2021.

Financial Review

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Pursuant to Florida Society SAR Governing Documents, Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Financial Review Committee (revision date: 10/16/2016), the FLSSAR Executive Committee (EXCOM) under the leadership of FLSSAR President David Eben Bussone commissioned a Financial Review Committee led by the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, MPA to conduct an analysis of the 2020-2021 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 \$247,994.56 (checking account balance plus savings) which is under 10 times the annual expenditures of \$135,668 which appears to obviate against any potential tax liability.
 2. The Meeks Fund is current with all outstanding contributions being deposited per the Treasurer's report.

- **Review the previous financial review report.**
 1. The Documents Committee should review Article V Committees, Section 2 Financial Review Committee and replace the word "audit" with financial review.
 2. Authorized check signers for the Society need to be updated after the 2020 elections and add the Secretary.

- **Review the people and procedural controls for access to the funds before deposit.**
 1. 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, including receipts from the Board of Managers meetings.
 2. The Registrar and Secretary both send scanned copies of their deposit slips to the Treasurer which are matched to the bank statement.
 3. officer listed above has a Wells Fargo deposit book and is to maintain a copy of deposits made.
 4. The Treasurer, Secretary, and the Registrar make any, and all deposits to the Wells Fargo Money Market Account.
 5. There are two additional members of the Finance Committee who are authorized check signers for a total of three signers. The Secretary is not an authorized signer.

- **Review all financial assets, the people authorized to access them, and documentation of transactions.**
 1. Wells Fargo checking account: Personnel who are authorized signers to the account include: the Treasurer and two additional Financial Committee members; one of whom is the Executive Director. 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 \$64,393.87 on December 31, 2020. There are three signers for the account. No activity was reported in the end of year statement from Wells Fargo other than addition of some account interest. No checks were written, according to the December 31, 2020 statement recapitulation.
 3. The Executive Director 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. Executive Director card: Any outstanding balance is paid when the current invoice is billed..
 6. A check balance of \$182,600.69 on the Wells Fargo Bank statement dated December 31, 2020 indicates a difference with the cash assets stated in the checkbook of the Society for the same date. The difference of \$635.70 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 2020. There are two 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 appertained 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-four checks were written in 2020 (numbers 1949-2043). 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 algorithm was generated by a tool found in the Excel program to select the checks. No discrepancies were reported by the Committee.

- **Write a Financial Review Summary letter to the president or chair (see attachment).**

Medals and Awards

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All too often, we neglect to recognize and Thank our hardest workers within the Florida SAR Membership, by simply awarding them with the recognitions that they have earned and deserve. The Medals and Awards that we distribute are intended to recognize several important groups of individuals:

1. **First and foremost, we recognize our own Compatriots who help us at the Florida Society level to accomplish our SAR Mission Goals in the areas of History Preservation; Patriotism; and Education.**
2. **We recognize and thank our Partners in the Ladies' Auxiliary (LAFLSSAR); the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.); and – of course – our own Spouses and Family members who help make all of this possible.**
3. **We provide our YOUTH of America with the tools to learn about this great Country of ours, and what it takes to keep Americans able to enjoy the many Freedoms they and their Ancestors have enjoyed.**
4. **We recognize our Community Leaders, and we let them know that their efforts are greatly appreciated.**
5. **We respect and acknowledge our Veterans, and we provide voluntary services to them – they are the protectors of the Freedoms we enjoy, and too often take for granted.**
6. **We THANK our First Responders for their willingness to risk their own lives and safety for our benefit.**

Even when we do remember to recognize these folks, we often neglect to record those recognitions in a place where they can be remembered in the future. Here is an outline of what you can do to preserve the Chapter and State Society presentations that have been made:

CHAPTER AWARDS PRESENTED IN 2020-2021:

The committee is hereby reminding our Compatriots and Chapters, that it is their responsibility to send to the Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee and the FLSSAR Secretary a list of all Chapter Awards (medals and certificates) presented to individual Compatriots and other recipients during the past year.

(BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, ARTICLE V, Section 4- e.).

Keeping the individual compatriots' awards database current, will help in assuring that deserving compatriots receive appropriate awards.

FLORIDA SAR AWARDS PRESENTED DURING 2020-2021:

The list of Awards and Certificates of Recognition that will be distributed at the Spring 2021 Friday Awards Dinner is contained in Florida SAR President David E. Bussone’s Report in this Proceedings Book. For those of you who never actually read through the contents of the Florida SAR 2021 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting Proceedings Book, the list will also be included in the Summer 2021 issue of the Florida Patriot magazine.

Nominating

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The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society has received nominations from Compatriots for the Florida Society SAR Officer positions for the 2020-2021 term. The officer positions are: President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, East Central Regional VP, North Central Regional VP, North West Regional VP, North East Regional VP, West Central Regional VP, South East Regional VP, South West Regional VP, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Registrar, Sgt-at-Arms, ExCom Member-at-Large, Editor, Historian, Webmaster, National Trustee, and Alternate Trustee.

All officer candidates including those seeking re-election from an incumbent officer were required to complete the appropriate nomination form found at the Florida Society website <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabs.asp> at the Tab “Documents & Forms”. Completed forms have been submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at rmcguire@slvx.com. In addition to the initial organizing meeting of the committee held at the May 2020 BOM, the Committee conducted a candidate’s forum at the October 2, 2020 BOM, then held ZOOM meetings on January 8, 2021 and on February 13, 2021. The Committee has reviewed all applications received and determined that, in each case, the candidate is qualified for the position sought. At the February 13th meeting, the list of candidates was reviewed a final time and the slate was approved.

The slate of nominees includes at least one candidate for each position to be filled by the election to be held May 1, 2021 during the Annual Meeting. In several instances there were more than a single nominee for the position. The Committee voted to include all qualified candidates on the slate. At the time of the election, nominations from the floor will be invited and a paper ballot election may be expected. In advance of the election, the nomination or re-nomination forms of all candidates will be available for review in the “Members Only” section of the FLSSAR website.

The substantive work of the Nominating Committee set forth in the FLSSAR Bylaws has now been completed. Individual circumstances may result in withdrawal from consideration by particular candidates prior to the election. Henceforth, no additional candidates will be considered by the Committee. At the Annual Meeting, the Chairman will place the names on the attached list in nomination and will deliver a final report of the Committee to the Recording Secretary.

The Nominating Committee considered a proposed amendment to the Bylaws submitted by the Documents Committee which would reconstitute the Nominating Committee using a model similar to that used by NSSAR. A motion to oppose this change was approved by a vote of five to zero. The underlying concern of possible perceived conflict of interest was also discussed. The consensus of the Committee is that the Senior Vice President should not serve as a member of the Nominating Committee. Since the Committee is nominated by the President and elected by the BOM it is not considered necessary to change the Bylaw to specifically add this exclusion.

Members of the current Committee are excluded from serving again for a two-year period. If asked, we would be happy to advise future committees on technical matters such as forms revisions that may assist their processes.

List of candidates for office is in Appendix

Patriot Medal

Earle Scott Bushnell

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There will be a presentation of the Patriot Medals to the recipients on Saturday May 1.

NSSAR Affairs

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No activity this period

NSSAR Library

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No report submitted

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No report submitted

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No report Submitted

2023 Orlando Congress

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- The nearer we draw to the 133rd Congress, the more exciting and interesting our involvement becomes in the planning of this national event. We have about a dozen areas where we will have input into the proceedings. There are too many to address in this report, however they are outlined in the Handbook that is available to the Task Force Commanders, and others. As information changes, updates are sent to the Commanders for dissemination to their members. However, once a roster of their assistance is provided, copies will also be sent to them, directly. Quite a bit of effort has gone into the Handbook and it will continue to be a resource for the planning efforts by the state committee as we move forward. The Handbook has also been requested by other Congress planning committees. Expect several iterations of this resource from time to time.
- Fundraising continues to be of primary importance in the early stages so that we may fulfill our financial obligations to the Congress. Several Task Force Commanders have the responsibility of providing budgets for their area of operation. Once these are accumulated by the Host Chair an overall budget will be created. It is estimated to be in the \$80,000 range. We have made available (so far) Congress Medals (see insert 1) that you can purchase for \$40.00 per set (standard size and miniature); shipping is in addition (\$7.75). Compatriot James Gaskins of St. Augustine, FL became the recipient of a Charleville musket in an earlier drawing. We successfully provided 300 tickets for a drawing, sold all 300 and deposited the profit into the FLSSAR Congress account after subtracting costs. Currently, a drawing for a Pennsylvania/Kentucky long rifle (insert 3) is being offered at \$20.00 per ticket or six for \$100.00. The weapon is a firing reproduction of the finest manufacture. No more than 300 tickets will be sold and when that occurs, there will be a drawing to present the firearm to the fortunate ticket holder. We may follow at a later date with a Ferguson for additional income.
- The Ladies Auxiliary also has certain financial responsibilities at the Congress which are outlined in the Handout. They have designed an attractive throw that they sell for \$70.00 (see insert 2). It is a popular item as they have sold out the first run and are now selling those from a second production. They are large enough to use as a comforter for cool nights or lay across a sofa or bed and they display an SAR Minuteman logo. Additionally, Billie Brock and Delores Wolff have designed a striking piece of jewelry to raise funds. It is a pendant in the form of a conch shell with a small starfish capping the shell. An initial order of 100 has been placed and they will cost \$40.00 apiece.
- Recently, I purchased a villa in Mt. Dora, FL to use as a headquarters for planning and being nearer the center of action leading up to the Congress. Contacts have been made with the Opening Ceremony/Memorial Service venue and arrangements are being made subsequent to national approval. I shall be in the Orlando area in March to further scout out a site for the Host Reception and potential tour destinations which are tentatively slated for both historic St. Augustine and the Kennedy Space Center. They have been the central focus for the upcoming tour destinations. We should remember that although many of us have visited these potential sites, people from other states have not, in general. We must attract

attendees from a large geographic area to be successful in our endeavors. Delores and I will also continue to investigate venues for the Ladies Tea and possible locales for the First Lady's Luncheon. The Lakeside Inn in Mt. Dora is one possible location for the First Lady's Luncheon.

- The website designer that was assisting has left the stage. I found out a short time ago that he had gone into business with a friend and will not be available to us. I am currently attempting to find someone who can manage this project. It should not be too difficult. However, the person needs to know how to set up a shopping cart and provide an on-line payment system. The website that was originally conceived as an in-house working site and specifically designed and earmarked for planning and managing the committee effort, will most likely be expanded to encompass a general website or pages accessible through the FLSSAR website to inform viewers of the Congress. Updates will be posted to the relevant pages and progress annotated as new items become available.

Document

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By-Laws Proposed Amendment Form

**THE FLORIDA SOCIETY
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By-Laws Proposed Amendment**

(Submit to Chairman, By-Laws Committee)

General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. 1, Section 5 (b), presently reads as follows:

Section 5

Special Meeting

a. BOM

1. The President may call Special Meetings of the BOM. Notice of all meetings of the BOM, except that which may follow the Annual Meeting, shall be communicated to all members of the BOM at least 30 days prior to the date set for such meeting.

