

Spring Board of Management  
Annual Meeting

# Proceedings

Kissimmee, Florida

May 13 to 14, 2022



### **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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Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of allegiance

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Introduction of National Officers

Introduction of first time attendees

Certification of a quorum

Approval of the minutes

Reports of National and State Officers

**National Trustee**

**President**

**Senior Vice President**

**ExComm Member-at-Large**

**Northwestern Regional Vice President**

**North Central Regional Vice President**

**Northeastern Regional Vice President**

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**DAR Liaison**

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**Battle of Pensacola**

**Battle of Thomas Creek**

**Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**

Youth Programs

**Americanism Youth Contests**

**Eagle Scout Scholarship**

**History Fairs**

**George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contes**

**Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest**

**JROTC/ROTC**

Community Outreach

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Patriotic Activities**

**Public Service and Heroism**

**Publicity**

**American History Teacher Award**

**Veterans Affairs**

**Veteran's Recognition**

Trust Funds

**Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements**

**Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds**

# Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Scott Breckenridge, Secretary FLSSAR  
Steve Fields, Recording Secretary FLSSAR

## Special Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 02, 2021

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

**MOTION** – David Bussone moved that we call a Special BOM to endorse candidates for National Office. Dick Young seconded. Secretary confirmed that we have a quorum. **PASSED**  
Meeting called to order by President Bernard Wolff at 10:04 AM.

**MOTION** – Lindsey Brock moved to have The Florida Society endorse all unopposed candidates for National office. David Bussone seconded. **PASSED**  
(list all unopposed candidates)

There are 3 contested positions.

### Treasurer General

1. Darryl Addington – present and spoke.
2. Tony Vets

**MOTION** – Lee Popham moved to have the Florida Society endorse candidate Darryl Addington. Dwight Elam seconded. **PASSED**.

### Genealogist General

1. Gary Green – present and spoke.
2. Bob Fish

**MOTION** – Lee Popham moved to have the Florida Society endorse candidate Gary Green. Dwight Elam seconded. **PASSED**.

### Historian General

1. Brooks Lyles
2. Lou Raborg

**MOTION** – Lee Popham moved to have the Florida Society endorse candidate Brooks Lyles. Matt Mathews seconded. **PASSED**.

**MOTION** – David Bussone moved to have the Secretary notify Jack Manning and Don Shaw of the Florida Society's endorsements of candidates for National office. Lee Popham seconded. **PASSED**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

## Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Invocation by Chaplain General Dwight Elam

Meeting called to order by President Bernard Wolff at 1:01 PM.

Opening ritual completed.

Chair appointed George Wysong to serve as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Introduction of National Officers and Guests: Chaplain General Dwight Elam, Chairman of the SAR Foundation Daryl Addington, SAR Foundation Member Lee Popham, Past PG Lindsey Brock

Remarks and greetings from PG Brock

Introduction of first-time attendees

Declaration of quorum – requirement met

Chair suggests that all items in the preliminary proceedings (agenda, reports, and minutes of the previous meeting) as printed in the Blue Book be accepted as a Consent Agenda. **MOTION** David Bussone. **SECOND** Wm. Lee Popham. **PASSED**

## Committee Reports in addition to those in the Consent Agenda

Educational Outreach Committee – Power Point presentation by Charles Butler.

Medals and Awards – work at the national society on a youth color guard medal, lifetime achievement medal, and proposed changes to color guard medals.

Ladies Auxiliary - report submitted in writing and will be added to final version of the Proceedings.

Executive Committee –

**MOTION** – David Bussone moves that Wm. Lee Popham be reappointed to the two Trust Committees. **SECOND** Bob McGuire. **PASSED**

**MOTION** – Dick Young moves “*The Board of Management authorize the (State) President to sign contracts and make deposits for Congress 2023 related activities, with an affirmative recommendation from the finance committee to the Executive Committee which must give its approval to the (State) President.*” (submitted in writing by David Bussone) **SECOND** James Ward. **PASSED**

Congress 2023 Budget - presentation by Wm. Lee Popham. Copies of presentation handed to all Board of Management members present and the Secretary. Copy of the report to be added to the final Proceedings.

**MOTION** – Wm. Lee Popham moves that the Congress 2023 Budget be amended as shown in his presentation. **SECOND** David Bussone. **PASSED**

**MOTION** – David Bussone moves that Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham be invited to update the Board of Managers on the Congress 2023 Budget at the Spring 2022 Board of Managers Meeting. **SECOND**. Dave Thomas **PASSED**

Meetings and Arrangements Committee

**MOTION** Committee moves that the Board of Management accept proposed new hotel contract with Embassy Suites for Oct 7-9, 2022 and May 19-21, 2023 and an increase of \$1.80 per room and a charge of \$5 for parking. **SECONDED** none required. **PASSED**

Finance Committee Report – Dick Young explains report to be added to the final Proceedings. Copy of the report provided to all attendees. Discussion of Operating Fund and Congress Fund. Presentation of updated budget proposal.

**MOTION** Committee moves that the Board of Management accept proposed budget as presented. **SECONDED** none required.

**MOTION TO AMMEND** – Ron Grove moves that the American History Teacher award amount be increased to \$1200.00. **SECONDED** Wm. Lee Popham **PASSED**

**AMENDED MOTION** – Accept the budget as proposed by the Finance Committee with the approved amendment/s. **SECONDED** none required. **PASSED**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

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

Meeting adjourned at 14:22

The next Board of Management Meeting will be held May 6-7, 2022.

# National and State Officer Reports

## National Trustee

Wm Lee Popham, Trustee

David E. Bussone, Alternate Trustee

Here are the Draft Minutes for the National Trustee Meeting that was held during the NSSAR National Leadership Conference in Louisville Kentucky on 05 March 2022:

### **National Society SAR Trustees Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY Saturday, 05 March 2022 *Draft Minutes 01 April 2022***

1. Meeting called to order by President General Davis L. Wright at 10:00 am.  
The Invocation was given by Chaplain General Dwight Elam.  
The National Anthem was led by David Carr.  
The Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Secretary General C. Bruce Pickette.  
The SAR Pledge was led by Treasurer General John Dodd.  
PG Wright appointed John Berg as Parliamentarian.
2. Numerous generous gifts were presented to the SAR. The list is kept by Finance Director Megan Krebs.
3. Museum Chairman Kent Gregory spoke on the acquisition of several items from the Frazier Museum with the help of donations from compatriots. Two members of the Frazier staff were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their support in helping us acquire these items for our museum collection.
4. Librarian General Fred Olive spoke on the hiring of our new library director Cheryl Daniels.
5. PG asked that all first-time attendees to stand and be recognized.
6. PG asked that all veterans please stand and be recognized.
7. PG asked that all first responders please stand and be recognized.
8. Swearing in of new Trustee from Alabama, Compatriot David Jones, that had not previously been sworn in by Chancellor General Michael J. Elston.
9. The former President Generals in attendance were introduced and gave brief greetings: PG Nathan White, PG David Appleby, PG David Sympson, PG Joseph Dooley, PG Lindsey Brock, PG Tom Lawrence, PG J. Michael Tomme, Sr., PG Warren Alter and PG John Manning.
10. PG Appleby announced the Minuteman Class of 2022: Fred Olive, Brooks Lyles, Dan Woodruff, Gary Green, Jim Fosdyck, and Tony Robinson. He also spoke on the annual SAR Conference on the American Revolution.
11. PG Lawrence reported on the American History Teacher contest for this year. Only five entries for this year. He asked the states societies to please be sure to have the contest listed on their state websites, along with a point of contact and a link to the national website.
12. PG Lawrence also reported on the Ethics Committee. The committee had identified five different problem areas and brought them to the attention of ExCom. Two resulted in administrative changes within the SAR and two resulted in changes to the Handbook. For the last area, it was identified that the states needed a model set of rules for regarding discipline conduct. A subcommittee was formed and set of rules was drafted and presented to ExCom and will be presented later today at the Council of State Presidents. The hope is that the states will adopt the model rules.
13. PG Wright noted that he would entertain a motion to grant floor speaking privileges to members in good standing during the Trustee session. It was so moved by PG Dooley. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **Report from the Executive Committee**

14. SG Pickette reported that the Trustee minutes from 11 Dec 2021 were posted to ShareFile and asked that they be approved. PG Wright called the vote. Motion passed. Minutes stand approved.

SG Pickette reported on 18 items from March 3 & 5 ExCom meetings and presented the information items first:

- PG Wright instructed Executive Director Don Shaw and Genealogist General Fish that by the next meeting of the Executive Committee to re-evaluate and analyze the time it is taking to approve applications and draft an "Emergency Action Plan" that identifies additional internal and external resources that can be brought to bear in order to decrease the application approval times.

- Agreed to increase the cash award portion of the Registrar General Award for Retention from \$100 to \$200. This was a Handbook change. Proposed by RG Vets/TG Dodd.
- Approved the 2026 5-Year Operational Plan presented by the Strategic Planning Committee  
Vision: Become a Major Recognized Voice of the American Revolution by 2026 Supporting Goals and Objectives.
- Approved the inclusion of the “Model Rules of Compatriot Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures” in the NSSAR Handbook and recommended that State Societies consider reviewing and adopting the model rules and bylaws. There were two versions (paragraphs) in Section 7, “Appeal.” The motion was amended in ExCom to accept the wording of the first version.
- Approved the SAR/C.A.R. Gold Medal of Appreciation for: Jacob Shadinger, National President, N.S.C.A.R.; Lori Walters; Patricia ‘Trish’ Jackson of New Hampshire and Darrin M. Schmidt.
- Approved the presentation of the NSSAR Distinguished Patriot Award to David Hackett Fischer, Ph.D.
- Approved the PG’s appointment of Paul Hayes of the DC Society to the Genealogy Committee.
- Approved the Lifetime Achievement Bar criteria for the Youth Education Medal. Recognizes the long-term service of members in the area of Youth Education. State is restricted to no more than 2 per year. Can be awarded to both SAR and Non-Sar individuals as a recognition of their long service in teaching the history of the American Revolution.
- Approved the Liberty Medal to be awarded in the following categories: Bronze w/OLC for First Line signer for approved applications 10-99. Silver w/OLC for First Line signer for approved apps 100-199. Gold /w/OLC for 1st Line signer for approved applications (200+). Those who have already attained one of these levels can purchase it on their own, or when they receive their next Liberty Award. Order of Precedence for all three awards is the same, individuals can wear only one medal at a time.
- Approved a Change to the Meritorious Service Medal to have three (3) distinct levels: Gold for National Award, Silver for District and State, Bronze for Chapter. Individuals who wish to exchange an earlier award will be able to purchase at their own expense the new levels with proof of award. Order of Precedence will be different for each level depending on the awarding authority.
- Approved the Gold Good Citizen Medal for Davis L. Wright.
- Approved changes to the Washington State Achievement Medal to include chapter authority to award this medal.
- Approved the Maryland Lifetime Service Medal.
- Authorized the President General to direct the Executive Director to conduct a search for and hire a Public Relations and Communications Director to produce and manage press releases, social media messaging and related communications, as well as implement an NSSAR social media campaign including, but not limited to Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and other applicable social media, contingent on the availability of funds available for that position.
- Approved the recommendation that the limits on DNA evidence be expanded: 5.4006 Policy with Respect to the Use of DNA Evidence. SAR looks at the breadth of information, including genetic information, to prove lineage. We also recognize the importance of respecting privacy. Therefore, any use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of living people for DNA evidence will require affirmative consent from those individuals. DNA proofs are limited to generations one to two or generations two to three only. Proof of the parentage of an applicant in the absence of a birth certificate or similar proof confirming the parent’s names by use of DNA is the preferred documentation. If DNA testing of minors is precluded for legal reasons and when DNA cannot be used, sworn signed affidavits submitted by a close relative with first-hand knowledge of the circumstances of the birth or, in the case of a surrogacy, by the surrogate birth mother attesting to the identity of the biological parent of the child is acceptable.
- In response to a December 5th action item of ExCom regarding investment fees, accepted the recommendation in the Investment Committee Report dated 18 February 2022. That recommendation is to “stay as we are” with Fifth Third Bank managing the SAR portfolio.