2. The President shall set the date and place for all Special Meetings of the BOM.

3. A quorum for A Special meeting shall be twenty members of the BOM in good standing.

4. A quorum for the Transaction of Business and a majority vote of those in attendance at any meeting will be required for the BOM to take action except as otherwise provided.

b. FLSSAR

1. A Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall be called by the President with not less than ten days prior notice to all members of the FLSSAR upon the request, by mail or e-mail, of at least three fourths of the members of the BOM.

2. A quorum for the Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members of the FLSSAR in good standing. A quorum for the Transaction of Business and a majority vote of those FLSSAR members in attendance at any meeting will be required for the BOM to take action except as otherwise provided.

Proposed Amendment Article No. (1), Section 6 (), revised as follows:

Section 5

Special Meeting

a. BOM

1. The President may call Special Meetings of the BOM. Notice of all meetings of the BOM, except that which may follow the Annual Meeting, shall be communicated to all members of the BOM at least 30 days prior to the date set for such meeting.

2. The President shall set the date and place for all Special Meetings of the BOM.
3. A quorum for A Special meeting shall be twenty members of the BOM in good standing.
4. A quorum for the Transaction of Business and a majority vote of those in attendance at any meeting will be required for the BOM to take action except as otherwise provided.

b. FLSSAR

1. A Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall be called by the President with not less than ten days prior notice to all members of the FLSSAR upon the request, by mail or e-mail, of at least three fourths of the members of the BOM.
2. A quorum for the Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members of the FLSSAR in good standing. A quorum for the Transaction of Business and a majority vote of those FLSSAR members in attendance at any meeting will be required for the BOM to take action except as otherwise provided.

Section 6 Notice

Notice shall mean by electronic means, postal service, or publication in the Florida Patriot for every action requiring notice in these Governing Documents.

Submitted by: The Bylaws Committee

Date: 16 November 2020

Discussion:

Date submitted to the Bylaws Committee:
Comments, if any:

Date submitted to the Executive Committee:
Comments and/or recommendations of the Executive Committee:

Date submitted to the Board of Managers:

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(Submit to Chairman, By-Laws Committee)

General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No.VIII, Section 3 (), presently reads as follows:

Section 3 Amendments

A.These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

(1)The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Documents Committee in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made to the Board of Management (BOM) at a regular meeting thereof at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

(2)The text of the proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at east thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The members of the BOM may be notified by U.S. Postal service mail or by electronic mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The required thirty (30) day notice period shall be computed from the date of the postmark or date of the electronic mail. Official notice to the members of the BOM may be published in The Florida Patriot, provided The Florida Patriot is placed in the U.S. Postal Service mail no less than the thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual or Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

(3)The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s) or introduce additional changes beyond those changes for which previous notice was given.

B. Other FLSSAR Documents

Other FLSSAR Documents, including but not limited to Standing Rules and Committee Charters may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

(1)The text of any proposed amendment(s) should be submitted to the Documents Committee for review and recommendations prior to any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR. Any voting member of the Board of Management FLSSAR may propose an amendment.

(2)The text of the proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at east thirty (30) days prior to the Regular or Special Meeting. The members of the BOM may be notified by U.S. Postal service mail or by electronic mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the Regular or Special Meeting. The required thirty (30) day notice period shall be computed from the date of the postmark or date of the electronic mail. Official notice to the members of the BOM may be published in The Florida Patriot, provided The Florida Patriot is either placed in the U.S. Postal Service mail OR is emailed or available electronically no less than the thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Regular or Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management.

(3)The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s) or introduce additional changes beyond those changes for which previous notice was given.

Proposed Amendment Article No. VIII, Section 3 (), revised as follows:

Section 3 Amendments

A.These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting or **Special Meeting** of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

(1) The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the ~~Documents Committee~~ **Bylaws Committee** in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made ~~to the Board of Management (BOM) at a regular meeting thereof at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.~~

~~(2) The text of the proposed amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The members of the BOM may be notified by U.S. Postal service mail or by electronic mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting. The required thirty (30) day notice period shall be computed from the date of the postmark or date of the electronic mail. Official notice to the members of the BOM may be published in The Florida Patriot, provided The Florida Patriot is placed in the U.S. Postal Service mail no less than the thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual or Special Meeting. The proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual or~~ **Special Meeting.**

~~(3)-(2?)~~-The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice provided, however, that such modification(s) do not increase the scope or purpose of the amendment(s). ~~or introduce additional changes beyond those changes for which previous notice was given.~~

B. Other FLSSAR Documents

Other FLSSAR Documents, including but not limited to Standing Rules and Committee Charters may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

(1) The text of any proposed **Standing Rules** amendment(s) should be submitted to the Documents Committee for review and recommendations prior to any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR. Any ~~voting~~ member of the ~~Board of Management~~ **FLSSAR** may propose an amendment.

~~(2)~~ The text of the proposed **Standing Rules** amendment(s) must be provided to the members of the Board of Management (BOM) at east thirty (30) days prior to the Regular or Special Meeting. ~~The members of the BOM may be notified by U.S. Postal service mail or by electronic mail at least thirty~~

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Submitted by: The Bylaws Committee

Date: 16 November 2020

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Date submitted to the Bylaws Committee:
Comments, if any:

Date submitted to the Executive Committee:
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(Submit to Chairman, By-Laws Committee)

General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. V, Section 2 (), presently reads as follows:

Section 2 Financial Review Committee

The President shall appoint a Financial Review Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR. This committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, an annual independent internal audit with specific guidelines of the financial

books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such Financial Review Committee shall be presented to the BOM for approval prior to the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

Proposed Amendment Article No. V, Section 2 (), revised as follows:

Section 2 Financial Review Committee

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No.V, Section 1 (), presently reads as follows:

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 1 Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following members: The President., who shall serve as Chairman; The Senior Vice- President, who shall serve as Vice- Chairman; The Immediate Past President of the FLSSAR; The Secretary, who shall serve as Secretary of the Committee; The Treasurer, who shall serve as the fiscal advisor; and A Member-at-Large, who shall be elected by the FLSSAR at its Annual Meeting.

Three members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive committee shall have the power to conduct its business by mail, email, by electronic means, or telephone in lieu of convening in formal session; provided, however, that each member of the Committee shall confirm by e-mail or hardcopy letter to the Secretary, each vote he has given by telephone. A report shall be made by the Chairman and/or Secretary at each meeting of the BOM detailing all actions taken by the Executive Committee since its last report to the BOM. During intervals between meetings of the BOM, the members of the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the Chairman and to act for the Board of Management ad interim on any matter that the Chairman deems to be of such urgency and importance that the action must be taken before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the BOM. The committee shall also

serve as a council to advise the President on planning and operational matters about which he deems the counsel of the Committee to be needed or helpful. The Committee shall also serve as a council to advise the President and the National Trustee on National NSSAR issues that the FLSSAR members have interest in to present to the National Trustee meetings.

Proposed Amendment Article No. , Section (), revised as follows:

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 1 Executive Committee

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Submitted by: The Bylaws Committee

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. 1, Section 6 (), presently reads as follows:

Section 6

Ladies Auxiliary (LAFLSSAR)

Women who are related to an SAR of the FLSSAR shall be assisted by the FLSSAR to establish and join a separate, autonomous organization to be known as the LADIES AUXILIARY, FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LAFSSAR), which shall organize and operate under its own Bylaws and Charter with its stated purpose to assist, support, and further the objectives of the FLSSAR. No member, or members, of the LAFSSAR shall have any authority to speak for the FLSSAR, nor to obligate the FLSSAR in any way unless specifically authorized by the FLSSAR, by the BOM, or Annual Meeting of the members.

Proposed Amendment Article No. 1, Section 7 (), revised as follows:

~~Section 6~~ **Section 7** Ladies Auxiliary (LAFSSAR)

Women who are related to an SAR of the FLSSAR shall be assisted by the FLSSAR to establish and join a separate, autonomous organization to be known as the LADIES AUXILIARY, FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LAFSSAR), which shall organize and operate under its own Bylaws and Charter with its stated purpose to assist, support, and further the objectives of the FLSSAR. No member, or members, of the LAFSSAR shall have any authority to speak for the FLSSAR, nor to obligate the FLSSAR in any way unless specifically authorized by the FLSSAR, by the BOM, or Annual Meeting of the members.

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No.IV, Section 14 (), presently reads as follows:

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 14 Webmaster

The Webmaster shall maintain and update the web site of the FLSSAR.

Proposed Amendment Article No. IV, Section 14 (), revised as follows:

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 14 Webmaster

The FLSSAR webmaster will oversee the maintenance and updating of the FLSSAR website.

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. I, Section 5 (c), presently reads as follows:

(currently does not exist)

Proposed Amendment Article No. I, Section 5 (c), revised as follows:

c. Electronic Meetings

Electronic meetings according to requirements in the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* are permitted

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. II, Section 2 (), presently reads as follows:

ARTICLE II THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 2 Powers

The BOM shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Exercise management and control over the affairs of the FLSSAR;**
- b. Create and staff additional offices and committees as needed;**
- c. Approve, and authorize adjustments in, the FLSSAR budget;**
- d. Admit new chapters;**
- e. Fix fees from applicants, dues from members, and raise funds by other means to meet the financial needs of the FLSSAR;**
- f. Fill vacancies which may occur in any office, to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR except as otherwise provided in ARTICLE IV, Section 2, of these bylaws;**
- g. Sign contracts for the purchase of services and materials, and to establish policies and procedures regarding reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the FLSSAR; and**
- h. Adopt and enforce rules and procedures which shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation of the FLSSAR, these bylaws, or the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSSAR.**

Proposed Amendment Article No.II, Section 2 (), revised as follows:

ARTICLE II THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 2 Powers

The BOM shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. Exercise management and control over the affairs of the FLSSAR;**
- b. Create and staff additional offices and committees as needed;**
- c. Approve, and authorize adjustments in, the FLSSAR budget;**
- d. Admit new chapters;**
- e. Fix fees from applicants, dues from members, and raise funds by other means to meet the financial needs of the FLSSAR;**

f. Fill vacancies which may occur in any office, to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR except as otherwise provided in ARTICLE IV, Section 2, of these bylaws;

g. **approve contracts which are signed by the President or other compatriot the BOM authorizes** for the purchase of services and materials, and to establish policies and procedures regarding reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the FLSSAR; and

h. Adopt and enforce rules and procedures which shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation of the FLSSAR, these bylaws, or the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSSAR.

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. I, Section 4 (), presently reads as follows:

The FLSSAR shall hold an Annual Meeting each year on a date in the month of April or May to be designated by the President, and at a place to be selected by him. In no event shall the date of the Annual Meeting be later than fifteen days prior to the opening date of the Annual Congress of the NSSAR. A quorum of an Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members in good standing. During the Annual Meeting, the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate and the BOM shall elect a Nominating Committee composed of five members who shall have not served on a prior Nominating Committee of the FLSSA during the preceding two years and whose term of office shall continue until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

Proposed Amendment Article No. I, Section 4 (), revised as follows:

The FLSSAR shall hold an Annual Meeting each year on a date in the month of April or May to be designated by the President, and at a place to be selected by him. In no event shall the date of the Annual Meeting be later than fifteen days prior to the opening date of the Annual Congress of the NSSAR. A quorum of an Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members in good standing. During the Annual Meeting, the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate and the BOM shall elect a Nominating Committee composed of five members who shall have not served on a prior Nominating Committee of the FLSSA during the preceding two years and whose term of office shall continue until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR. **Electronic meetings according to requirements in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order are permitted**

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No. II, Section 3 (), presently reads as follows:

The BOM shall hold at least two regular meetings in the one year time period commencing at the end of the Annual Meeting. One meeting will occur on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting. The number of, and dates for, additional meetings to be held in the subsequent one year time period will be determined by the BOM at the meeting held closest to November 1.

A meeting may also be held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting if so announced by the President-elect. Notice of all meetings of the BOM, except that which may follow the Annual Meeting, shall be communicated to all members of the BOM at least 30 days prior the date set for suchmeeting.

Proposed Amendment Article No. II, Section 3 (), revised as follows:

The BOM shall hold at least two regular meetings in the one year time period commencing at the end of the Annual Meeting. One meeting will occur on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting. The number of, and dates for, additional meetings to be held in the subsequent one year time period will be determined by the BOM at the meeting held closest to November 1.

A meeting may also be held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting if so announced by the President-elect. Notice of all meetings of the BOM, except that which may follow the Annual Meeting, shall be communicated to all members of the BOM at least 30 days prior the date set for suchmeeting.

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General Subject Matter:

By-Laws Article No.III, Section 2 A (1), presently reads as follows:

Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

A. Nominations

(1) Nominating Committee

(a)Election of Members. During the Annual Meeting, the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate, and the BOM shall elect, a Nominating Committee composed of five members who shall have not served on a prior Nominating Committee of the FLSSAR during the preceding two years, and whose term of office shall continue until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR. Prior to the call for nominations, the Secretary shall inform the BOM of the names of persons who served on a Nominating Committee during either of the prior two years. Each member of the BOM shall vote for five of the persons nominated, on ballot forms provided by the Secretary. In the case of a tie vote that would prevent the naming of five clear winners, a runoff election shall be held between those unsuccessful candidates who, had they received one more vote on the first ballot, would have been a clear winner. If the committee is elected by acclamation, voting will not be necessary. The members of the Nominating Committee shall elect their own chairman.

Proposed Amendment Article No.III, Section 2 A (1), revised as follows:

Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

A. Nominating Committee

(1) Nominating Committee

Membership. Eligibility to be seated on the committee is determined as of the Spring/Annual meeting of the Florida Society Board of Managers. The membership of the Nominating Committee, as of that date shall consist of:

(a) Four (4) most immediate, living former Florida Society State Presidents who are able and willing to serve.

(b) Five (5) members of the Florida Society will be elected to serve as at-large members of the Committee. The current Florida Society President will submit the names of five (5) members chosen to represent the seven regions areas of the state and call for nominations from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor the committee nominees shall be elected by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation. Otherwise, the election will be by secret ballot with the five highest vote recipients elected as committee members at large.

(c.) The Senior Vice President and Regional Vice Presidents can not be selected to serve on the nominating committee.

(2) Chairman. The members of the committee shall elect the committee chair from any Past State President serving on the committee. The newest Past State President will convene a meeting of the committee for the purpose of electing a chairman as soon as possible after the committee has been formed.

(3) Term of Service. The Nominating Committee is newly formed each year.

(4) Vacancies. Subject to the membership and eligibility provisions of subsection (1), any vacancy, whether due to absence, ineligibility, or otherwise, shall be filled in the following manner:

(a) if the vacancy is among the former Florida Society State Presidents, the next most immediate living former Florida Society State President until there are a total of four former Florida Society State Presidents able and willing to serve.

(b) if among the at-large members of the Florida Society by an alternate(s) selected by the Executive Committee of the Florida Society until there are a total of five at-large members able and willing to serve.

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Calendar Year 2020

We all know that 2020 was an anomaly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We spent more running our BOMs that we collected in registration fees. However, the Pandemic also caused us to spend less on travel for our President and SVP and many of our other programs that were curtailed or cancelled. We caught up on the annual contribution form the Operating Budget Trust Fund (missed in 2019) and the Trustees increased the annual contribution from 3% to 5%.

Calendar Year 2021

We are only three months into the new year. There has been little activity other than Dues collections and Dues payments. We budgeted a deficit for 2021 so we could complete our programs and do what we need to do in the face of declining dues collections. Dues were less than expected, both on the collections side and payments side, offsetting each other from a budget perspective.

With the 2020 surplus and considering the 2021 budgeted deficit and a few other matters, the Finance Committee proposes the following motion:

Motion

Recognizing that Calendar Year 2020 yielded a cash surplus of approximately \$18,000, the Finance Committee moves to allocate the surplus as follows:

- \$10,000 to the Congress Fund representing the expected cash collections from the \$1.00 per member assessment for 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023, thus suspending the assessment for those years, NOT to be transferred until a 2023 Congress Budget has been approved by the BOM.
- \$5,550 to the Operating Budget for 2021 to cover the budgeted deficit.
- The remainder to be allocated to the Meeks Fund for the Future of Florida

Genealogy

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1. I have asked for and received permission to add Compatriot Woody Wilson to the Committee, replacing Compatriot James Partin, who is relocating out of Florida.
2. Communications have been set up by email and phone to relay information of general interest to committee members. Several of our members plan to meet in person at the BOM.
3. I assisted the registrar of the Palm Beach Chapter to overcome a difficulty in proving a two-year long effort for a prospective member.
4. I cleared another difficulty with one of my own chapter applications by consulting with a knowledgeable National DAR helper. It made me wish for access to a similar helper at SAR Headquarters.
5. My membership on the New York Board of Managers has given me free access to the SAR Library's materials. Maybe that is the answer to my wish in item 4. It came about by the NY Society's donation to the Library Fund.

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

Bernard William Wolff

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Meeting and Arrangements Committee

March 2021

Bernard W. Wolff, Chairman grafwolff@comcast.net

This committee began its work shortly after the 2020 Spring BOM/Annual Meeting. However, prior to planning succeeding meetings, potential new venues for the FLSSAR BOMs were investigated with several parameters leading the way: These included but were not limited to room rates, location, amenities, etc. It was decided to remain where we had been meeting at the Embassy Suites for these very reasons.

Two contracts were signed with the Embassy Suites which secured the May and October BOMs in 2021. The 2020 Fall BOM noticed few numbers due to the current health situation in the country but the attendance was satisfactory given the social distancing and the inclusion of the virtual format that was included. All major elements of the BOM were handled successfully thanks to all of our team players.

Many emails and virtual meetings prepared the way for the current 2021 Spring BOM/Annual Meeting/S.A.D. Meeting. The attendance roster is remarkable for compatriots, friends, guests, and Ladies Auxiliary members attending. The schedule reflects an ambitious presentation for both Friday and Saturday. We are honored to have PG Manning and his wife with us along with the VPG Allen Greenly who will bring us greetings.

The Rumbaugh Oration Contest will occur Saturday morning and the winner will be announced at the Youth Luncheon later that day. The afternoon will be filled with the S.A.D. meeting held by VPG Greenly and followed by the Spring BOM. Meetings for the day will be rounded out by the election of new officers and other concluding business.

Both evenings will see a reception followed by banquets: the Awards Banquet on Friday and the Installation Banquet on Saturday where we will new officers for the 2021 year. The new president will be sworn in by PG Manning.

Membership Promotion and Retention

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This year has been extra difficult given the Pandemic and inability to meet in person. We know that many chapters are working hard at recruiting using existing members and working very closely with the DAR Chapters for referrals. We also believe that the assignment of mentors to newly inducted SAR members as well as trying to get them involved with the various committees available within the chapter and possibly at the State level would help to encourage the new members to become more involved in the SAR and thus help retain them as members. We also realize that there are a few that just want to join the SAR to obtain their membership certificate and then lose interest and that is something that we may not be able to change.

The following are a few ideas that may help us in both recruiting and retaining new members in our Society:

- 1. Credit/Debit Card Dues Payment Capability:** Establish a system for NSSAR to accept credit/debit card payments and automatic renewal for dues. This service would greatly reduce the amount of work by each chapter with the invoice mailing, emails and endless telephone call follow ups to remind and encourage compatriots to pay dues. We believe this would be especially beneficial to our younger generations of members that enjoy a paperless society and handle most of their financial transactions via either a credit or debit card.
- 2. Junior Members:** We would encourage chapters to do as some have already starting doing and that is paying your junior member's annual dues until they reach 18 years of age and can convert to a regular membership. This practice will ensure that they remain active members of your chapter and should also be encouraged to join in and participate in your chapter events, especially your Color Guard if your chapter has one. These things will help foster their interest in the SAR and hopefully continue as active members.
- 3. Communications:** Although both NSSAR and FLSSAR have established a system for communications to provide information to Compatriots. It is not always available to all of our members and we need to do a better job of letting our members know how to access the information that is available out there. I know some chapters are doing a great job at this.
- 4. NSSAR Conferences:** It has been suggested that National consider holding their national meetings at the same location every year, possibly in Louisville or a more centralized location. This idea would allow compatriots to better plan and budget to attend these meetings and conferences. Moreover, Conferences should include an interesting venue of speakers, vendors and activities beyond the business agenda to attract increased attendance.
- 5. Chapter Meetings:** Chapter meetings should include interesting speakers and presentations, properly promoted, as a draw and include invitations to local DAR chapter members and members of other lineage societies to attend these meetings. The DAR attending our meetings and Compatriots attending DAR meetings gives us an opportunity to promote new member referrals.

New Chapter Development

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

On another note, if you know of an area where SAR members might be interested in starting a chapter, the minimum number of members is twelve and have individuals willing to serve as chapter officers and committee men, please let us know.

Newsletters and Periodicals

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No report submitted

Strategic Planning

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The Strategic Plan for the FLSSAR has been extant for several years and from time to time often requires an update to keep it current. A few items must be addressed to focus the members' attention on important details of our operations. Further emphasis needs to be placed on the idea of the Member Skill Survey which was developed earlier. Some have opted to complete the form while others have ignored it for a variety of legitimate reasons. One might consider it a type of LinkedIn application or even a curriculum vitae or resume. The Survey would be most helpful when attempting to fill committee positions. Instead of tacking a member on a committee, it would be quite useful to peruse the Survey and match certain skill sets with the available slots and necessary requirements needed to ensure a successful match to satisfy the position. The Survey lists many things, but obviously, very few people would have the background to fill in every detail. Only address those items that you wish to share.