**Motion 1 by SG C. Bruce Pickette – The Executive Committee recommends to the Trustees that the following funds be transferred to the NSSAR Invested Funds Account (“NSSARIFA”), promptly upon authorization by the Trustees: Alexander Hamilton Fund Life Membership Fund; Building and Outreach Education Fund; All “Special purpose funds,” including: all investment, savings, or checking accounts related to such funds. This category shall include, but is not limited to, the Eagle Scout fund, Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest, Knight Essay, JROTC, Education, etc. It was further moved that notwithstanding the transfer, the SAR Foundation will continue to raise and hold funds associated with the SAR Education Center and Museum and such other accounts as authorized by the Foundation Board and will continue to assist in the raising of funds for all NSSAR programs. Funds raised by or through the SAR Foundation not associated with the SAR Education Center and Museum will be transferred to the associated NSSARIFA account monthly.** TG John Dodd spoke at length in support of this action. Sam Powell spoke at length against this motion. Finance Chairman Jim Klingler reported that this would not have any adverse effects on the SAR. PG Dooley explained that at one time these funds were in the SAR and supports this transfer and will make administration easier. PG White spoke in support. Motion passed.

**Motion 2 by SG C. Bruce Pickette – The Executive Committee recommends the Trustees approve the Investment Policy Statements of:**

**NSSAR Related:**

**NSSAR Invested Funds Account (NSSARIFA)**

**NSSAR Restricted Fund**

**NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund**

**Foundation Related:**

**Education Center and Museum**

**Roger Ruth Endowment.**

Investment Chairman Wayne Snodgrass explained the investment policy statement and how it is developed in conjunction with Fifth Third Bank advisors. See investment policy report for details. No additional discussion. Motion passed.

**General Officer Reports**

15. TG John Dodd reported that the Special Purpose Operating Fund (SPOF) allocations for 2022 have been approved and will work to help the committees with how the mechanism for requesting funds can be improved. Will work with the Budget Director to find funds for the new position to have it filled by Congress. Look for addition funds for added staff to the genealogy department. Asked for help with helping find celebrities who may be eligible for membership in the SAR.

16. CG Michael Elston reported that the Bylaw, Legal Advisory and Ethics Committees have been working on a number of changes to the disciplinary procedures and Bylaw 33. This related to what PG Lawrence has started with the model discipline rules. Reminded everyone to use the correct logo with the copyright on it.

17. GG Bob Fish reported that the backlog for New applications is 13 weeks and Supplementals is 38 weeks. It has come down some as the Covid pandemic lessened. Executive Director Shaw is working on a plan to get more staff working on applications. Since Congress 294 applications were pended, and most are with errors that should be caught by state registrars. Reminder that the applicant's birth certificate must clearly state "Male" on it.

18. RG Tony Vets reported that as of this past Thursday membership was 35,493. As for the reconciliation, seven states have not submitted checks, and four states have not submitted anything. As per Bylaw 22, no delegates can be seated for these states until the reconciliation is done. Cut-off is May 1 for allowing delegates to Congress.

19. HG Jim Lindley reported that there will be an Historian General roundtable at the Savannah Congress. The Thomas Vance photo award deadline has been extended.

20. LG Olive reported that the library has obtained the discharge papers for James Bright of 2<sup>nd</sup> NY Continental Artillery, Valley Forge muster, which includes his being awarded the Badge of Merit. It includes the signature of George Washington.

21. Surgeon General Ernest Sutton mentioned challenge coin number 10. Series will finish with the Pennsylvania Congress.

22. Chaplain General Dwight Elam reported that three previous Chaplain Generals are not in attendance due to illness and asked that we pray for them. He will work again with the Rumbaugh Orations committee.

**Vice-President General Reports**

23. Each of the VPGs gave brief updates on business conducted since the submission of their Fall Leadership reports.

24. International District – VPG Ken Goodson reported that the district has had three Zoom meetings and total membership is at 55. Bylaws have been changed and will need to be approved by the Trustees at some time. Two students participated in the Knight Essay contest and an Eagle Scout in the UK was recognized. Military/War Service medals were awarded to six compatriots.

**Presentation by Colleen Wilson**

25. Education Presentation by Colleen Wilson - Screen presentation on the new education website. Asked that we please share the education website with everyone. Noted that 300 artifacts have been added to the collection library since 2019. Headquarters has had numerous school groups come through.

**Committee Reports**

26. Americanism – Lou Raborg reported that he expects about 200 chapters to participate this year, and that it was agreed to no scoring changes for the next two years.

27. Color Guard – Lou Raborg reported that committee on Friday selected George Strunk of the North Carolina Society as the Color Guardsman of the Year. He had reviewed with the committee members our relationship with the National Park Service.

28. Audit – Harry Roberts reported that the committee has been formulating a check list of best practices for states and chapters with regards to financial activities.

29. Education Center & Museum – Project Manager Bill Stone reported that we have been at this for seven years and the plan for the build out will be delivered in March 2022. That leaves three years to build it. Spoke on the process that has gone on for the past year or so to get to where we are today, and that this museum which is just 6,000 square feet will be able to tell the story using seven interactives, with both the upper and lower space that we had. PG Dooley made a slide presentation on the floor plan of the museum, then introduced Solid Light President Mike McCarty. He spoke on what is different about this new kind of a museum, that it does not look tired and that it teaches. Interactives are the answer to keeping it fresh and teaching in the digital age via the web is key to its success. By taking advantage of the upper space, we have added another 3,000 square feet to the museum, creating a total of 9,000 square feet. It will provide learning space with the seven interactives that can be used outside the museum.
30. Education – Chairman Brooks Lyles stated report is in the book and what committees it covers. Officer training will be this afternoon by Greg Lucas. Approved Friday of the Youth Protection Policy for the SAR.
31. Eagle Scout - T. Rex Legler spoke on the new Activity Form and that donations for the Activity Form count towards the Eagle Scout donor medal.
32. America 250<sup>th</sup> – Chairman Cliff Olson asked everyone to go to America250SAR.org that site is setup with templates and programs with 250<sup>th</sup> events. It is constantly being updated. There is also another site America250SAR.com for the public. Alan See will be taking over as the Communication Vice Chair for the committee. Asked the other committees to send any programs on the 250<sup>th</sup> and we will add them to the website. Reminded everyone that we have 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals for Gold, Silver & Bronze levels of activity, please send him your complete forms.
33. Budget – Lee Popham reported that, when compared to actuals, there was a surplus in the 2021 budget thanks to the PPP loan.
34. GWEF – Edmond McKinley reported that they have a 250<sup>th</sup> lapel pin for \$50. So far for 2022, we have 61 new members.
35. Communications – Chairman Mickey McGuire reported briefly on the work of the five subcommittees and thanked ExEom for approving the new Public Relations Director position.
36. Congress Planning - Chairman Paul Callanan reported on the 2022 Savannah Congress and went through the schedule for Saturday July 10 thru July 15. Hyatt Regency is full and contact him as he has a wait list for rooms. Discussed tours. New photo company for this Congress. Congress registration needs to be done carefully to save the HQ staff extra work trying fix registrations. Registration will not be online until the middle of May.
37. Congress Review - Paul Callanan reported a rule change is being reviewed that is an option for all nominees to speak. Nominees for contested races, one person will nominate, the nominee will speak and a second will speak.
38. Medals & Awards – Chairman Paul Callanan noted that Maryland Lifetime Bar was approved by ExCom. The Medals for the changes just approved for Liberty or Meritorious Service medals will not be available immediately from the national store.
39. Council of Youth Programs – Chairman David Perkins reported the Friday meeting went well using the new meeting format. As of today, no new members can be added to the eight subcommittees without having taken the SAR Youth Protection Training and providing a certificate, which is located on the eLearning webpage on SAR.org. Announced the top 5 Eagle Scouts winners for 2022 and noted that 5<sup>th</sup> place was our first female finisher.
40. Finance – Chairman Jim Klingler reported that the committee reviewed the funds transfer from SARF to SAR, also reviewed the budget and investments. Had a combined meeting with the Audit committee to review the audit from Dean Dorton.
41. Genealogy – Chairman Bill Schwetke reported that the committee begun the process of updating and rewriting the application preparation manual. Thanked Bob Fish for FAQ s series.
42. Handbook – Chairman Allen Greenly stated that all changes to the Handbook were complete in February and any updates from this Leadership will be put as soon as possible.
43. History – Chairman Jeff Thomas reported the committee adopted a mission statement with regards to the 5-Year Strategic Plan and have approved a 250<sup>th</sup> challenge coin that should be available at Congress.
44. Hospitality – Tom Showler reported that there 17 new attendees to this leadership. Considering asking the ladies to sing with us at Congress.
45. Human Resources – PG Alter reported that the committee did a salary survey with Don Shaw and Megan Krebs and all hourly staff were given adjustments in December with the approval of ExCom. Salary employees were also adjusted upward. Committee will work closer with the Executive Director Shaw with hiring of new staff.
46. Information Technology – Chairman Bob Cohen reported that the Yellow database will go away on April 1. Please start using the Blue database and use the videos that have been created to help with training on how to use the new database.
47. Insurance & Risk Management – Chairman Dan Woodruff reported that the committee is working to continue to find carriers to work with us to help us build a program that will reach out to the chapters.
48. Legal Advisory reported that they have a request from the Ethics Committee to have comments on model rules.
49. Library – Chairman Jim Maples reported that the New Library Director will be joining us soon. Encouraged everyone to be a Friend of the Library.
50. Membership – Derek Brown reported that they are focusing on retention and reinstatements. Veteran subcommittee met to expand recognition. Will have the DAR “Find a form” on the 250th webpage.
51. Museum Board – Chairman Kent Gregory reported on the newest additions to the museum and plans on future acquisitions.
47. Veterans – Scott Gilman reported that the goal for the Stark award was 25% of chapters and received 26%. The national veterans’ wheelchair, warrior, golden games will be held this year, and the local chapters will be contacted to support these games. Looking to

contact chapters who have VA hospitals in their area that do not have an SAR representative. Andrew Akers (NH) has been tasked with this effort. Reported that the Veterans committee has taken over leading the SAR partnership in the USA Vietnam War commemorative program for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war, which will be on the 30 April 2025. Operation Ancestor Search subcommittee under chairman Doug Collins has worked diligently to get this program up and running again, currently waiting for VA facilities to open up again. Patriotic Outreach subcommittee will align with the reporting period for the Partners in Patriotism in 2023 and will us the Stark Memorial award report to eliminate dual reporting of activities.

48. Strategic Planning – Chairman Lee Popham and VC Jay DeLoach made a slide presentation of the 5-year operational plan and the 250<sup>th</sup>.