133rd Congress

The year 2023 will herald the NSSAR Congress visiting Orlando, FL. This event by default must become a part of the Strategic Plan. The Handbook, Website, fund raising, etc. have become parts of the strategic effort to conduct a successful gathering of the membership. Further planning and discussion will generally be addressed by ZOOM virtual meetings.

Dues collection

An effort to collect dues at the FLSSAR level has been put on hold. The NSSAR is examining the efficacy of a national collection through its website design. If this conclusion is reached, it will obviously take a great onus off the back of both the FLSSAR and the individual chapters. As such, the FLSSAR strategic plan that considered the state collection mode will be addressed at a future time after a decision has been reached by the national organization.

Education

The FLSSAR is engaged in adopting the Educational Outreach Program developed by compatriots in the Tampa Bay area. Outside contributors have also assisted in this effort. This program will form the impetus within the State of Florida that will put us in the forefront of Colonial-era education in the Florida Department of Education. Progress has already been made and it may be of value to demonstrate that the entire FLSSAR is behind this effort to counter the lack of American history available in our school systems. The broad talent in the FLSSAR can make this a model for the rest of the country.

Plaudits must be extended to the Tampa Bay SAR Education Initiative. In concert with the State of Florida (and, perhaps others in the future), we have made inroads into the education community to tell our story to our youth within the Florida school system. However, we may be ignoring a large part of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) by not addressing Colonial education with our adults. The FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee proposes a Certificate Program infused with knowledge and instruction of our nascent underpinnings by studying our founding documents, their times, authors, and motivations, along with other aspects of the era.

An educational effort devoted to the Colonial period will promote several advantages to those with an interest in this historical time by supplying relevant material to promote, pursue, advance, and defend our cause.

We often become aware of Colonial times through genealogical research to discover our great grandfathers who by their involvement in the Revolution have allowed us to matriculate into the Sons of the American Revolution. Studying the lives of our ancestors and sometimes aided by additional supplementals, we learn a rudimentary understanding of the Revolutionary War era. However, we may be hard pressed to understand the underlying causes to any extent, as to why our kin were willing to take up arms to defend a great idea. Too often our understanding does not progress beyond a basic grasp of our relations' personal lives. The Certificate Program expects to complement our basic understanding.

Branding

A series of promotional pieces should be produced that reflect our principles. Several of the compatriots produced very well executed YouTube videos to create awareness of their activity in the FLSSAR. A canvassing effort to identify talented and skillful members who can produce such videos will assist in the production of future presentations. The presentations can be either sent to the media or presented in person at such venues as Chambers of Commerce, business associations, trade shows, etc. Additionally, recreations of famous colonial paintings with animated compatriots in the frame are envisioned. Reenactments of the TV program "You Are There" can be produced for airing on local community television. This medium generally assesses no fees for public announcements. These efforts will engage the community in education about Colonial life. Several extant committees could contribute to the success of this proposal.

Fund raising

Point five of the original Strategic Plan visited fund-raising opportunities. It is still an ongoing consideration that holds much merit. The question remains on how to pursue this potential source of financial support. In the past, we have concentrated much of our effort in devising programs with which to attract contributions from the membership. There has been much success in gathering capital by

providing a system of honors and rewards. As long as new members join the organization, it could be a future and consistent part of the income stream. However, our needs can often surpass the available member support available. It becomes important to reach beyond our capabilities and solicit funds from larger donors – corporations, foundations, bequests, etc. To do this, we must have an educated approach and consistent plan to move forward with this effort. One avenue of approach would be to employ a professional fund raiser. However, they can be expensive but, on the other hand, if they are able to raise the money, it would be more than we were able to gain otherwise. It may be possible to create our own literature and a way to deliver it to the decision makers at these organizations. Many of the institutions involved in charitable giving have departments that handle such requests. Often, there is a series of steps or a protocol for submitting charitable requests for a worthy cause. Additional reportage (approximately 54 pages) can be obtained by contacting the Chair.

Technology Advisory Committee

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The Technology Committee participated in the Website Project, chaired by the State Secretary, at the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Webmaster was in a support role.

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This will be my last Report as your State Color Guard Commander. Sometime before the end of this Meeting, we will have a Change of Command turning Command of the Florida Brigade of the Sons Of Liberty over the Steven Fields of the Saramana Chapter. Scott Breckenridge will be promoted to Brigade Vice Commander and one of you will be asked to serve as Adjutant. Even though the National Color Guard Command Staff has moved to a one year term of service for each position, the Florida Brigade will continue with its two year term of service at each position. I want to thank all of you who have served as a member of the Color Guard at any time at any event. A special thanks goes to the two Color Guard Commanders I served under, Charlie Day and Hall Riediger, both of whom taught me a lot and also to Steve Fields and Scott Breckenridge who served as Command Staff over the past two years.

It has been my honor to review and approve several Silver Color Guard applications, two of which will be recognized at the

Awards Banquet. I have reviewed, approved and forwarded to the National Commander two applications for the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement. One for Ralph Nelson which was approved and presented. The other is for Hall Riediger, which is under review at this writing. I also had the honor to review, approve and forward to National the even more rare Molly Pitcher Medal for Jill Fields for her long time and continuous support of the Color Guard, which was approved and has been presented.

COVID precautions cancelled many of our usual events over the past year, making it difficult to accumulate points; however, a dozen or more National events allowed for virtual participation, with appropriate points awarded. I attended several of those and was disappointed not to see more Florida Guardsmen. It was an easy way to capture points without leaving home. I am told this opportunity may not be available much longer.

One last reminder. Even though the Bronze Color Guard Medal is presented at the Chapter level, both the National Color Guard Handbook and the Florida Color Guard Manuel, require the Bronze Medal application be approved by the State Commander before presentation. And a caution: The National Staff tells us they will be looking closely at Silver Medal applications (and Bronze Florida Medal applications as necessary) to ensure that there is no duplication of events on the two applications.

Always remember that the Color Guard is the face of the SAR and any time we are seen Presenting the Colors, firing our muskets or marching in a parade, we are meeting all three stated objectives of our SAR Mission: Historical, Patriotic & Educational.

1. George Washington Camp # 1, Jacksonville Chapter - Paul Tucker, Commander

The last quarter of 2020 was rather sparse, as far as color guard activities went. The bulk of activity was preparation for Wreaths Across America, with severe restrictions under threat of the Wuhan virus. We did engage in a few events of interest, to include:

November 11th- Veterans Day Parade in Jacksonville , with Princess Malee CAR chapter members.

December 7th - American Legion flag retirement, Jacksonville.

December 19th - Wreaths Across America, Jacksonville National Cemetery. Participant numbers and time availability restricted by cemetery. Sounded "Taps".

The first quarter has been one of greater activity as restrictions continue to be lifted. The remainder of the late winter and onset of spring should give us increased Chapter and color guard involvement, with more clement weather. Among our 2021 activities were:

January 22nd - Eagle Court of Honor for Nate Hebert, Troop 549, Crandall camp , Yulee.

January 26th - Ridgeview High School NJROTC Pass-in- Review, Orange Park

February 11th- Flag demonstration and Travelling Trunk presentation. Lindisfarne Hall school, Fernandina Beach.

February 20th - Florida CAR Conference, St. Augustine Beach. Presented colors in conjunction with St. Augustine chapter and FLSSAR officers, Jacksonville,

February 21st - Flag retirement and chapter meeting, with support of Boy Scouts, Vaughn-Latham and Princess Amalee chapters plus several Jacksonville, Nassau and Clay county DAR participation.

March 13th - Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, Merritt Island, FL.

March 25th - Andrew Jackson High School JROTC awards event.

March 26th - Robert E. Lee High School JROTC awards event.

March 27th- Battle of Thomas Creek commemoration, Arnold Road. First run as a National Color Guard event.

Over 100 participants, local, Florida, surrounding states and National Color Guard representation. DAR, CAR and Scouts involved. (A well coordinated event, under the leadership of David Ramseur.)

April 1st - Middleburg High School NJROTC awards event.

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter – Inactive

3. Cape Canaveral Camp #3, Brevard Chapter – Nicholas Mihora, Commander

January

Regular Meeting:

Compatriots Bisset and Mihora were in period attire. Compatriot Desmarais was in Class A attire.

February

Regular Meeting:

Compatriots Bisset, Desmarais and Mihora were in period attire.

Induction: Compatriot Terry Terhune

March

LNB Commemorative was conducted at the Brevard Veterans Center, Merritt Island FL

Compatriots Bisset, Desmarais, Jensen and Mihora were in period attire. Compatriots Eller and Green was in Class A attire.

April

Regular Meeting:

Compatriots Bisset, Desmarais, Jensen and Mihora attended in period attire.

Induction: Christopher Alan Ratzel

31st All Veterans Reunion:

Compatriots Tim Hicks, Brian Jensen, Nic Mihora and Donn Weaver represented The Brevard Chapter at the 31st Annual Veterans Reunion opening ceremonies. 112 Wreaths were placed in front of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall in tribute. The reunion had about 54,000 attendees over the course of the week's activities.

Liberty Tree Dedication:

Compatriot Mihora attended the Liberty Tree Dedication and Highland County's 100th Anniversary.

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

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 remains of veterans and/or spouses at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, and leading the Town of Belleair annual Holiday parade.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Samuel Adams Camp has been unable to participate in many of our usual activities. And we are sad to report that Robert Brotherton, a member of the Color Guard, First Vice President of the Clearwater Chapter and President of the Saint Petersburg Chapter passed away on February 18, 2021.

The Color Guard, other members of the Clearwater Chapter and Ladies Auxiliary was able to participate in and lead the annual Belleair Holiday Parade on December 6, 2020. We will also be participating in the first annual Dunedin Museum Revolutionary War Encampment on April 24, 2021, and the upcoming Holiday parades in Belleair and Largo in December 2021.

The Color Guard, because of the reception of new uniforms, was able to expand to 21 members.

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

No Report Submitted.

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

- 1) Wreaths across America December 19th 2020. At forest meadows east cemetery. I wore colonial uniform to represent our chapter, which donated money for the wreaths.
- 2) Dave Thomas, wreaths across America at keystone heights florida memorial gardens. December 19 2020. Dave represented our chapter in colonial uniform for our chapter which also made a donation to buy wreaths.
- 3) Battle of Thomas Creek March 27 2021. I wore a militia uniform and carried the Betsy Ross flag while posting the colors. Dave Thomas dedicated our chapter wreath in colonial uniform.
- 4) I will include Gene Page wearing his civilian colonial attire carrying the American flag in Micanopy FL on 4/7/2020. He was accompanied by Lester Burch, prospective member. Also were 2 others, Gene Page iv (Gene's son) and a store owner from Micanopy. The Micanopy town council had cancelled the annual parade due to covid.