49. Nominating Committee – PG Jack Manning reported the following nominations for 2022-2023.

President General:	C. Bruce Pickette
Secretary General:	John L. Dodd
Treasurer General:	Darryl S. Addington
Chancellor General:	Michael J. Elston
Genealogist General:	Gary O. Green
Registrar General:	W. Allen Greenly
Historian General:	T. Brooks Lyles, Jr.
Library General:	J. Fred Olive III
Surgeon General:	Dr. Keith A. Weissinger
Chaplain General:	John Vernor Welkner III

Foundation Board

Former PG Slot:	PG Davis Lee Wright
At Large Slot:	Daniel R. McKelvie

**New Business:** No new business was introduced.

50. Benediction by Chaplain General by Rev. Elam.

51. Recession by SG Pickette.

52. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Minutes prepared March 31, 2022 by Recording Secretary David. J. Perkins.

Minutes edited by SG C. Bruce Pickette.

## President

Bernard W. Wolff

The year of my administration has been replete with many challenges. However, with a support staff of many excellent, proficient, knowledgeable, and experienced compatriots of impeccable character, the year has ended on a note of a promising future. But this will call for by-laws updating to put them in concert with the NSSAR. It will take another year to be able to accomplish this goal.

We must balance two competing programs which include the planning for both the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress and the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. A Congress report can be found elsewhere in the Proceedings. We also continue to gear up for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration by incorporating the event into each of our on-going programs.

The Chapter Presidents' Roundtable instituted a forum for the exchange of ideas among the chapter presidents and the FLSSAR President. It created, for the first time, a vehicle for the sharing of ideas among chapters with state leadership. It is anticipated that virtual meetings will be conducted on a monthly basis for input, critique, and discussion on the future of the FLSSAR. After all, the chapter presidents are in a position to understand the membership and relay their interests, wants, and desires to the state.

An organizational restructuring will be necessary to effect the success in attracting new membership, retaining compatriots, and providing new avenues of leadership for the chapter members who wish to do so. The concept is to put the leadership echelon at the service of the members in lieu of today's top-down management style. It is recognized in management circles as service-oriented leadership. It will provide great support for assisting chapters to fulfill their missions. Included will be novel fund-raising activities coupled with a dues reduction of \$5.00 per member. A series of training videos is anticipated to teach chapter officers what is needed to carry out their duties and responsibilities to the chapter and the FLSSAR.

As you are aware, my focus is primarily upon education without which we would be unable to pursue our endeavors. A concentration upon education will endow us with an understanding of the Colonial Period and foster an appreciation of the patriotic fervor that it can

develop. Like a good parent, we must ensure that our culture and belief in our country and republic is passed on to our progeny as families of old passed on their knowledge to their children.

Activity 1 October 2021 through 30 April 2022

October - Fall BOM  
Several virtual meetings and luncheons during the month.  
RVP meeting (Broward)  
NSSAR STRATPLAN meeting  
Council of State Presidents meeting  
SAD meeting

November- Veteran's Day Observance – Coral Gables, FL  
Veteran's Day Memorial Service – Epiphany Church  
STRATPLAN meeting  
Several chapter meetings and luncheons

December- 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress Planning  
Clearwater installations  
Meeting at FLSSAR locker with PG Brock (133<sup>rd</sup> Congress)  
St. Petersburg installations  
Saramana Chapter speaker/installations

January- Twice a week meeting with planning staff  
Many meetings with 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress committee members and Task Force Commanders

February- Studied several virtual platforms to gain experience in conducting virtual meetings  
Participated in NSSAR Strategic Planning meeting  
Conducted 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress Host Planning meeting  
S.A.D. meeting  
March-Attended Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY  
133<sup>rd</sup> Congress Planning meeting x 2  
Last Naval Battle  
Battle of Thomas Creek  
Central Florida Chapter meeting  
S.A.D. meeting  
Chapter Presidents' Roundtable

April- 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress Planning meeting x 3

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## Senior Vice President

Earl "Matt" Mathews

Serving as the Senior Vice President has been a great honor and a powerful learning experience. Visitation to the chapters has been exciting in meeting fellow Compatriots and creating new friends. The time since the last B.O.M. has truly passed quickly. A great many challenges have been presented to the Florida Society adjusting from the Covid-19 and to the coming National Conference 2023. All are coming together as we join together as a society united as one. This society is proving again and again that we can work as a successful team and continue to move forward. Chapter activity has been increasing due to the ending of Covid-19 restrictions. School activity has been increasing along with the JROTC unit competitions throughout the state. Some of our chapters have suffered from the loss of Compatriot members, remember them with prayers and reaching out to their families.

During the period from October through April, I have attended the following:

- 30 Sep – 02 Oct 2021 attended the Fall BOM FLSSAR.
- 09 Oct 2021 attended the Moultrie, Georgia DAR John Benning Chapter Thigpen Trail marking.
- 30 Oct 2021, participated with the Alabama Color Guard in Tuscaloosa, DAR 5 Patriot Grave marking.
- 13 Nov 2021 attended the Moultrie, Georgia DAR 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of General Moultrie.
- 08 Dec 2021 attended the Pensacola Chapter FLSSAR meeting in Pensacola, FL.
- 18 Dec 2021 attended the GAFLSSAR Annual meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- 13 Jan 2022 attended the Jacksonville Chapter FLSSAR meeting.

- 19 Feb 2022 attended the Miami-Dade Chapter FLSSAR meeting and performing the installation of the new officers in Miami, FL.
- 26 Feb 2022 attended the NE Regional FLSSAR meeting in Deland, FL.
- 28 Feb 2022 attended the Panama City Chapter FLSSAR in Panama City, FL.
- 03-04 March 2022 attended the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY, attending Trustees Meeting, Council of Presidents meeting, Congress meeting and others.
- 12 Mar 2022 attended the Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island and meet with members of the Brevard Chapter afterwards.
- 26 Mar 2022 attended the Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL.
- 09 Apr 2022 attended Emerald Coast Chapter meeting in Fort Walton Beach, FL.
- 16 Apr 2022 presented JROTC award at Holmes Co., H.S. in Bonifay, FL.
- 19 Apr 2022 attended Gainesville Chapter meeting in Alachua, FL.
- Attended several local DAR monthly meetings.
- Attended several Joel Early Chapter, GASSAR meeting in Iron City, GA
- Attended several of my primary chapter meetings of William Dunaway Chapter.
- Participating in GASSAR National Congress Planning committee meetings via “Zoom”
- Participating in FLSSAR National Congress Planning committee meetings via “Zoom”.
- Currently, organizing and planning the national event of the Battle of Pensacola for May 6 in Pensacola, FL.
- Attended several Veterans’ funeral services.

The last 6 months was an enjoyable learning and participating in many of the activities of the SAR. I am truly and sincerely looking forward to the future of many more events with the Florida SAR and other societies. Many changes are coming and I am glad to be of service and a part of the growth of the Sons of the American Revolution.

## **Member-at-Large Executive Committee**

Ronald L. Grove

Nothing to report.

## **Northwest Regional Vice President**

DeCody Brad Marble

Special Ceremony Event Representing FLSSAR:

30 Oct, 2021; Dedication of the NSDAR Revolutionary War Patriot Markers, sponsored by the Chief Tuskalooosa Chapter, NSDAR with ‘Posting of the Colors’ by ALSSAR and FLSSAR Color Guards.

Earl “Matt” Mathews and DeCody Brad Marble were the FLSSAR Color Guards and both presented wreaths. Five American Revolutionary Grave Markings were made. Marble made a \$200 donation, which was utilize to pay the bagpiper at the ceremony.

Northwest Region: six chapters within the Florida Panhandle of twenty counties, following in alphabetical order:

### **Aaron Snowden Chapter**

Milton, Santa Rosa County.

Pres. Bert G. Outlaw & Secretary David F. Hillman

Membership Makeup: 10 Members, (1 Life) with Prospective Count: 2.

Monthly Meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 09:00 AM at the Milton Public Library

Average Monthly Membership Attendance 4 – 5 individuals per meeting.

Attendance by Jones, Outlaw, Hillsman, Williamson

#### **Meetings:**

09 Nov 2021; (Tues), 12:15 PM, DAR Ceremony at Aaron Snowden Gravesite

18 Dec 2021; No Meeting due to Holiday Season.

January & February; No Meetings

19 Mar 2022; (Sat), 9:00 AM, Chapter Deactivation discussed.

Proposals to go at-large or merge with Pensacola Chapter.

Local Highschool ROTCs contacted about SAR Bronze ROTC award distributions w/certificates

09 Apr 2022: (Sat), 9:00 AM, Chapter deactivation – carried forward;  
Proposal Chapter remain active until Jan 2023 & dues required prior to Dec 15, proposed by Jones  
ROTC medals order for Milton and Gulf Breeze chapters – Jones  
Eagle Scout event 28 May at UWF, Outlaw and Hillsman to attend  
Citizenship certificates printed by Jones

## Emerald Coast Chapter

Fort Walton, Okaloosa County.  
Pres. Leslie P. Matheson & Secretary John E. Cahoon Jr.  
Membership: 46 Members, (All Regular) with Prospective

No Report.

## Panama City Chapter

Panama City, Bay County.  
Pres. James F. Haynes & Secretary D. B. Marble.  
Membership Makeup: 23 Members, {4 Life, 2 Dual (AL), 1 Emeritus}.  
Prospective Count: 4 awaiting approval at Nat'l, & 3 under verification by chapter registrar, Marble.  
Panama City Chapter Ladies Auxiliary of 4 individuals.

31 Mar 2022; Hancock Whitney Account Monthly Statement reflects collections and expenditures related to four new SAR applications submitted through FLSSAR to NSSAR.

Previous Balance: 6,478.38 then 7 Debit Total: 570.73 result in Ending Balance: \$5,907.65

All Nat'l SAR Store Purchases for recognition certificates, medals, pins & coins are a donational purchase of SAR Officer Marble.

Three Officers of the Panama City Chapter have donated large sums of money to the chapter account: James F. Haynes, William James Zehner Sr. and DeCody Brad Marble.

**Meetings:** Panama City Chapter meets the fourth Monday of every month at the Lynn Haven's Sonny's BBQ Restaurant in the private back room named, "Tillman's Corner." The room capacity holds comfortably 40 individuals. A large digital flat screen television suspends from the wall with a HDMI connection for lap top computers. Each monthly Panama City Chapter meeting is routinely and professionally step through with the visual aid of power point. In addition, videos with sound show recorded events of the chapter and utilized for SAR instruction and information.

Unfortunately, the average monthly meeting attendance is five males and one female.

### Events:

22 Sep 2021; At the Lynn Haven's Country Club, on Constitution Day with the Saint Andrews Bay DAR, Pres. Haynes & Secretary Marble participated in the color guard in their colonial revolutionary uniforms.

Marble present his homemade SAR proclamation for the Constitutional Day Event along with the local Mayors of the 5 communities of Panama City, which included a group photo session.

16 Oct 2021; At the Bay County Genealogical Society, held every third Saturday of every month, Board Director, DeCody B. Marble taught about Patriotic Heritage Societies, SAR, DAR, Society of the War of 1812 in State of Florida and the National Society of Daughters of the War of 1812 in Florida, Patriots Chapter in Jacksonville. Websites, Application Procedures, Research Aids, and Index of Soldiers.

Obtained a prospective SAR member that day, whose application is presently at National SAR level.