7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter – Inactive

8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8, Saramana Chapter – Steve Fields, Commander

Saramana's color guard is gradually getting back to a more normal level of activity. During the shutdown, not only did we lose a lot of opportunities for events, our unit has lost several key members. After many years of service, Dick Mahaffey has retired from the unit and is sorely missed. We also suffered the loss of Charles Riegler and Doug Erb. Both were familiar faces at events all over the state. Both of them were Bronze Color Guard Medal recipients. Next, after several years service, Vince Panissidi has stepped down as Saramana Color Guard Commander. He has been replaced by Steve Fields. In brighter news, Former Saramana First Lady Jill Fields was awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal for her tireless efforts supporting not only the Saramana Color Guard, but the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard as well. The award was presented to her at the December chapter luncheon by FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Dick Young and President Dave Bussone.

Events:

October 2019

FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting – Steve Fields

Chapter Luncheon - Walt Goulet, Wally Goulet, Craig Paige, Steve Fields

November 2020

Chapter Luncheon – Doug Erb, Vince Panissidi, Steve Fields

Veterans Day at Colonial Williamsburg – Vince Panissidi

January 2021

Memorial Service for Past President Doug Erb – Steve Fields, Bob McGuire, Dwight Elam, Hamp Allen, Craig Paige, John Fitzpatrick, Vince Panissidi

February 2021

Southwest Regional Meeting – Steve Fields

George Washington’s Birthday Celebration and Luncheon – Walt Goulet, John Fitzpatrick, Dwight Elam, Steve Fields

March 2021

FLSDAR State Conference – Steve Fields

Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution – Steve Fields

Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek – Steve Fields

Upcoming Events:

Liberty Tree Dedication – Highlands

FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers, Annual, and South Atlantic District Meetings

Sarasota Memorial Day Parade May 31 – CONFIRMED; all chapters invited to participate

Flag Day DAR Regents Council Luncheon

The current plan is to increase the size of our color guard (we have 10 available uniforms), continue to return to a more regular schedule of events, and acquire some new and replacement equipment.

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

No Report Submitted.

10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10, Central Florida Chapter – Andrew Showen, Commander

No Report Submitted.

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

The Withlacoochee Chapter color guard participated in the Massing of the Colors in Inverness on the 8th of November 2020. Charlie Day represented the chapter at the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island on March 13th 2021 and again at the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville on the 27th of March 2021.

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

No Report Submitted.

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

No Report Submitted.

14. Hillsborough River Camp #14, Tampa Chapter – Dick Young, Commander

The Tampa Chapter continues to meet by Zoom and with COVID precautions in Hillsborough County limiting events, there has been little opportunity for Color Guard participation in our area. The Hillsborough River Camp did Present the Colors at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at American Legion Post #5 USS Tampa on December 19. Dick Young, Camp Commander represented the Chapter by participating in the State Color Guard at the following events:

- Florida Society C.A.R Annual Conference in St Augustine on February 20
- Florida Society DAR State Conference in Orlando on March 5
- Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle on Merritt Island on March 15
- Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville on March 27

Tampa Compatriot Robbie Robinson joined the Clearwater Chapter Color Guard for the Bellaire, Florida Holiday Parade in December and he also participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the Florida Society DAR State Conference in Orlando on March 5.

Both Robbie and Dick have plans to be part of the State Color Guard at the Okeechobee Liberty Tree Dedication on April 18.

The Hillsborough River Camp has been invited to Present the Colors at the Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Cemetery owned and maintained by American Legion Post #5 in Tampa.

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

The Color Guard posted colors at the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 20, 2020. State Regent Kay Yarbrough and numerous chapter regents and members were present.

On February 13, 2021 members of the color guard travelled to Sarasota to participate in funeral services honoring past Saramana Chapter President Doug Erb. On February 20, 2021 the color guard (augmented by Naples and Saramana color guardsmen) posted colors at the SW RVP meeting at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples. On February 22, 2021 the Color Guard posted colors at the Caloosa Chapter membership meeting.

On March 5, 2021 the color guard staffed the SAR information table at the FSSDAR Annual Meeting on Orlando. At the evening banquet, the color guard acting as a part of the Sons of Liberty color guard, posted colors for the event that was attended by the NSDAR President General.

On March 13, 2021 the Caloosa Color Guard, as a part of the Sons of Liberty, participated in the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War celebration at Merritt Island. On March 27, 2021, the color guard participated in the Battle of Thomas Creek celebration in Jacksonville as part of the Sons of Liberty unit. On April 3, 2021 the Caloosa Color Guard, augmented by elements of the Naples, Charlotte, and Saramana color guards posted colors at a Vietnam Veterans Commemoration ceremony hosted by three chapters of the DAR in Cape Coral.

On April 18, 2021 the Caloosa Color Guard, augmented by members of Naples, Charlotte, Saramana, and Jacksonville color guards will post color and participate in ceremonies for the dedication of a Liberty Tree being conducted by the Highlands Chapter.

The Caloosa Color Guard continues to add new members. On a regular basis we have 7 to 9 guardsmen participating in a particular event. We are in high demand and often requested by local DAR chapters to support their events.

Although the Battle of Pensacola has been limited to a virtual event, our color guard will support it through ZOOM participation. We are also scheduled to participate in welcoming ceremony for Honor Flight Mission #23 at RSW Airport on May 22, 2021.

16. Gabriel Long Camp #16, St. Petersburg Chapter – Inactive

17. Lake City Chapter Outpost #17, Lake City Chapter – William Pfeil, Commander

No activity to report.

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

Due to the fact of covid-19 and the advanced age of most of the color guard I have deemed it inappropriate to attend any functions.

19. USS Alliance Camp #19, Charlotte Chapter – Robert McGuire, Commander

The USS Alliance Camp #19 was organized by the Charlotte Chapter in March 2021. The unit currently has nine members and is named in honor of the continental frigate *Alliance* (1778-1875) which was the last ship remaining in the Continental Navy. The order to sell her was given on 3 June 1785 and was sold that summer. The Alliance, commanded by Captain John Barry, was engaged in the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War off Cape Canaveral, Florida in 1783.

On March 13, 2021 the Charlotte Color Guard, as a part of the Sons of Liberty, participated in the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War celebration at Merritt Island. On March 27, 2021, the color guard participated in the Battle of Thomas Creek celebration in Jacksonville as part of the Sons of Liberty unit. On April 3, 2021 the Charlotte Color Guard in support of the Caloosa Color Guard and augmented by elements of the Naples and Saramana color

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Liaisons

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

Walter Richard Young Sr

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Your Committee Chairman attended the 2021 Annual Conference of the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution. The Conference was held in St Augustine on March 19-21. The Florida State Color Guard was asked to lead the Procession and Present the Colors opening the banquet on Saturday evening. I brought greetings from the SAR and made the following presentations:

- Florida Society President Emma Glazener was presented with the SAR's C.A.R. Silver Medal of Appreciation for her outstanding service to the Florida Society C.A.R. and especially her untiring efforts during her term as State President.
- The Florida SAR made a \$1,000 donation to the Florida C.A.R. The first \$500 was used as the FLSSAR Sponsorship of the 2021 Annual Conference. The second \$500 was presented to State President Glazener at the Banquet.
- The SAR's C.A.R. Silver Medal of Appreciation was also presented to Mimi Leroy-Marler for her many years of outstanding service on a variety of committees, both as a committee member and Senior Chairman and for her service as Senior State President in 2010 – 2012.

There were a number of our Compatriots at the Conference, but not nearly as many ladies from the DAR. Special recognition goes to Lee Popham and Earl "Matt" Matthews for serving as the Senior Society Presidents at Tequesta Society (Miami) and Blue Licks Society (Marianna) and to Scott Cook for assisting his wife with the Jacob Roberts Brown Society in the Gainesville area. The Florida Society C.A.R. State President will be joining us at this BOM to tell us about her State Project and sell you some pins to support her project. Senior State President Holly Hamilton and her son James will also be joining us. Take the time to introduce yourself, say "hello" and buy a pin or two.

Several Chapters have submitted the C.A.R. Activity and they will all be recognized at the Awards Banquet. If your Chapter is not one of those, take a look at the Florida C.A.R. website, and find a C.A.R. Society closest to you. Contact them, invite them to your meeting, invite yourself to their meeting and ask them to join you in your community projects, including Color Guard activities. Remember that the young men and women active in the C.A.R. today are tomorrow's leaders of the SAR and DAR.

DAR Liaison

Robert Williams McGuire Jr

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The FSDAR State Regent, Kay Yarbrough, has appointed 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 primary activity of the DAR Liaison Committee is participation in each of two annual Florida State Society DAR meetings held in Orlando. Fall Forum is generally held in late September and the Annual Meeting in March. These meetings often attract upwards of 700 DAR members – most of whom also have male family members who are potential SAR members. Our Liaison Committee provides compatriots (preferably in colonial uniform) to staff information tables in the main exhibit area. We answer questions about

SAR from the ladies and develop leads for prospective members. We also explain the DAR Finder Form that can lead to recognition for DAR members who refer men who become SAR members.

Our SAR DAR Liaison Committee has participated in the past two FSSDAR meetings at the new Renaissance Orlando Hotel venue and were looking forward to attending the Fall Forum there on September 24 to 27, 2020. However, that event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The FSSDAR Annual Meeting scheduled for March 2021 in Orlando was condensed from the usual four days to two. We had a good turnout of volunteers to staff our table and continued to build positive relationships between DAR and Sar. In addition, State President Bussone was invited to present greetings at the banquet and the Sons of Liberty Color Guard presented colors with President General Denise VanBuren in attendance.

In addition to building good relations at the state level, there have been a number of joint SAR-DAR events and activities conducted around the state at chapter and regional levels. One area where FLSSAR continues to fall short however is in providing recognition for SAR member referrals. For example, statistics from the national committee indicate that for the 1st quarter 2021, Florida had only submitted 12 DAR Finder Forms while Texas (yes, they are larger) submitted 55. Perhaps that is part of why Texas is bigger.

Ladies Auxiliary

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The committee has not met because there was no business to be conducted. The FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary is a separate and autonomous organization which operates under its own Bylaws and Charter for its stated purpose to assist, support, and further the objectives of the FLSSAR. It raises fund to help support the various Youth Awards programs and other projects.

A current status report has been submitted by L.A. President Anne McGuire and is included below.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary shall be limited to those who subscribe to the objects and patriotic activities of the FLSSAR and the Auxiliary; wives, widows, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters or nieces of SAR members and those interested in the objects of our Auxiliary. Current membership is about 90 ladies.

OFFICERS 2020-2021

- President – Anne McGuire
- Vice President – Delores Wolff
- Chaplain – Becky Elam
- Secretary – Jan Brunelle
- Treasurer – Laura Zavalía
- Registrar – Arlene Stone
- Historian - Vacant

April 30, 2021 Meeting of L.A.