25 Oct 2021; October Monthly Meeting of the Panama City Chapter was a somber one. A SAR memorial service for our cherished member, Louis William Glayre, who passed during the 2021 Fall BOM. His wife, (widow) Carol Richard Glayre and daughter attended. A PowerPoint presentation of photos of Louis within the chapter, induction into chapter and Florida Veteran's Battalion. In addition, a video of a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace" ended the ceremony. Marble read the obituary that he and Carol jointly wrote and Pres. Jim Haynes conducted the prayer.

11 Nov 2021; Vehicle mechanical problems, Marble's 20 yr. old Truck prevented the chapter from participating in the Veteran's Day Parade this year.

22 Nov 2021; Meeting celebration of the renewal of 95% membership for 2022, was minimized when membership learn that treasurer, "Bill" William James Zehner Sr. was in the hospital with a CPOD diagnosis.

18 Dec 2021; Wreaths across America Bay County, Kent-Forest Lawn Ceremony paid tribute to the absent, SAR Colonial Revolutionary Uniform dressed member, DeCody Brad Marble. Marble has participated in the event for four consecutive years and an expected participate.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> Marble obtain a pinched sciatic nerve which crippled his right leg for 24 days straight.

Panama City Chapter member, James Paddison Pretlow stood in for Marble and presented a wreath.

A Patinum Sponsor, Marble made a \$1,500.00 donation to pay for 100 Christmas wreaths, utilized during the ceremony.

10 Jan 2022: Noon, at the Chapel of Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, the Funeral & Memorial Services held for SAR Panama City Chapter member, Clifton Travis Windham, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.) a Bronze Star and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/device recipient. SARPCFL President Haynes and Registrar DB Marble attended.

24 Jan 2022; SAR Memorial Service given by Pres. Jim Haynes and Registrar, DB Marble for past member, Clifton Travis Windham. In addition, Member Lt. Colonel U.S.A.F. (Ret) James Paddison Pretlow Jr. gave a remarkable presentation of his bombing raids of the Ho Chi Ming Trail in Vietnam, when he was an Air Force Pilot in the Vietnam War.

28 Jan 2022; In Colonial Revolutionary Uniforms, Pres. James F. Haynes & Secretary DeCody B. Marble went to Wewahitchka. At the home of Owen Eugene Cook, we presented him a Life Membership Lapel Pin for the SAR Life Membership of which the Panama City Chapter paid for this Navy Veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Then we all rode in Marble's new truck to eat fish at Parramore Too in Blountstown, Florida. Heads turn, when two revolutionary soldiers had just walked into the restaurant. Owen laughed.

28 Feb 2022; Member Award & Recognition Ceremony, the recipient, Lt. Col. USAF, (Ret) James P. Pretlow received the SAR 40 Year Member Service Lapel Pin and a Letter of Appreciation from the Chapter Officers for his SAR representation and participation during the Wreath across America Bay County. All present active members received a SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Recognition Coin purchased by Marble.

28 Mar 2022; Monday Meeting, SAR Officer Marble made a dramatic motion for discussion and voting to change the meeting schedule, place, and summer break for the SAR PCFL Chapter:

After a thirty minute discussion amongst five members, (the only five members, who have been routinely present for the past five months) made an agreement on a temporary decision.

Until the chapter grows to a larger active participating membership, the chapter will:

(1<sup>st</sup>) Take a four-month summer break from May through August allowing for only submitting of applications to registrar, Marble. Which he will work, verify, and submit to State Registrar for Nat'l.

(2<sup>nd</sup>) The initial comeback meeting will be held 26 Septemberr, 11:00 AM, at Marble's residence with free pizza, chips, and drinks. Power Point Media Meeting presented on large living room digital flat screen TV. New business discussed will be about eating location for next meeting or continue at residence. Flexibility of chapter members schedules and interest will initiate the decision.

(3<sup>rd</sup>) Chapter will meet quarterly, until majority of attending members decide different, therefore future scheduled meetings are: 28 Nov 2022, 30 Jan 2023, and 27 Mar 2023, etc.

Apr – May 2022; SARPCFL Chapter - JROTC Schedule with Five High Schools:

(1) Thr. 07 Apr 2022; 5:30 PM, (EST) Port St. Joe HS, Navy JROTC, Port St. Joe/Gulf/FL.

(2) Sat. 16 Apr 2022; 5:00 PM, (CST) Arnold HS, Navy JROTC, Panama City Beach/Bay/FL.

(3) Fri. 06 May 2022; 2:00 PM, (CST) Deane Bozeman School, Army JROTC, Panama City/Bay/FL.

(4) Fri. 06 May 2022; 4:00 PM, (CST) Rutherford HS, Air Force JROTC, Panama City/Bay/FL.

(5) Mon. 09 May 2022; 6:00 PM, (CST) Mosley HS, USMC JROTC, Lynn Haven/Bay/FL.

Under the leadership and the compasion of President James Franklin Haynes the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter is growing and personal attention is given to members who can not make the meetings.

## **Pensacola Chapter**

Pensacola, Escambia County.

President Christopher Washler

Membership Makeup: 49 Members (1 Life, 2 Junior, 1 Dual, 45 Regular)

As of the November 2021 meeting, the Pensacola chapter changed their meeting date and location. The Chapter is now meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at Calvert's in the Heights on Scenic Highway in Pensacola. It should be noted that the chapter

takes great pride in the irony of the Sons of the American Revolution holding their monthly meeting in a British themed pub that is owned by someone who will be joining the SAR as a Compatriot later this year!

### **Meetings:**

The chapter meeting on November 10, 2021 marked only the second in-person meeting for the chapter since the pandemic began in March of 2020. It also marked the first meeting in our new location on the new date. We had nearly 20 members in attendance, and several guests. The program for the meeting was “Pensacola SAR: Charting the path back for ‘Florida’s First’.” The program consisted of a presentation that gave an overview of all of the various projects that the chapter has run in the past and the various programs that are available to us through the National Society’s programming and awards. The membership then had a frank discussion about how the chapter returns to “normal” after nearly 18 months in hibernation. Additionally, we inducted three new compatriots who were long overdue for their official induction to the SAR.

Our meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> was a little more sparsely attended, but this was due in part to a number of compatriots having other holiday parties to attend as well as some parking challenges at the new venue due to holiday parties. We had a video presentation titled “Washington’s War – George Washington and the Revolutionary War” as well as a few quick words from the FLSSAR Sr. Vice President, Matt Matthews.

The January meeting ended up having just two members in attendance in part due to some communication problems with the membership and confusion over the new date.

For February and March, the meetings were lead by the chapter Secretary, Bob Canavello due to Chapter President Washler being “out of commission” due to major surgery that put him on the sidelines for a couple of months.

The chapter meeting on April 13 was President Washler’s first meeting back and we had nine members and one guest in attendance. The chapter discussed several proposed amendments to the chapter bylaws (these will be voted on at our May meeting) as well as a possible change to our meeting date. The chapter is considering moving our monthly meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month starting in June. A decision will be finalized by our May meeting. Additionally during this meeting, the chapter was introduced to a new program. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Pensacola Chapter is utilizing the SAR Flag Recognition Certificate program to implement “250 by the 250<sup>th</sup>.” The goals of the program are:

- 1) Recognize 250 individuals, businesses, or organizations for their exemplary display of the American Flag between now and July 4, 2026
- 2) Bring attention to the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States
- 3) Encourage the public engagement with the SAR through nominations of potential honorees
- 4) Raise awareness of the Sons of the American Revolution

As part of this program, the chapter has published a nomination form on our website and our Facebook page that members of the public can use to nominate individuals, businesses, and organizations for recognition. Once the nominees have been verified by a member of our committee, presentations will be scheduled. Also, as part of this program, the chapter is working with the Blue Wahoos (our minor league professional baseball team) to recognize their organization during the home baseball game that will take place on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, the chapter would like to thank Matt Mathews from the William Dunaway chapter for stepping up to help save/salvage this year’s Battle of Pensacola Commemoration. The original plans for the event were put in jeopardy due to President Washler being out of commission, but Compatriot Mathews stepped up and worked with our local resources to ensure that the event still happened. Thanks to his efforts, we will be continuing to work with the Pensacola Heritage Foundation in future years and expect the event to continue to grow.

## **Tallahassee Chapter**

Tallahassee, Leon County.

Pres. “Bill” J. Gladwin Jr & Secretary “Don” M. Wilham

Membership Makeup: 36 Members (1 Life, 2 Dual, 33 Regular)

No Report

## **William Dunaway Chapter**

Marianna, Jackson County

President Thomas Rankin, Secretary Dale W. Mcumber Jr.

Membership Makeup: 24 Members (3 dual, 21 Regular) with 2 applications pending.

Meetings: William Dunaway Chapter meets monthly on the second Thursday at 6:00 CST in the Jims Buffet and Grill, Marianna, Florida.

09 Dec 2021: Christmas Social Dinner with short business meeting. Attendance included 6 guests. Committee Reports included seven new prospective members. Guest Compatriot Chuck Gibson discussed in direct lineage to First President George Washinton's sister. Robert Dunaway discussed his emotions about the Chapter being name after the Dunaway Family Revolutionary Patriot William Dunaway.

08 Jan 2022; Attendance: 5 quests,  
President Earl 'Matt' Mathews gave slide presentation on the History of the William Dunaway Chapter. President Mathews announced that 100% of 2022 Annual Dues were collected.  
Dual Member Neal Spooner swore in the 2022 William Dunaway Officers: President – Thomas Rankin,  
Vice President – William Talley III, Treasurer –Ernest McNeill, Secretary – Dale Macumber Jr.  
Registrar/Genealogist – Earl Mathews Jr., Sergeant at Arms – Lionel Young, Chaplain – James Dunaway.

10 Feb 2022; Attendance: Members 10, Guests 6,  
Program Speaker: Compatriot Lionel and Sheilia Young gave a presentation on Revolutionary War Period Clothing.  
Awards: Certificate of Appreciation – Lionel and Sheilia Young  
Certificate for Distinguished Service – Earl Mathews Jr.

12 Mar 2022; Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War at Merritt Island, Earl Mathews and Dale Macumber represented the William Dunaway Chapter.

14 Mar 2022; Attendance: Members 09, Guest 6,  
President Thomas Rankin gave a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the history, purpose, dress ad other requirements of a SAR Color Guard.

26 Mar 2022; Battle of Thomas Creek Memorial Service in Jacksonville, Florida. Compatriot Earl Mathews participated in the Color Guard and Compatriot Bill Talley attended.

14 Apr 2022; Last Monthly meeting prior to BOM: Number of Members Attending: 9 and an additional 6 guests. Two prospective members for the chapter.  
Dual member, Neal Spooner, spoke on the contributions of the Wives of the First Four Presidents.

## **North Central Regional Vice President**

David C. Thomas

I have attended all the chapters in my region at least once some twice.  
Some of the events were.

### **Gainesville Chapter**

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 swore in new officers

### **Lake City Chapter**

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2021, where I swore in a new member Winston Chadwick  
Son of Carol Chadwick of the Gainesville DAR.  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Swore in new officers (yes on Valentine's day)

### **Lake Sumter Chapter**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a Liberty Tree dedication In Colonial Attire  
December 4<sup>th</sup> Diner Meeting Cathy and I attended where Allen Lane gave an awesome  
presentation on Women of the American Revolution.  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, swore in new officers

## **The Villages**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Swore in new officers also had a very interesting presentation on the American Flag Thru the Ages this was a very good presentation.

## **Withlachucee**

January 8<sup>th</sup> Swore in new officers

## **Ocala Chapter**

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Flag Certificate to War Horse Harley Davidson a joint venture with Gainesville Chapter and Ocala Chapter. I attended in colonial attire

Attended diner meeting December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

## **Other Activities**

Veterans Day at Veterans Park in Gainesville Fl. Cathy and I in colonial attire

November 20<sup>th</sup> dedicated a wreath at Fort Morris in Georgia in colonial attire

Attended Wreaths Across America at Forest Meadows Memorial Park

March 26<sup>th</sup> dedicated a wreath in colonial attire at Thomas Creek

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Attended Gainesville Fl. Chapter DAR 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Brought greetings from SAR State Society

Attended grave marking in Midway Georgia on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **Some of the activities from the chapters**

## **Gainesville Chapter**

David C. Thomas

Lost Compatriot Roger Cox on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, attended funeral

Lost Compatriot Charles Miller December 12/27/2021 attended Funeral

February 26<sup>th</sup> a Flag Certificate to War Horse Harley Davidson a joint venture with the Ocala Chapter David Thomas and Sean Tonnielier attended in colonial attire. November Wreaths Across America Sean Tonnielier dedicated a wreath in colonial attire November 20<sup>th</sup>

David Thomas Fort Morris in Georgia in colonial attire dedicated a wreath

Sean Tonnielier in colonial attire marched in Color Guard

Sean Tonnielier marched in colonial attire at Thomas Creek

New member Mike O'Loughlin attended Thomas Creek

David Thomas attended DAR Chapter meeting Oct, Nov, Dec. 2021

Sean Tonnielier attended DAR meetings Oct – April 2021 – 2022

Dave Thomas and Sean Tonnielier attended Patriot grave marking in Midway Georgia participating in Color Guard and Wreath presenter

## **Lake City Chapter**

Joseph W. Carroll

The Lake City Chapter currently have 21 members on the rolls. We lost four members from last year while gaining 3 new members. Two of the new members were transfers from other chapters.

Although several of our members have been in bad health this year, we haven't lost anyone. I think it may be fair to say that pretty much all of us have had and survived Covid this year. I personally had surgery while testing positive.

Our chapter is currently planning on a grave marking "rededication" ceremony. We have a revolutionary war soldier buried in Lake City and had an SAR marker along with a DAR marker. However, something happened to the SAR marker and was removed. We were able to obtain an "Old Stock" marker that I have installed. Picture attached. We are planning on doing the service on Columbus Day because it's a more minor holiday that people don't generally go out of town for.

There's an odd twist to the cemetery though. I discovered that the cemetery contains many CSA (Confederate States of America) soldiers and Indian War Soldiers. There's also some WW-I era and Spanish American War veterans buried there. With the cemetery being recognized as a CSA cemetery, I think it's a good idea to reach out to the CSA local chapter for their support and do the

rededication respectfully to all of them. It makes me nervous talking to them. But I pray that it works out. After all, we are definitely in the south and they have a lot at stake too. Basically, I kind of feel like I'm trespassing without their support.

I've been trying to do a Liberty Tree project. However, I'm still finding roadblocks everywhere. I haven't given up on it. But I haven't accomplished it yet. I'd love to see what other chapters have done.

Medals is a much more successful area for us this year.

2022 -

1. I have awarded one JROTC medal this year with 3 more planned/scheduled.
2. Awarded a veteran's medal to one of our members for all of his work at the VA hospital.
3. One medal of appreciation to Nancy Wheaton of the DAR for their support and guidance.
4. Law Enforcement Medal to Suwannee County Deputy Sherriff "Buddy" Williams
5. And an Eagle Scout Medal (I have a long story about this one..... such a success story)

We are working on a Chapter Newsletter, far from launching but we're moving forward on it.

We are going to concluding our chapter raffle 9 May. We still have a lot of tickets available for anyone interested.

We've had a busy year and building towards an even better 2023.

## Lake-Sumter Chapter

Ronald L. Grove

We have been pretty busy this year in spite of the pandemic. In October we were invited to take part in a program on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill with the Mary Ellen Robinson DAR Chapter. That took place at the Howey-in-the-Hills library for home schoolers. On November 12 we dedicated a Liberty Tree at Imagine South Lake Charter School in Clermont. Also attending a speaking were RVP Dave Thomas and representatives of 2 DAR chapters. Allan Lane made presentations on the Liberty Tree and Veterans Day. The original plan was to do this on Veterans Day but the school was closed for the day.

Our December meeting was a special Christmas treat for our significant others. The ladies were treated to lunch and received gifts of table decorations. Dave Thomas, our RVP, attended with his wife Cathy. We also had Regents from 2 DAR chapters. Allan Lane presented a program on women in the revolution.

That same day we participated in the Tavares Christmas Parade.

We participated in Wreaths Across America at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park as part of the program put on by American Legion Post 219 – where we meet.

In December we lost one of our special compatriots, Bob Beightol. Bob was a First VP and editor of our newsletter. His last year as editor the newsletter received a national award. Another compatriot, Pete Castella passed away.

We did not meet in January as our usual meeting day was New Years Day – not likely to get much attendance.

At the February meeting we honored our essay winners. The Knight Essay contest for high schoolers was won by Moriah Langford, from East Ridge High in Clermont. This year we restarted an essay contest for middle schoolers. This was started several years ago by Ron Toops but has not been done for a few years. Our winner this year was David Terry, a home schooler. David had attended the program on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in October and learned of our contest. We also honored our Middle School Teacher of the Year, Karen Flores, from Eustis Middle School. That week we learned she was also the state middle school winner.

At our April meeting we had the elementary school poster contest posters to judge and the middle school brochures to judge. We had 3 schools participate in the poster contest and 2 in the brochure contest. The poster winner was Natalie Brignol from Groveland Elementary. The brochure winner we Audrey Harry from Montverde Academy in Montverde. We will be taking those winning submissions to the BOM for state judging.

Presently we have 88 members with 3 being new.

## Ocala Chapter

Lawrence W. Ashton, Jr.

Members 33

Active Members 15

Deaths: 2

It has been a continually active month we had two important integral members pass away taking most of our efforts away. Alan Snow a member for many years passed away suddenly in March, Alan was the Chapter Treasurer and again one of the members that had many otehr responsibilities. I spent a day just picking up 8 large cartons of records containing everything from the financials to other various papers with past information of banking receipts to meeting minutes and member information.

Maurice Hitt and I have spent numerous hours going through keeping and throwing out information pertinent to the chapter. The boxes, at least most of them are stored (hopefully) safely in my garage until the new treasurer takes them over or we find a suitable storage area for them soon.

The new treasurer has been passed by the chapter BOM and voted on without objection is Wayne Curtis, past President, and past treasurer. Wayne has taken the position with hope that someday we will find another that is younger and more computer literate although Wayne current is doing a great job only due to his past experience.

Wayne and I and Alan Clark went to the local Credit Union and had all the signatures put on the account. We will be adding an additional emergency signature soon.

Alan Clark, our secretary and historian and genealogist passed away suddenly and has left us again with a huge hole. We are in the process of trying to fill the position, we will never be able to fill Alan's shoes he was a valuable member.

I have noticed several trips to his home again quite an abundance of records and information. Alan was a tremendous historian and a published author. So again, until we find a safe place for storage along which is an important piece for the SAR. we are looking at SAR headquarters to archive some of the especially important items such as his rough draft for his published book. These two deaths have taken a majority of mine and several others. Paul Belter, our registrar, and current historian will be taking a lot of the records from Alan and reviewing them.

The Chapter had an exhibit and show at the Wat Horse Harley Davidson dealer here in Ocal along with he Gainesville Chapter in hopes of recruiting new members.

The board of management will be revieing the new bylaws that Paul Belter has put together and should be passed by the BOM then the full chapter will have the opportunity to approve them. A lot of effort was put into this by Paul and additions were added so we may do some meeting with video help.

Future upcoming meeting will be held again at the Ocala Golf Club on the third Wednesday of the month. Or next meeting guest speaker is Sheriff if Billy Woods, this should be an exciting meeting, the Sherrif is an exciting speaker within himself, and we hope to get a large turn out with hopes of possibly letting people know we are around and looking for new members.

Maurice Hitt and I will be attending the BOM in Orlando in May. We look forward to meeting many other members at the meeting.

## **The Villages Chapter**

Jerry P. Byers

In 2021 The Villages SAR celebrated its 5th anniversary of our chapter's chartering on January 9, 2016, with David Bussone as our founding President.

Following several months of COVID-19 shutdown, our chapter has been meeting each month since February 2021 with some fantastic speakers. Our attendance averages between 45 and 60 people each meeting with many visitors. We advertise each meeting and speaker in our city's local e-newsletter, Villages-News.com, which seems to draw 20 plus visitors each time.

In May 2021 our chapter awarded two Good Citizen awards, one to a fifth grade student and another for an eighth grade student in The Villages Charter School.

In October 2021 we participated in two different outreach activities. President Jerry Byers attended the dedication of the Gold Star Mothers' monument at the National Cemetery in Bushnell on October 6. Then on October 8, four of our officers participated in Lake Sumter Landing's Fall Festival with a table and displays about SAR. We collected names and contact information for several men interested in our organization.

Our chapter faced a major challenge in October 2021 when our Treasurer since our founding, Al Paul, passed away suddenly. Fortunately, Franklin Lee Duff stepped in as Treasurer. Lee has done an outstanding job for us and we were able to complete and submit our annual report on time. We reported a total of 92 paid members.

In November 2021 we introduced our new Treasurer, Lee Duff, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation for all his hard work in piking up where Al left off. We brought in one new member. Our program was presented by historian Jack Ciotti who told the story of Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, as well as presenting the early history of Thanksgiving through use of a Thanksgiving quiz. Our December 2021 meeting began with a eulogy for member and Treasurer Al Paul presented by Dave Bussone. Stuart Dunaway, the Vice-President of the Lake-Sumter Chapter presented our program on the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. John Moore headed up our "Wreaths Across America" effort and reported that our chapter had raised enough money to purchase almost 160 wreaths. These wreathes were placed at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg. Past President Jim Simpson presented a list of nominees for officers for 2021, and all were elected by voice vote.

At our January 2022 meeting, Past President Don Wyman swore in our new officers. We brought in two new members. Ellen Decker, Correspondent Docent for DAR's Museum in Washington, DC, presented our program on the museum's 31 different rooms representing various periods in the History of the United States. Our past President, Jim Simpson, had been in contact with The Villages Charter School to give high school students the opportunity to write an essay about an event, person, or ideal associated with the American Revolution. Our chapter was offering a \$150 prize. However, the deadline was in December, and Jim did not receive a

single essay. We may want to rethink our effort for this year with either a larger monetary prize or perhaps including Wildwood High in the process.

Our officer installation for 2022

We welcomed RVP David Thomas at our February 12th meeting. David explained the duties of an RVP and conducted the installation of four new members. Our program speaker was retired US Air Force veteran David Reeve. David then gave a spirited talk on the history and the various forms of the flag. He brought with him 16 different flags and told the story of each one.

At our March 12th meeting we inducted 2 new members. Villages SAR member directories were distributed, and our speaker was Dr. Lee McDowell. Our speaker for the morning was Dr. Lee McDowell. Dr. McDowell has written 11 books, mostly on nutrition, but recently his interests have turned to history and the US Presidents. His current book, Presidents as Military Officers was written in 2021. Dr McDowell gave brief biographies of the 31 past US Presidents who served in the military, detailing their military service, plus some interesting and humorous stories about these presidents.