Special guest, NSSAR First Lady Sheila Manning will present a program “Sharing my experiences as First Lady. Voting will be held on some proposed Bylaw changes, clarifying when a member should be dropped from membership. Election of Officers for the 2021-2022 term will be conducted.

May 1, 2021 Youth Awards Luncheon

Youth awards certificates and checks will be presented to first-place awardees, and check for winners will be given to the Youth Awards Committee Chairman for delivery to other winners.

2023 Congress Fund Raising

The Congress Throws project has gone very well. Laura and Anne have been receiving orders and sending them by UPS one or two at a time. There are less than two dozen Throws remaining out of the 100 that were initially ordered. Anne says you should not wait. If you haven't gotten yours yet, now is a good time. You can save \$15.00 shipping by getting it now at BOM – cost is still \$70.00. These are absolutely collectors' items now that SAR has adopted a new logo.

A new shell necklace/pendant project is in process. Samples should be delivered soon, followed by a production run of 100. Funding generated by the Throws and the Pendants will support the Hospitality Room, Centerpieces for Banquet Tables, Field Trips, and VIP gifts. The Ladies' goal of \$4,000 is within reach.

Other Activities

In addition to state-level programs as outlined above, it should be noted that Ladies Auxiliary members at the chapter-level provide ongoing support to chapters. Assisting in chapter fund-raising, setting up meeting rooms, and participating in chapter events are commonplace throughout the state. One such example – Ladies Auxiliary member Victoria Kelsey participated in the Seventh Annual Flagler Chapter Thomas Creek Battlefield five-mile hike. If your chapter is not involving the Ladies Auxiliary in its activities, it is missing out on a valuable resource.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

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The Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee did not meet independently to conduct business during the reporting period. Rather, it and its chairman served as a resource and a coordinating body to promote and support the various activities held around the state. Despite the constraints imposed by the pandemic many successful events were held, and we look forward to a return to full participation in the National Color Guard and other events in the following year

Battle of Pensacola– May 8, 2021.

The committee and Chris have been working to see if we might yet be able to go with a live event for the 2021 Battle of Pensacola, but they are definitely shifting to a Zoom event based on the advice of local officials. (They have significant concerns about an uptick in COVID cases following Spring Break season which is just getting started.) A flyer with all of the details about the virtual event on May 8, 2021 has been published. The flyer contains a link to the Google form to be used for registration. Information can also be found on the Pensacola Chapter website: www.pensacolasar.org. Registration is required by April 28, 2021 to participate in the event. The Battle of Pensacola Commemoration scheduled for May 8, 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

One challenge that is still being worked out is that we would like to be able to pre-record the presentation of colors as well as the retiring of the colors on-site at Ft. George. Unfortunately, neither of our two local chapters nor any of the other chapters in the NW region have active Color Guard units, so that may prove to be the biggest challenge with the virtual part of this event.

With our other Florida chapters with Color Guard units being many hours away, they are working on reaching out to the Baldwin County, Alabama chapter to see if they have an active unit or at least a few members with uniforms to supplement those members we have locally with uniforms to see if we can get the pre-recorded work done.

Chris Washler, Chairman Battle of Pensacola Celebration
President, Pensacola Chapter SAR

Last Naval Battle – March 13, 2021

109 persons representing 38 organizations attended the 3/13/21 Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War observance at the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island. Two National Society Sons of the American Revolution and 6 Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) officers attended: Vice President General-Central District William Edward Sharp, 2014-2015 President General Lindsey Cook Brock, FLSSAR President David Bussone, Senior Vice President Bernard Wolff, Treasurer and Color Guard Commander Richard Young, Executive Administrator and Regional Vice President-East Central Hall Riediger, Regional Vice President-Southwest Robert McGuire, and Recording Secretary and Color Guard Vice Commander Steve Fields

- The FLSSAR Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade marched in force
- FLSSAR chapters attending included Brevard Chapter, Flagler Chapter, Georgia Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Jacksonville Chapter, Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp#15, and St. Lucie Chapter
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Regents Councils Presidents Lona Burnett and Deb Plaag, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary National Society Billie Brock and Florida Society Anne McGuire, and DAR chapters Lawrence Kearney, Hickory Bluff, Abigail Wright Chamberlin, Jacksonville, Tampa Chapter, Withlacoochee, Cape Canaveral, Philip Perry, and Rufus Fairbanks attended
- Children of the American Revolution Luke Winbun of Iowa attended
- Marine Corps League Detachment 513 served as Color Guard
- Courageous Division of the Sea Cadets marched and assisted
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War attended

FLSSAR Bussone was featured speaker. Host Brevard Chapter President Ward served as Chaplain, Compatriot Donn Weaver served as Master of Ceremony, Compatriot Doug Bissett served as cannoneer, opening, and closing the ceremony with a bang, Compatriot Sam Ashdown registered participants and distributed streamers. Compatriots Brian Jensen and Nic Mihora augmented the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. 2016-2017 President Eller attended the luncheon.

- Senior Vice President Bernard Wolff announced the 2023 National Congress in Florida, as well as related fund-raisers
- “Food for Good” staffed a display table
- Freelance photographer Gary Wagoner attended
- Past Treasurer Carroll Lord assisted regarding accounts receivable and accounts payable. Expenses: \$50.00 Roger Scruggs, VMC photographer; \$80.00 Office Depot, brochures; \$90.29 B.J.’s, beverages and cupcakes; \$135.67 Al’s Trophy; \$205.00, Sutherland Chairs; \$150.00 Delinda Griffis, public address system and music; total \$710.96. Streamers were also purchased. FLSSAR provided \$500.00 reimbursement.
- LNB initial complimentary feedback was appreciated, and further feedback is invited to make the 2022 observance even better.
- 2022 date announced.

James Ward, LNB Committee Chairman
President Brevard Chapter SAR

Thomas Creek – March 27, 2021 The 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony

The Thomas Creek Battle Commemoration was approved as a National Event at the Leadership meeting, February 28, 2020. The 243 Anniversary Celebration scheduled for March 28, 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The 244th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated by the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., scouts and guests on another beautiful Saturday morning March 27th, 2021. David Ramseur, Past President of the FLSSAR and Jacksonville Chapter welcomed over 100 in attendance for the wreath ceremony, at the on-site park battle locations in Jacksonville, Florida. This battle is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War. Even though this battle was the second of three major attempts ordered by General George Washington to make North East Florida from Apalachicola River to St. Augustine our 14th Colony, the battle was lost to British Forces comprised of the British Regulars, Loyalists, and Creek Indians.

Greetings from the NSSAR were brought from VPG Allen Greenly of the South Atlantic District and, Louis Raborg, Jr. National Color Guard Commander. The large color guard was composed of SAR and C.A.R. compatriots led by Commander Louis Raborg, Vice Commander Brooks Lyles and 1st Adjutant Scott Collins plus FLSSAR Color Guard Commander Dick Young and Vice Commander Steve Fields. Greetings were also brought from the FLSSAR President David Bussone, FSSDAR State Regent Kay Yarbrough, FSSC.A.R. State President Emma Glazener, and GASSAR Past President Scott Collins. We were once again given a great education on the battle by our speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research, Inc. of St. Augustine. Invocation and the Benediction were given by Compatriot Reverend Bob Hale, and taps were sounded by Compatriot Fred Emery of the Jacksonville Chapter. We are looking forward to future ceremonies with the major planned enhancements to this 846-acre park by the City of Jacksonville.

David Hardy Ramseur,
Thomas Creek Battlefield Commemoration Chairman

Well done! Our first experience conducting a National Color Guard event, the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas (Seaton) Creek, was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of our members, the DAR, C.A.R., SAR members from Georgia, South Carolina, other Florida chapters, FLSSAR management and the National SAR Color Guard, made the commemorations a smooth event. The assistance of Scouts from Troops 136 and 549 and other participants were of great value. Most especially the fine leadership and concern for detail, exhibited by David Ramseur, linked the several individual efforts into a dedicated effort. Thank you all.

Claude S. Farmer
President, Jacksonville Chapter SAR

7th Annual Flagler Chapter Thomas Creek Hike

On January 23rd, 2021, Flagler Chapter Compatriots, President Charles Hayes, 1st VP Randall Morris, and David Kelsey, accompanied by Victoria Kelsey of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, completed the Chapter's 7th Annual Thomas Creek Battlefield five mile hike.

The purported Thomas Creek Battlefield is located within the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve, north of Jacksonville, south of the Georgia state line, and near Nassau Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Joining the hike was John Cassell, wearing a blue jacket with "SAR" imprinted across the back. Mr. Cassel, a member of the Eckerd College "Search And Rescue" team, is an avid bird watcher and was conducting a wildlife survey at the Preserve. Many species of birds were identified by sight and sound and his presence added measurably to this hike.

The Battle of Thomas Creek occurred on May 17, 1777 and was a major defeat for the Patriots. The Patriot forces consisted of approximately 170 mounted soldiers from GA, SC, & NC comprising the 1st Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse commanded by LTC John Baker and they were ambushed by 300 regular British Army soldiers from St. Augustine, 75 East Florida Ranger irregulars (loyalists) and many warriors from local tribes. The mission of the Continental Army Patriots was to proceed south from GA into Florida and destroy the British Army and British Government headquarters at St. Augustine, as well as, capture the vast quantity of stored war supplies and munitions. The British Army mission was to destroy the invading Patriot force whereas the local warrior tribesmen were seeking revenge, horses, supplies and scalps.

Compatriot David Kelsey, Flagler Chapter

Lake Sumter Liberty Tree – Nov 11, 2020

Early in 2020, the Lake-Sumter Chapter planted its third Liberty Tree on the Campus of Montverde Academy, Montverde, FL. Dedication of the tree originally had been scheduled for April 22, 2020; however, as it did with many things, Covid-19 changed the schedule. The dedication finally occurred on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2020, as an outdoor ceremony with much reduced fanfare. In addition to rules dictating wearing of the masks and social distancing, academy leaders requested that the Chapter be represented by only a few officers and a three-man color guard.

The Academy, in lieu of their original plans, limited their participants to Dr. David Rath, Dean of Enrollment Management and select students and teachers from their History department. Opening, words of welcome from Chapter President Ron Grove, posting of the Colors by the Chapter Color Guard and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance by the audience. Florida Society President, David Bussone, spoke of the purpose of the Sons of The American Revolution. Dr. Rath then spoke of the Academy relationship with the SAR followed by Past Chapter President Lane as he provided a Veteran's Day Message. President Grove then returned to the podium and informed the audience of the history of "The Liberty Tree". A historical plaque documenting the planting of the "Montverde Liberty Tree" was then unveiled by Montverde student Layla Busby. Ms. Busby was the Lake-Sumter Poster Contest winner and 2nd place winner in the FLSSAR Poster Contest.