At our April 9th meeting we inducted four new members. Our speaker was Ms. Laura Loomer, investigative journalist, author, and conservative activist. She spoke on the topic: "My Experiences as an Investigative Journalist"

## Withlacochee Chapter

David F. Hitchcock

### October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting

veterans Committee – Larry Sturgeon/ Bill Teater presented the Christmas List from the Veterans without families. Bill explained the importance of participation in this program and the situation at the Veterans Home. o Veterans parade in Inverness is a go currently. There is a need for 2 convertibles and a golf cart. There is a need for volunteers to walk alongside the SAR to hand out items. The chapter has purchased 15 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America program which will be on December 18, 2021. There will be no formal celebration this year because of COVID 19, but a SAR member in uniform can drive through, take a wreath to be placed on a memorial and the chapter gets credit

### November 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Meeting

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS;** Shane Kinhead

**AWARDS PRESENTATIONS** Stephen Brown; Liberty Medal of Outstanding services in recruitment of new members

Open House that was held on November 10, 2021. SAR Withlacochee Chapter sponsored the open house and the 2 local Hernando DAR Chapters participated in the event. o 34 members attended the 10-08-2021 General Meeting and 3 members attended the 10-30-2021 EBM o The Roster information project continues; 64 members have responded, 2 members were returned as undeliverable, and 19 members did not respond. o The Zoom meeting at the November, General meet was successful and had 1 visitor attended and participated in the meeting.

**JROTC/Sea Cadets/Color Guard** – Russell Gibson; o On November 7 the Color Guard participated in the Massing of Colors at the First Lutheran Church in Inverness, Compatriots attending were Color Guard Commander Russel Gibson, David Hitchcock, Doug Brock, Jack Townsend, & Larry Sturgeon. o On December 10, Russel Gibson and Doug Brock participated by ceremonially Posting of the colors o On November 11 the Chapter participated in Inverness Veterans Day Parade.:

### December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS;** o Memorial Membership for George William Sweeney; father of Compatriot Paul Sweeney.

**Nomination of Officers 2022; Clyde Johnson** o Open the floor for the nomination of Chapter offices for the year 2022, no nominations came from the floor. o the new officers for the year 2022 are those Volunteer's listed below. o President, David Hitchcock o 1 st Vice President, Robert Folk o 2 nd Vice President, Stephen Brown o Treasurer, Richard Bailey o Secretary, Tom Bowen

**SPEAKER:** \_Ms. Bonnie Wilder Subject is William Billing, Musician and Composer of Revolutionary patriotic music and songs.

### January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The President Dave introduced our guest Regional Vice President David Thomas. A prayer was given by President Dave for our departed member Harley Nelson

**NC RVP David Thomas** was called up to swear in the newly elected officers of the Chapter; David Hitchcock – President, Stephen Brown – 2 nd Vice President, Richard Bailey -Treasurer and Tom Bowen -Secretary. Not present Robert Folk Jr – 1 st Vice President A depiction of Harley Benjamin Nelson was put on the screen.

Eulogy was given by President Dave of his service to his country in WWII as a Navy veteran and winner of the Bronze Star. There were additional comments from 3 members from the floor.

**NC RVP David Thomas** , also gave an address regarding the 250th anniversary of the Revolution. We as a chapter and an individual can earn points towards a medal as well as pins. Points will be awarded for attendance at different functions and events. Grave Marking is another way of earning points as well as earning an individual medal. Discussed getting the color guard involved in grave marking. Additional discussion on grave marking. 2023 Congress coming up and the state will need 80 participants to help with the event in Orlando. David also

Tom Bowen, a chapter member, was introduced by President David for Part II of his speech on “Jefferson’s Two Families” President Dave appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review a Bylaw change for a budget review once per year of Tom Bowen, Tom Hellem and James Peyton.

The President also appointed Nelson Peters and Tom Hellem as assistant registrars and Tom Hellem as assistant secretary and also looking for an assistant treasurer.

### **February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS; o Christopher Faust and James Mullens was held, and membership certificates presented  
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS o Compatriots William F. Moorehead, Thomas C. Bowen, Richard Bailey and John Attanasio was presented with the Florida SAR Veteran’s Battalion Certificates by President Hitchcock.

o Five-year certificates either presented or mailed to; Scott Redrick, Ken Lancaster and Mark Frazier. Ten-year award to Clyde Johnston, Russell Jack Lewandowski, Roy Peters,

SPEAKER: \_Brian Barrett o Gave a presentation on his book “The Biography of General John Fellows (1735-1808)”. The members enjoyed the presentation by Brian who was dressed in his period uniform of the time.

### **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting**

Inductions

Robert Odom, John Seddon and Charles Lukas were inducted by President Hitchcock.

Compatriots John Wilder and Robert Thomas were presented as new members of the Florida Battalion of the SAR by President Hitchcock.

President Hitchcock presented monetary awards as well as certificates for the winners of the George and Sara Knight Essay Contest. 1st place - Benjamin Shepard, 2nd Place - Anna Shepard and 3rd Place -Rebecca Shepard. Benjamin gave a speech on his essay.

President Hitchcock announced the SAR will be participating in a parade at Cloverleaf Farms with the Color Guard and asked for additional participants to carry the banner. Russ Gibson Russ Gibson, Color Guard Commander, made several announcements regarding JROTC and bronze medal award

President Hitchcock introduced Robert Odom who gave us a brief history of his family emigrating to America in 1630 and then to Florida in 1848. His family were farmers and ran 20,000 head of cattle and had a large orange grove over the next 160 years or so. President Hitchcock introduced our film " Virtual Map of the Southern Part of the American Revolution" an excellent history of the American Revolution in the southern colonies. President Hitchcock presented Tom Bowen with a Certificate of Appreciation for speeches given in December and January

### **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting**

Hubert Chancey was inducted into the Chapter and gave a short speech.

Clyde Johnson was presented with his 10-year certificate.

Clyde Johnson was also presented with his Florida Battalion certificate. William Scheiterle was also presented his certificate for the Florida Battalion.

Chris Faust, teacher at Hernando Elementary, introduced the winner of the Poster Contest Isabella Evans. Isabella drew a picture of the last naval battle of the American Revolution. There were at least 120 students at the Hernando Elementary School participate in this contest. Chris presented Isabella a check for \$100 with her family present and her Poster will go to the State Contest.

Tom Bowen then gave a presentation on Black Soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The material was taken from the U.S. Army Museum. He presented some small monetary awards to use for Happy Dollars on the number of black men that served in the British Army and the Continental Army to two members Richard and Stephen that provided the correct numbers. One more trivia question was correctly answered by Stephen that the first man shot at Bunker Hill was a black man by the name of Crispus Attucks. President Hitchcock then presented an excellent video on African American soldiers in the revolutionary war.

## **Northeastern Regional Vice President**

James Y. Gaskins

The Northeast Region of the FLSSAR consists of four Chapters: Jacksonville, St Augustine, Flagler and Daytona-Ormond. We are pleased to recognize Presidents Chuck Farmer (Jacksonville), President Chuck Nuckolls (St Augustine), President Charlie Hayes (Flagler) and President Bill Elder (Daytona-Ormond).

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

The FLSSAR NE Regional Meeting was held at The Chisolm Community Center 520 S Clara Ave, Deland, FL 32720 on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Jim Gaskins. All Chapter Presidents were in attendance.

Chapter Presidents Chuck Farmer, Chuck Nuckolls, Charlie Hayes and Bill Elder reviewed their activities and local interaction with their communities. Chief among these were:

a. Color Guard participation in parades, Wreaths Across America, memorial services, etc. Upcoming events were discussed and are addressed in the attached program.

- b. Presentation of civilian, non-SAR medals and awards Public Service and Heroism was encouraged as a potential segue future opportunities to reach out and demonstrate our pride and patriotism.
- c. Eagle Scout programs (Chapter, State and National competition), Eagle Scout medals and Certificates were reviewed and were discussed in terms of opportunities for additional contact with our Scouts. The need for more active involvement at the NSSAR level with the National level of the Boy Scouts of America.
- d. David Kelsey, Endowment Trust Fund Committee member discussed the support for all programs with special emphasis on youth awards with special emphasis on (J)ROTC and ROTC recognition and awards.
- e. SAR Essay and Oration competitions and the need for more active involvement at the Chapter level to stimulate local interest and involvement.
- f. Bill Elder reported on the events that he and Lady Cara participated in as George and Martha Washington interpreters throughout the south east, briefed on the dedication of the Liberty Tree and demonstrated how he instructs youth on the history of the American flags.
- g. A common thread throughout the discussions of successful programs was the value of open, constant communication with schools, troops, ROTC commanders, and the resultant networking!
- h. Ladies of the Auxiliary briefed on their progress in meeting their commitments to prepare for Congress 2023.
- i. As previously discussed, 2023 Congress questions dealing with the financing and a proposed budget were called for.
- j. Future events discussed included) the Battle of Thomas Creek (3/26/2022), the Last Naval Battle (3/12/2022) and FLSSAR Spring BOM (5/13-15/2022), Veterans Day (11/11) and Wreaths Across America (12/2022). The Battle of Pensacola commemoration was reported to have been cancelled.

## Jacksonville Chapter

Claude S. Farmer

On 23 October 2021, we had an excellent black powder training session at Fort Clinch in Fernandina Beach. The training was conducted by our Color Guard Adjutant, under the supervision of Frank Ofeldt, senior Florida Park Ranger and Black Powder instructor. Ken Norwood earned his black powder qualification and was awarded his Red Hackle in recognition. Congratulations, Ken! Also participating were Darryl Ingle, Dick Cardell, Josh Jolly and Chuck Farmer. We were offered more training sessions in the future.

The Gold Star Families Parkway dedication was delayed due to heavy weather. That roadway provided a much shortened route between I-95 and the Jacksonville National Cemetery, passing the Thomas Creek battlefield site.

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, found Paul Tucker and Chuck Farmer at Fort Clinch, sponsored by the Florida Park Service, for their annual “History of the American Soldier” display, At the ranger’s request, we brought the chapter’s Travelling Trunk. We spent the day explaining and demonstrating contents of the trunk to visiting children and adults, We concentrated on making cloth from flax, leather and cotton as well as preparation of foods from planting through milling, preserving and cooking.

November 18<sup>th</sup> saw our awards ceremony recognizing fire safety, emergency medical and law enforcement personnel in our three counties. Eight First Responders attended. The awards were for Heroism (Lt. Mike Belcher, Jacksonville Fire/Rescue), Life Saving (Jason Freeland, Clay County Sheriff and Christopher Youngman, Fernandina Beach Fire/Rescue, Law Enforcement (Ryan Riley, Clay County Sheriff, Jim Kibler, Jacksonville Sheriff, Charlie Lucas, Nassau County Sheriff, and MSGT Ryan Bryan, Florida Highway Patrol) as well as Fire Safety (Jason Hernandez, Clay County Public Safety).

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, we bade farewell to one of our chapter members, Thomas W. Baine V, who passed away suddenly. Chuck Farmer attended his funeral service.

The big shocker in December was the resignation of Paul Tucker as Second Vice President and Color Guard Commander for personal reasons. It was with regret that I accepted his resignation, as Paul has been a fast learner, and performed with excellence in both positions. We are ready to assist him in resolving any of the issues which caused the resignation.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Farmer presented the SAR Lifesaving Medal to Brian Evatt of the Fernandina Beach Police Department at a department luncheon. Officer Evatt, a School Resource Officer twice took actions which saved the lives of two students. It was an honor to present his award.