It is important to note that the Chapter chose to plant the Liberty Tree on the Montverde Academy Campus in part to celebrate past and future years of support of the SAR youth programs that promote the study of the American Revolution at the Academy. In addition to being local Chapter winners, Montverde students in 2020 placed 2nd in the FLSSAR essay contest (Judy Hassanein) and 2nd in the FLSSAR Poster Contest (Layla Busby); in 2019 2nd in the FLSSAR oration contest (Matthew Karen); and in 2018 Robert Burke was the FLSSAR American History Teacher of the year award. Thanks, are extended to teachers Robert Burke and Lori Pollock who have been long time supporters of our contests.

Ron Grove, President Lake-Sumter Chapter

Highlands Liberty Tree – April 18, 2021

On April 18, 2021, the day before Patriot's Day, the Highlands Chapter SAR sponsored the Dedication of a Live Oak believed 450 years old that was growing when the original Boston Liberty Tree was cut in 1775, and when it was planted in 1646. April 18, 1775 was the day Paul Revere and William Dawes left Boston by fast horses and the British by boat, then on foot, for Lexington,

Massachusetts. At 5 AM April 19, 700 Redcoats met 77 armed Minutemen on the Lexington Green, fired shots heard around the world, and began the Revolutionary War.

The dedication was the crown jewel of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Highlands County sponsored by the Heritage Association of Highlands County at the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate. The 117-acre estate at the Fort Basinger Historical Site is between Sebring and Okeechobee on the Kissimmee River. Along with participating in planning and organizing the event, the Highlands Chapter provided a shaded booth and display area with water, cooling face cloths, and a resting area with chairs, beneath a nearby 200+ year-old oak tree. The Highlands Chapter also provided the beautiful bronze commemorative plaque displayed by the tree.

James Dean, President of Highlands chapter, aided by Robert McGuire, Regional Vice President, conducted the ceremony. FLSSAR President David Bussone gave opening and closing prayers and remarks. Musket salutes were fired, first to honor the Liberty Tree, second to honor property owners Butch and Donna Thompson, and third to honor Jim Pollard, President of the Heritage Association, and the committee and volunteers who made this possible.

Color Guard support for the event was coordinated and provided primarily by the Caloosa Chapter Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp #15 augmented by the Jacksonville Chapter which provided the Safety Officer and shooters for three musket volleys that were fired, along with the Naples Chapter, Charlotte Chapter, Tampa Chapter, Saramana Chapter, and Daytona-Ormund Chapters. FLSSAR Commander Dick Young and Vice Commander Steve Fields participated in posting and retiring colors.

The Color Guard members and their wives brought history alive to the large crowd here in the heart of Old Florida. The Estate was a cattle ranch beginning from 1874 and through 3 generations of the Pearce family. It was then neglected by a Florida government agency for 2 decades. Butch and Donna Thompson then purchased, preserved, and continues restoring it. This was the first time it had been opened to the public in 174 years. Butch quietly said after our ceremony that it was a love for this tree that caused him to buy the estate.

I believe that the event, including the plaque, the ceremonies, the color guard and their wives, the musket salutes, all brought a deep feeling of satisfaction and reward to Butch and Donna for their purchase and preservation of this historic property. I felt that a bond has been formed between them and the SAR that should extend far into the future. We should look forward to planning other events and returning to this magical time-warp on the Kissimmee River, once again to savor the ambiance and beauty of this treasure.

James Dean, President Highlands Chapter;
Robert W. McGuire, Jr., Commander, Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp #15

America 250th Celebration

GOALS (as approved by the President General): 1) Designate individual members liaisons with the following SAR Committees to coordinate celebration of 250th Anniversary 2) Developing the History Explorers program into a National template which will be available to all chapters and societies. 3) Prepare and submit a 250th Anniversary article for two issues of the SAR Magazine beginning with the Fall 2016 issue. A timeline for 250th Anniversary articles for submission into SAR Magazine is being developed. These events will be expanded to try to work with national committees, State Societies and Local Chapters in developing programs to recognize the events in the locations. 4) Develop guidelines for Chapters and Societies to earn recognition, probably through the use of Streamers and Certificates, for promoting and celebrating 250th Anniversary programs.

Robert W. McGuire, Jr., Member, NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee

Youth Programs

Americanism Youth Contests

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No report submitted

Eagle Scout

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All entries for the 2021 Florida Eagle Scout Contest must be received by the State Chairman no later than January 15, 2022. Prize levels remain the same as last year: First-\$1000, Second-\$500. Third-\$250. 2021 is the first year in which girls will be eligible to enter the King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. It is anticipated that there will be much interest this year.

The winner of the FLSSAR 2020 \$1000 King Eagle Scout Scholarship was Nathaniel Hebert, submitted by the Jacksonville Chapter. Runner-up winner of \$500 was Nicolas Salazar, submitted by the Aaron Snowden Chapter. All chapters are encouraged to submit nominees for the 2021 competition.

It was shared at the National Eagle Scout Committee at a recent Leadership Meeting that any Eagle Scout who expects to win one of the top 10 awards at the National level will need to have completed American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law Merit Badges. These three merit badges are given special consideration based on the rules of the contest. While they are not required, no one has won without having all three of these badges.

Winners of each chapter Eagle Scout contest should be submitted to the Florida Society Eagle Chairman. All entries are due no later than January 15, 2022. All three parts of the application must be submitted at the same time using forms found here: <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/>

This committee also handles recommendations for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. Nominations may be submitted to the Committee at any time during the year using the form found here: <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Robert-E-Burt-Boy-Scout-Volunteer-Award.pdf>

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Chairman of this committee for the past three years. I appreciate the trust placed in me by State Presidents Niemann, Popham, and Bussone. The members of the committee have been extremely supportive and can be counted on for their support. I will support my successor as chairman in any way he desires, Jim Stone.

History Fairs

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No report submitted

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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I was very encouraged early on when I received inquiries from 21 Florida Students about our contest. It is nice that the National website publishes state chairman's contact information so that interested students can make inquiries, I referred each of them to their local chapters.

I was hoping it was an indication of a big year, this contest was not really affected by the pandemic, so I was disappointed by only receiving 7 essays from the participating chapters. I am pleased to announce the winners :

1st place Jackson Cheplick Clermont, Lake-Sumter Chapter

2nd place Bryce Sweely Leigh Acres, Caloosa Chapter

3rd place Oliver Hess, St Petersburg, St Petersburg Chapter

Many thanks to my Committee members Bob and Kevin Yarnell for the hard work they put in to judge essays.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Ronald Lee Grove

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As of this writing I am only aware of two entries in the state competition which will be held 9 AM Saturday May 1, at the BOM. Compatriots are invited to attend. We will announce the winner at the youth luncheon at 11 that day. The deadline for entries was April 21. This year national modified their process. All state winners are to submit a video of their speech and national judges will choose 6 of those to attend the national congress and present their speech in person. Videos worked fairly well last year when there was no congress. This hybrid method cuts down the cost to states to send all winners. Now it will only be 6 who will attend congress and all will receive awards.

Thanks to my committee members, Dwight Elam, Earl Mathews and William Wicks who will be judging the speeches.

Ron Grove, Rumbaugh Oration Committee Chairman

JROTC Committee

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It was disappointing that only three JROTC cadets entered the Enhanced JROTC competition this year. Although the lack of participation was most likely due to the Covid pandemic.

The winners for the 2021 Enhanced JROTC competition follow:

First - Connor Bricco sponsored by Naples, \$1,000

Second - Jonuel Martinez sponsored by Tampa. \$650

Third - Rosa Ramirez sponsored by Saramana \$350

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

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Habitat for Humanity

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It appears that there are only 5 chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity program; Clearwater, Jacksonville, Lake-Sumter, St Lucie, and Withlacoochee. If your chapter is also participating, please let me know.

There have been very few home dedications this year, due to COVID-19, and some were done remotely (via Zoom, etc.). Hopefully that will change with the coming year.

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 does a home dedication ceremony, we participate (preferably in colonial attire) and present the new home owner 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.

Patriotic Activities

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As will almost all committees, the patriotic Activities Committee has noted a marked decline in activity this past year. COVID has left its mark. Activities to report in our area of responsibility are:

Allegiance Sunday: 2 events reported

Naturalization ceremonies participated in: none

Patriotic educational presentations before citizen, school, civic and fraternal organizations: 11 reported

NSSAR Rear Admiral William R. Furlong Flag Award and Flag retirement Program, 4 Flag certificates presented and 1 retirement certificate presented

The Committee has been participating in discussions with National and other State Societies to find ways to increase chapter participation and public awareness. An Article containing some of the most promising ideas will appear in an upcoming issue of the Florida Patriot. As a reminder, any chapters that are participating in Flag Day Activities with the DAR or CAR, chapters have a great opportunity for presenting a Flag Certificate. Ceremonies that emphasize respect and honor to the Flag of the United States are worthy of recognition with a Flag Certificate.

Public Service and Heroism

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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 on the NSSAR web site.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate 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 accomplishments in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make up 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 Certificate 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 devices attachments are authorized

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Certificate 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 Certificate and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of eminent 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 be 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 cluster 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, firemen, emergency medical personnel, 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

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Contest winners, 1st Clearwater, 2nd Flagler, 3rd Withlacoochee and Honorable Mention St. Lucie River

Veterans Affairs

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Same story. Different committee. Covid put a huge dent in the ability of compatriots to take part in the kind of veteran support activities they usually focus on. It certainly didn't help when the VA and National Cemeteries stopped volunteer service at their facilities for non-medical personnel. Some chapters did find some creative ways to ensure that they could reach out to the veteran population while ensuring everyone's safety. Unfortunately, only three chapters chose to submit reports this year for the USS Stark Memorial Award – Brevard, Withlacoochee, and Saramana. The committee thanks them for their efforts. Between them they accumulated over 16,000 points towards USS Stark qualifying activities.

The concern now is how to encourage better participation not just in veteran support activities but also to get more reports submitted. The SAR is an organization that honors and supports veterans in our communities. Each chapter has its own talents and style of how they go about these important activities. Part of the reporting process is to share ways in which different chapters are having an impact. So, the committee strongly urges all FLSSAR chapters to use the activity tracking form developed by the national committee and available on the SAR. ORG website. This will make filling out the USS Stark form and submitting it before February 1st in 2022 a much easier process.

An even better reason for reporting veterans service activities is to ensure that your chapter members who accrue significant service points are recognized with the SAR Service to Veterans Medal. 5000 points are required for a first award to an individual. This represents a significant impact on the veteran community and those points may accrue over 5 years. An Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded for each subsequent 3000 points accrued. Contact the FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman for mor information.

Thank you all again for the especially important work you do with our veterans. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting.

Veteran's Recognition

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1. FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 31 to = 645 members:
 - a. NE=89
 - b. NW=54
 - c. NC=82
 - d. EC=71
 - e. WC=132
 - f. SE=68
 - g. SW=149
 - h. 24% of FLSSAR membership are enrolled in the Veterans Battalion.

2. Community Activity:
 - a. Despite the *Covid-19 Pandemic*, the Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership both the *FLSSAR Veterans Battalion* and *NSSAR Veterans Corps* with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted quarterly and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion program.
 - b. Committee Chairman reviews all Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of the required VB application form and DD-214. Chapters are mailed a VB acceptance letter and Certificate within 48 hours for Compatriot presentation.
 - c. Chapter Presidents are requested to personally present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to approved Compatriots at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.

- d. Chapter Presidents are reminded that the *SAR War Service Medal* is only authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service directly in a DOD designated “combat area” noted on the DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the *SAR Military Service Medal*. The medals have equal rank.
- e. 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.
- f. Veterans Battalion Roster is updated quarterly on the *FLSSAR* web site quarterly listing Veterans Battalion members by Region & Chapter.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

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Chapters, we have plenty of money to send your way, please start making your requests! I have been informed by the ETF trustees that there will be changes for this year. Because the fund has done well in earnings the first check to chapters will be for 100% of their request, not 50%. But those checks will be issued 3 times during the year, at each BOM and December. Keep in mind that the program year is Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 and requests must be submitted by Nov. 15. I regret that changes I have requested to the request form have still not been accomplished so please, if you have any problems completing it, especially a “signature” field, let me know. We can do without it. I realize the pandemic has made many of our activities challenging to continue but I’m hoping you found ways around those difficulties and made these awards that are a great outreach for our society. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions – ron_grove@hotmail.com 352 801-7919

Thanks to my long standing committee members who review every request: Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess.

Ron Grove, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee Chairman

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

FLSSAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND (ETF) FLSSAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND (OBT) TRUSTEES MEETING

02 FEBRUARY 2021

4:00 PM – Regions Bank Webinar

Attendees:

Wm Lee Popham, Trustee 2019 - 2021

W. Richard Young, Trustee 2020 – 2022

James D. Stone, Trustee 2021 – 2023

(Reviewed and approved subsequent)

Andrew Colgan, Regions Bank

Mylene Kalinich, Regions Bank

Tim Foli, Regions Bank

AGENDA:

Account Balances,	01 January 2020	31 December 2020	PERFORMANCE
3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund	\$550,268.86	\$609,280.20	+ 11.57%
3341 Florida SAR Operating Budget Fund	\$116,801.76	\$122,797.85	+ 07.24%

Actions:

1. **DONE:** Closed the ETF & OBT Checking Accounts at Wells Fargo Bank and moved the remaining Funds to Florida SAR ETF (\$1,333.92) and OBT (\$8,586.99) at Regions Bank;
2. **OBT:** Transferred 5% = \$5,200.06 (2019) and \$5,840.09 (2020) Budgeted Distributions from the Florida SAR OBT Fund account to the FLSSAR Operating Account.
3. **OBT:** 5% distribution rate for 2021 = \$122,797.85 x 5% = \$6,140.
 - a. Quarterly distributions of \$1,535 by 31 March, 30 June, 30 Sept. & 31 Dec.

- b. From this amount, OBT has been requested to purchase Florida Society Medals upon their approval by NSSAR. Approved.
4. ETF: Regions mailed all final 2020 Disbursements from the Florida SAR ETF Fund account prior to 31 December 2020. Disbursements during the year totaled \$7,489.67.
5. ETF: The 2021 Trustee Designations were previously set at an amount equal to 3% of the 01 January 2021 balance in the Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund.
 - a. $3\% \times \$609,280.20 = \$18,278$, to be available from the #3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund for appropriate 2021 reimbursements and distributions.
 - b. Reimbursements will take place at the end of each calendar quarter, with 15 days' notice to Regions Bank.
6. ETF & OTB: Revised Portfolio Investment Allocation Guidelines to target 60%-Equity and 40%-Fixed (previously ETF: 55%-Equity/45% Fixed; OBT: 35%-Equity/65%-Fixed).
 - a. Investment Policy Statements will be revised during the upcoming calendar quarter
 - b. Regions to begin re-balancing both Portfolios upon receipt of signed Approvals to be provided by Regions.
7. Regions to suggest appropriate portfolio Benchmarks for Approval at the next Trustee Meeting.
8. Florida SAR Spring BOM – 30 April 2021 – Regions folks are invited to make a one-hour presentation to all Compatriots in attendance at the Embassy Suites Hotel Lake Buena Vista South on Kyngs Heath Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Lee Popham, Trustee
W. Richard Young, Trustee
James D. Stone, Trustee

NOTE:

With Regions Bank now disbursing funds for us, we believe it will be best to reimburse for 100% of each reimbursement request, rather than only 50%. I expect these checks will be available for physical distribution at the Spring BOM on 30 April, during the Endowment meeting with our Regions Bank Advisors. Our next distribution will take place at the Fall BOM in October, and then again just before the end of the calendar year.

Appendix Pages to follow

**Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021
As of March 31, 2021**

	2021			
	Actual		Budget	
	Operating	Congress	Operating	Congress
Cash Disbursements				
NSSAR Dues	62,130		66,150	
Dues Refunds	15		-	
Reinstatement Dues	1,015		1,500	
Registrar Stipend	1,200		4,800	
Secretary Stipend	1,200		4,800	
Exec Admin Stipend	1,200		4,800	
Presidents Expenses	-		5,000	
Sr VP Expenses	-		2,500	
Secretary Expenses	-		1,000	
Treasurer Expenses	53		100	
Registrar Expenses	133		600	
BOM Expenses	-		-	
Hotel (Meals)	-		10,700	
Rooms	-		-	
BOM Refunds	-		-	
Hospitality Room	-		500	
A/V & Other	-		500	
PG Room	-		300	
Hotel Deposits	500		-	
Printing	-		-	
Internet/Computer Expense	45		600	
Technology Comm	-		100	
Knight Essay Comm	750		2,000	
American His Teacher Comm	-		750	
Eagle Scout Comm	500		2,000	
JROTC Comm	-		2,200	
Good Citizenship Comm	-		250	
Patriotic Education	-		-	
Historical Sites Committee	-		250	
Educational Outreach Committee	-		500	
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	-		4,500	
Americanism Poster Contest	-		350	
Americanism Brochure Contest	-		350	
FSCAR Donation	500		1,000	
History Fair Comm	-		500	
SAR Museum & Learning Center	-		1,000	
NSSAR Library	-		300	
Battle of Pensacola	-		300	
Last Naval Battle	-		500	
Battle of Thomas Creek	111		500	
Medals & Awards Comm	113		1,200	
C.A.R. Committee	-		100	
Patriot Medal Comm	306		500	
Americanism/Chapter Challenge	-		100	
Newsletters & Period Comm	-		500	
Publicity Comm	-		500	
New Chapter Dev Comm	-		600	
Veterans Battalion	-		100	
Other Committee Cost	-		100	
Bank Charges/Fees	-		100	
Storage Fees	540		1,600	
Miscellaneous Costs	-		300	
D&O/Liability Insurance	-		2,500	
Patriot Mag Cost	1,253		4,000	
Highland Games Donation (DAR)	-		100	
2023 Congress Expenses	-		-	
Musket Raffle	-	166	-	
Medals	-	-	-	
2023 Congress Fund Transfers	-		-	
a Reallocate from ETF Donation	2,000		2,000	
b Reallocate from Meeks Fund	2,000		2,000	
Carry over to Future Years	-		-	
Total	75,564	166	137,500	-
Net Cash Surplus	28,762	26,619	(4,300)	25,780

**Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021
As of March 31, 2021**

	2021			
	Actual		Budget	
	Operating	Congress	Operating	Congress
Cash Receipts				
Annual Dues	-		105,000	
Prepaid Dues from Dec 2021	73,070			
2021 Dues	28,266		-	
Patriot Magazine Subscription	-		-	
Member Assessment for Congress	-			
2021	-	-		2,000
2020	-	-		2,000
2023 Congress Medal Sales		1,685	-	
Musket Raffle		1,270	-	
OTF distribution	-		3,000	
Registrar Receipts	2,530		12,000	
Secretary Receipts (Reinstatements)	260		1,000	
Other Income	-		-	
BOM Receipts	-			
Registration	-		12,000	
50/50	-		-	
Hospitality Room	-		-	
Rooms	-		-	
Donations	-		-	
2023 Congress		2,050		-
Undesignated	-		-	
ETF	-		-	
Meeks Fund	-		-	
National Awards	-		-	
LNB Medal Sales	-		-	
Patriot Mag Ad Income	-		-	
a Reallocate ETF Donation	-	2,000		2,000
b Reallocate Meeks Fund Donation	-	2,000		2,000
Carry Over From Prior Year	200	17,780	200	17,780
Credit Card Error				
Total	104,326	26,785	133,200	25,780

Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution
2023 Congress Fund
Summary of Receipts & Disbursements, by Year
As of March 31, 2021

Receipts	2019	2020	2021	Totals
Budget Redistribution				
SVP Expenses	\$ 2,500			\$ 2,500
President Expenses	3,333	1,667		5,000
ETF Donaitons	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
Meeks Fund Allocation	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
Budget Excess	1,667	-	-	1,667
Member Assessents				-
2019		1,745		1,745
2020		157		157
2021			-	-
Musket Raffle		5,120	1,270	6,390
Congress Medal Sales		1,806	1,685	3,491
Donations	-	-	2,050	2,050
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>14,495</u>	<u>9,005</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Disbursements				
Musket Raffle	825	883	166	1,874
Congress Medal		4,840		4,840
	<u>825</u>	<u>5,723</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>6,714</u>
Net Fund Balance	<u>\$ 10,675</u>	<u>\$ 8,772</u>	<u>\$ 8,839</u>	<u>\$ 28,286</u>

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
Cash Balances By Fund
At December 31, 2019, 2020 & March 31, 2021

	Operations	Meeks	Congress	Totals
Jan 1, 2019	112,722	31,343	-	144,066
Receipts	156,559	2,942	11,500	171,001
Disbursements	138,459	-	825	139,284
Dec 31, 2019	<u>130,822</u>	<u>34,285</u>	<u>10,675</u>	<u>175,783</u>
Receipts	194,569	-	14,495	209,064
Disbursements	132,765	-	5,723	138,488
Dec 31, 2020	<u>192,626</u>	<u>34,285</u>	<u>19,447</u>	<u>246,358</u>
Receipts	27,057	-	9,005	36,062
Disbursements	71,564	-	166	71,730
Mar 31, 2021	<u>148,119</u>	<u>34,285</u>	<u>28,286</u>	<u>210,690</u>

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	Athearn	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				

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YE AR	1st	3rd
2019	Flagler	Palm Beach
2018	Brevard	Lake/Sumter & Palm Beach (tie)
2017	Brevard & Caloosa (tie)	Flagler
2016	Brevard	
2014	St Lucie River	Caloosa
2013	Brevard	Flagler