We placed wreaths on a number of graves at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on December 19<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Wreaths Across America Project. Due to COVID restrictions and last minute scheduling changes, several of our members were not able to honor our deceased veterans, Kurt Driscoll, Bill Ziegenfus, Chuck Farmer, Ike Thornton and Jim Gaskins participated.

We started out the new year quietly. David Ramseur presented a Bronze ROTC Medal on January 7<sup>th</sup> to Cadet Charles Pullen at William M. Raines HS.. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Farmer spoke to members of the Amelia Island DAR on the development of veteran benefits. The next day at our chapter dinner, we heard from Scott Grant on “Operation Pastorious”, the landing of four saboteurs from a U-boat off Ponte Vedra. Their aim was to wreak havoc on our infrastructure, damaging our war effort. We also established a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year. Beyond our outgoing president, John Roberson and Ken Norwood serve on the committee.

Regretfully, February 2022 began on a sad note. We lost a two-time chapter president, medical doctor and Naval Officer, Bill Bosworth. We provided a color guard for his memorial service and internment on February 12<sup>th</sup>. David Ramseur, Mills Ramseur,, Ike Thornton, Ken Norwood, John Roberson, Darryl Ingle, Bill Ziegenfus, Chuck Farmer and Josh Jolly participated. We were also notified of the death of President General Roland Downing in Texas. He passed away on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. His memorial service is pending.

The N, E, Florida Regional Meeting in Deland, took our attention on February 26<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of NE Florida Vice President Jim Gaskins. Dsavid Ramseur, Dick Cardell, Scott Breckenridge, Darryl Ingle, Grey Chandler, Josh Jolly and Chuck Farmer participated.

Reports of dangerous driving condition internened, causing some of our colorguardsmen to pass up the March 12<sup>th</sup>, Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War at Merritt Island. The next morning, weather unexpectedly cleared, allowing Ken Norwood to represent our chapter.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, one of our respected Fernandina Beach citizens, a veteran, Bruce Malcolm, passed away. He routinely flew an American flag in front of his house, "Stately Malcolm Manor". The flag had become deteriorated during his illness. One of our members replaced the flag with a new one, with the assistance of his widow and children, We also received the resignation of Eric Cole, our genealogist/Historian and keeper of the Travelling Trunk, due to medical problems. Hopefully, he will soon regain his health.

Due to a conflict with the date (April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday) we were not able to accept the invitation to present our color guard at the Jacksonville Beaches commemoration of the sinking of MV GulfAmerica off Jacksonville Beach by a U-boat in 1942,

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, one of our newest members,Dr. William V. Chosser, resented the Bronze ROTC Medal to C/PO3 Warren Phelps of Clay HS. Other Bronze or Silver ROTC Medals were presented to:

C/CPO Sean Limbaga of Bishop Kenny High School on April 14<sup>th</sup>, by Chuck Farmer.

Sultan Keranovic of Englewood HS on Apr 14<sup>th</sup> by XXX,,

A Silver ROTC Medal to Mid'n Graham Jordan on Apr 15<sup>th</sup> by Scott Breckenridge,

April 19<sup>th</sup>, a Bronze ROTC Medal was delivered to Sandlewood HS for Cadet Alisa Mohammed, due COVID restrictions,

Cadet Tony Thomas of Paxon School for Advanced Studies was presented on Apr 21<sup>st</sup> byXXX.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>,Cadet Alexander Waltman of West Nassau HS, received his medal from Ike Thornton and C/2LT Breanna Stinson of Jean Ribault HS by David Ramseur.

April 6<sup>th</sup> had several of our membersa participated in the commemoration of Patriots Day at St, Simons Island, GA.

At our chapter meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, we heard from Chuck Farmer on his initial Patriot, William boon, of King George County, VA, During the same meetingwe held elections for the new chapter officers, who will guide us during 2022 and 2023,

## St Augustine Chapter

Charles R. Nuckolls

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Charles R. Nuckolls
Vice President	Jerry M. Hanchett
Secretary	Larry L. Kaiser
Treasurer	Robert E. Gearing
Registrar	Brian T. Prosser
Chaplain	Rev. David J. Baker
Historian	W. Edward Sanford
Member-At-Large	John R. Brown

### MEMBERSHIP

Chapter membership is currently 45. The 2021 Annual Report with Dues Payment for 2022 was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

### MEETINGS

Monthly Chapter meetings have been held continuously during September 2021 through May 2022. Closure and subsequent change of ownership of the restaurant where the Chapter met for several years necessitated locating another venue. That issue has been resolved and regular meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

### ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

DAR Bells Across America - 17 September 2021: President Charles Nuckolls was a featured speaker at this ceremony to commemorate the 234th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The ceremony was held in downtown St. Augustine and was open to the public. Several SAR Chapter members attended in support of this significant event.

Veterans Day Celebration at Anastasia Baptist Church - 11 November 2021: SAR Chapter supports this ceremony every year. Several Chapter members were in attendance and manned the SAR information table. Secretary Larry Kaiser coordinated with Cdr John Leslie, USN (Ret) of the Veterans Council of St. John's County, to present a DoD Vietnam War

Commemoration Certificate of Honor and Deceased Vietnam Veteran's Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin (Blue Star) to three (3) Surviving Spouses as follows: Gale Dilks, Patsy Foulk, and Joan Hendricks.

Palatka Veterans Day Parade - 11 November 2021: Compatriot John Robinson supports this annual event. The Palatka HS NJROTC unit commander, MCPO Spears, expressed his sincere appreciation for our SAR Chapter support of their NJROTC unit activities.

Celebrate America Program at Trinity Episcopal Parish - 11 November 2021: The 5th annual Program was held that evening. Chapter Chaplain Rev. David Baker was a key participant that was open to the public and attended by several Chapter members.

Wreaths Across America - 18 December 2021: Wreaths were laid on every grave at the St. Augustine National Cemetery. Several Chapter members helped place the wreaths, and then on 8 January 2022 helped retrieve the wreaths. Our SAR Chapter donated \$150.00 to support this significant remembrance.

Bronson-Mulholland House - 19 February 2022: This is a fully restored and furnished antebellum house located in Palatka. Compatriot John Robinson is a long-time volunteer. The annual Putnam County History and Genealogy Expo was held at this historic site on 19 February 2022. VP Jerry Hanchett and Compatriot John Robinson attended as Chapter representatives.

Washington Birthday Luncheon - 19 February 2022: The annual NE Florida DAR Regents GW Birthday Luncheon was held at the Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. Secretary Larry Kaiser attended as Chapter representative.

Last Naval Battle Commemoration at Merritt Island - 12 March 2022: President Charles Nuckolls, Secretary Larry Kaiser and Compatriot Dennis Jane represented and displayed our Chapter Wreath at this 239th anniversary ceremony. Compatriot Charles Nuckolls marched with the Color Guard.

Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony - 26 March 2022: The 245th anniversary ceremony was held at the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park on 26 March 2022. Chapter member Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith was the featured keynote speaker. President Charles Nuckolls marched with Color Guard. VP Jerry Hanchett presented the Chapter Wreath, Compatriot John Robinson provided photo work, and several other chapter members attended.

## MEDALS/AWARDS

### Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Yiffie Ebner Winkler, Betty Griffin House employee, 28 September 2021.

Tom Conlan, Betty Griffin House employee, 28 September 2021

### Fire & Safety Medal

Fire Fighter Jared Bradley, Palatka FD, 14 October 2021

### Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Officer James Parker, Florida State Attorney's Office, 27 October 2021

Sergeant Colten Lee, Palatka PD, 10 December 2021

Mike Lassiter, Evidence Tech, Palatka PD, 10 December 2021

## JROTC

JROTC Committee Chairman Compatriot John Robinson is updating the Committee contact list in preparation for resuming JROTC activities following suspension for covid. Our SAR Chapter works with the following High Schools: St. Augustine, Bartram Trails, Nease, Palatka, Interlachen, and Crescent City.

## Flagler Chapter

Charles R. Hayes

Randall Morris as keynote speaker Historical Info Military Officers of America Sept 2021 in uniform

Randall Morris as key note speaker Veterans Day Flagler CO Govt. Nov 2021 in uniform

Law enforcement and Fire Service Medals City Flagler Beach Nov 2021 6 attend

EMS medal City of Palm Coast Nov 2021 4 attend

Wreaths Across America (2 locations) Dec 2021 8 attend

1st life saving medal. Feb 2022 FCSO 5 attend

Meetings, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar.

New member Mar 2022

Membership now stands at 56.

8th Annual Thomas Creek Battle site visit Feb 2022. 4 Attend

Four Chaplains co/sponser with American Legion Feb 2022 5 attend

4 attend NE Reg meeting Feb 2022  
5 attend Last Naval Battle Merritt Island.

## Daytona-Ormond Chapter

H. William Elder

- \*Liberty Tree Ceremonies planting, ceremony, and ceremonial marker with the Highlands SAR and Capt. James Ormond DAR
  - \*Participated in Wreaths Across America with the Sugar Mill DAR and CAR
  - \*JROTC Awards to several Volusia County High Schools and Embry-Riddle University.
  - \*Programs at our regular monthly meetings with knowledgeable speakers that did presentations relevant of the Revolutionary War era and the SAR.
  - \*Had meetings on *Zoom* during the pandemic so all our members could participate if they were so inclined and wanted to be safe. Our Board of Directors continue to meet on *Zoom* once a month before our regular monthly meetings.
  - \*Attended the BOM in Orlando
  - \*Attended FLSSAR Chapters throughout Florida
  - \*Inducted 5 new members and have 3 more candidates applications and paperwork are being worked on by the registrar
  - \*Worked the SAR table at the DAR State Convention in Orlando and was part of the colorguard
  - \*Supported the local CAR with the induction their of their officers
  - \*Participated in The Last Naval Battle with the colorguard and wreath laying
  - \*Will participate with the Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony with a wreath
  - \*Passed out copies of the Constitution and Bill of Rights to neighborhood children/families
  - \*Invited the CAR, DAR, friends and families to our meetings; some attended most.
- Our attendance increased significantly
- \*Have 2 Flag certificates to present
  - \*Supported the NSSAR 123 Congress by buying blankets, and raffle tickets
  - \*Colorguard for SE Region DAR
  - \*Called all our member at the beginning of the year to let them know that their Chapter is alive and working to do better
  - \* Inducted a Compatriot that is homebound at his residence
  - \* Have a FaceBook page up and running with announcements and many pictures

## East Central Regional Vice President

Jeff L. Sizemore

Chapter reports submitted below.

## Brevard Chapter

James G. Ward

October 1-2, 2021: Delegates Ward, Jensen and Ratzel participated in the FLSSAR Fall'21 BOM. Brevard Chapter received the NSSAR 2021 Stark 1<sup>st</sup>-in-class award. LNB'22 Registration was published in the BOM Proceedings. Brevard Chapter donated to the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. In-person meeting of 29 on October 16, 2021, FLSSAR President Wolff attending. Congress'23 and procedural topics were reviewed. Pomeroy, Mark Russell, and Stocks were inducted. Frost and Lang spoke on Project Rubicon. 2 reinstatement requests were submitted. "Beacon" newsletter awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie and \$75 FLSSAR in Fowler competition. First of four genealogy FAQs recorded by Bonnett, Jensen, and Ashdown.

November 11, 2021: Veterans Day observance by Bisset, Desmarais, Green, Jensen, Mihora, Scarpate, Ward, and Weaver. Robert Uhler funeral attended by Brian Uhler, Jensen, and Ward. First of Seven Last Naval Battle '22 planning meetings held. In-person meeting of 34 on November 20, 2021. Florida Senate (Retired) President Mike Haridopolos spoke. Sean Murphy, Troop 314, Melbourne submitted King competition entry.

December 2021: Missing in America Project attended by Bisset, Longway, and Weaver. Pearl Harbor Remembrance attended by Bisset, Jensen, Mihora, and Weaver. Norman receives "Random Acts of Kindness" award. Membership report submitted to FLSSAR reporting 103 dues paid. Wreaths Across America attended by Jensen, Norman, and Weaver. In-person meeting December 18, 2021, with 34 attending. A moment of silence remembering Compatriot John Worth. BC, FLSSAR, and NSSAR fee schedule reviewed. Ornament "swap and steal". Jensen attended Cape Canaveral DAR meeting. Treasurer Herman return from California delayed. Paid annual dues increased to 116.

January 2022: Corrected 2019 IRS 990-N and 2020 990-N filed and accepted. In-person meeting with 34 attending. Youth award presented to Scout Sean Murphy. Call for Last Naval Battle volunteers. Robert Edwards spoke on Cape Canaveral Chapter, Military Officers Association. Awarded Florida Veterans Battalion Letter, certificate, and medal to Ward. 2022 schedule presented. FLSSAR procedural news shared. 2021 Stark Report due 2022 filed.

February 2022: “Veterans in History” attended by Bisset, Desmarais, Jensen, Miller, and Weaver. Special Meeting to induct Roger Wittum, M.D. and appoint him Surgeon. Brevard Chapter Color Guard for F.S.C.A.R. State Conference: Jensen. In-person meeting February 19, 2022 with 21 SAR, 20 DAR, and 4 guests attending. 11 reinstatement applications submitted. Florida Veterans Battalion letter, certificate, and drape medal presented. Andrea Hogan spoke on Secret Service and Vice-Presidential Detail. Brevard Chapter donated to Brevard Space Coast Regents Council.  
(March 12, 2021 Last Naval Battle, reported elsewhere)

April 9, 2022 in-person meeting with 34 attending. Cheri Marie Hawes spoke on serving as a nurse in Vietnam. Delegates to Spring BOM named. Slate for Brevard Chapter May elections reported.

## Central Florida Chapter

Philip B. Markoe

In December, members of the chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America event at the Palm Cemetery and the Pinewood Cemetery in the metro-Orlando area. At the first of the year, the chapter was looking for a more permanent location to hold their monthly meetings.

On January 8, 2022, the chapter held their monthly meeting at the Museum of Military History located in Kissimmee, Florida. Bill Elder of the Daytona Beach Chapter was our speaker who spoke on the early years of George Washington. Then on January 15 & 16, members of the chapter recruited at the Scottish Highland Games in which the local DAR chapters were also in attendance.

In February, the chapter held their monthly meeting at the Longwood VFW location. While in March, the chapter met at the Winter Park Elks Club in which Scott Cook was the speaker and he spoke on the local CAR Chapter and how it is progressing. Members of the chapter also provided color guard and set at the FLSSAR recruitment table at the Florida DAR Spring Conference.

Members of the chapter were in attendance and participated in the Last Naval Battle Ceremony in Merritt Island, Florida. We also had members in uniform at the Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony in Jacksonville, Florida.

In April, the chapter held their annual Patriots Day Banquet in honor of the Battle of Lexington & Concord. This event was held at the Winter Park Elks Club in which Jeff Sizemore was the speaker. He spoke on Francis Marion.

On 4/16/2022, President Phil Markoe was invited to attend the Volusia Chapter meeting in Daytona Beach Shores to give a presentation on his patriot ancestor, Abram Markoe, organizer and First Captain of the Philadelphia Lighthorse Troop.

On 4/25/2022, the Central Florida Chapter participated with the Make A Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida in a send-off for Nakeem Blackman, a 16 year old high school student whose wish was granted to visit Mount Vernon & Williamsburg to observe a reenactment. Four of our members attended and dressed in full uniform. Nakeem was presented with a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his patriotism and love of country, as well as a few other send-off gifts from the group. Fox 35 News covered the local event.

## Okeechobee Chapter

James W. Pippin

The Okeechobee SAR Chapter meets at 10am on the 2nd Saturday Oct through May at the Brown Cow Sweetery in Okeechobee.

In December our Chapter collected approximately 100 canned goods to give to our meeting speaker, Debra Austin, Program Manager for Okeechobee County Senior Services. Mrs. Austin distributed the canned goods to local seniors receiving Meals on Wheels to supplement them on weekends and holidays.

In February the Okeechobee Chapter had Leah Suarez, Director of the Nonprofit Our Village Okeechobee speak. We presented her group with a check. The Okeechobee Chapter also manned a SAR information table at both the Annual Okeechobee Battlefield Reenactment Weekend (Feb 26/27) and the Highlands Heritage Festival Weekend (at the Historic Edna Pearce Lockett Estate March 12/13). At the Heritage Festival Okeechobee Chapter's newly formed Color Guard gave its first performance/Flag Presentation and Four Musket Salute.

## St Lucie River Chapter

H. Hall Riediger

From September to May, the St. Lucie River Chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Missions BBQ. This coming September, the chapter is hoping that the combined meeting with the various DAR Chapters can take place. If so, the meeting location will change in order to accommodate the Constitution Week Celebration. When held before in which all the DAR chapters participated, this was a very large event in which local dignitaries were also in attendance.

## **West Central Regional Vice President**

A. Parks Honeywell

No report submitted.

## **Clearwater Chapter**

Kevin D. MacFarland

### **Activities performed since the May 2021 BOM are the following:**

- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on May 19, Our program was Lt Col. Seanegan Skully, who is speaking to us via Zoom from the U. S. Military Academy in West Point, New York who spoke on leadership in the Continental Army.
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on September 15 our program was Michael LaVean on John Glover and the Battle of Pelham
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on October 20 Thomas A. Gilmore spoke to us about the American Battle Field Trust
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on November 17, Kevin MacFarland performed the Empty Table Ceremony and the poem Flanders Fields was read, Col Rob Moore spoke to us on the Pearl Harbor Nautical and Aeronautical Museum.
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person on December 15 we had our installation of Officers by FLSSAR President Bernard Wolff.
- Clearwater Chapter marched and acted as color guard in the annual Belliaire Parade and acted as color guard at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Dunedin Cemetery in Dunedin, Florida.
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person on January 19 with some dressing in Scottish Kilts as Compatriot and Hawaii National Trustee rob Moore told us about Scots that participated in the American Revolution.
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on February Compatriot and Dual Member Robbie Robinson gave a presentation the second 3 ships after the Mayflower to come to America.
- Clearwater Chapter meeting in person and viz zoom on March 16 Lori Coffey, Vice President of Pinellas Genealogy Society, and member of Caledesi Chapter of the DAR, spoke on on women of 1620.

## **Lakeland Chapter**

Jarrell D. Burchett

No report submitted.

## **Maj. John DeVane Chapter**

Jim R. Armitage

No report submitted.

## **South Shore Chapter**

William M. Adkins, Sr.

No report submitted.

## **St Petersburg Chapter**

Brett J.McMullen

President McMullen, as well as Registrar Walter Arnold attended the Fall BOM. Notable to the St Petersburg Chapter are the successful and strongly attended return to in-person meetings. A key factor in the success of the chapter is the selection of quality speakers. For example, the Director of the St Petersburg Museum of History as well as a senior member of the Tampa Bay History Center have presented during this period.

Other notable events since the Fall BOM: Initiation of judging and awarding SAR awards at the Pinellas County School system History Day events lead by compatriot Tom Cuba, Ph.D. Also notable was the Knight Essay winner, Ciao McCarthy, going on to win the State-wide Competition. We also hosted President Wolff and his lovely wife at our Christmas meeting at the St Petersburg Yacht

Club. We held a joint SAR-DAR meeting in February to in honor of George Washington's Birthday. A large crowd attended, reinforcing to both chapters that the Pandemic's effect on in-person meeting attendance is nearly over. Four Chapter members were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in March: compatriots Will Scott, Kevin MacFarland, Harry Fuller, Bob Birkenstock and Walter Arnold were recognized for their selfless devotion to restoring the St Petersburg Chapter to full standing and the result is that it is again thriving!

Finally, our strong proud membership continues to grow. We've attracted dual members who play key roles within the chapter proving our chapter has great camaraderie and fellowship with our neighbor chapters.

The St Petersburg Chapter is a historic, yet on the move organization promoting patriotism. Our involvement with the Bay Pines National Military Cemetery and its annual events including the Memorial Day Flag placement is exemplary and we proudly invite all to join us each year.

## **Tampa Chapter**

Charles E. Klug, Jr.

No report submitted.

## **Southeast Regional Vice President**

William R Wicks III

During the period mid October 2021 to mid April 2021 SE Regional VP attended:

Color Guard Events: Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day commemoration sponsored jointly by the British Consulate-General, Miami and Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce at Caballero Rivera Woodlawn North Cemetery, and Veteran's Day ceremony at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Coral Gables; February 19, 2022, Miami Chapter Annual President Luncheon and Officer Installation, where I represented the Florida SAR as S.E. Regional VP.

Chapter Meetings: Six Miami Chapter Meetings Monthly Luncheons and seven Monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

State Meetings: The 2021 FLSSAR Fall Meeting and BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista, in Orlando. Four Virtual FLSSAR Chapter Roundtable meetings presented by President Wolff.

The Southeast Regional Meeting, combining the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach Chapters was held in January 15, 2021, at the Davie Outback Steakhouse both in person and virtually through Go To Meetings, with the assistance of Lee Popham who was the guest speaker and who presented a Program on 250th Anniversary Programs which Compatriots can put on. The meeting was well attended.

## **Ft Lauderdale Chapter**

Charles A. Adams, II

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter fully resumed in person meetings in July 2021. We meet the third Saturday of every month, except August and December, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Outback Steakhouse, 2725 South University Drive, Davie, FL.

### **Membership**

Active membership, as of January 2022, is fifty-one which is about the same as the Chapter has averaged over the last several years. 2021 new members: Peter Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Herbert Gardner, James Harn, Jr, and Steven De Paul. 2022 new member: Seth MacCutcheon. As of May 2022, the Chapter has five prospects expected to receive approval before the end of this calendar year.

### **Officers**

For 2022: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Peter Stevenson, Secretary/Parliamentarian; and Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin. These officers along with Thomas Shepherd, Immediate Past President, and Mark Snider, member-at-large, comprise the Chapter's Executive Committee.

## **Bylaws**

On March 19, 2022, the Chapter repealed its previous bylaws replacing them entirely with a complete and modernized set of governing practices and policies.

## **Member Awards**

During 2021 Joe Motes received the SAR Meritorious Service Medal and Chuck Adams received the SAR Liberty Medal. The Chapter issued certificates of appreciation to all prior year officers.

## **Youth Recognition Programs**

During 2021 the Chapter presented certificates recognizing forty-three recently approved Eagle Scouts and awarded medals to nine JROTC participants and seven sea cadets. We also donated \$100 to our local Boys Scout Troop 224.

## **C.A.R Activities and Support**

The Chapter continues its annual financial support of the Swamp Fox Chapter C.A.R. Twice annually we donate \$350 for a total of \$700 to promote the activities of the C.A.R. For the 2021-2022 year, Swamp Fox Chapter activities included donations to numerous children's and veteran organizations, and joint charitable projects with the Lighthouse Point DAR Chapter as well as participation at the Wreaths Across America annual event. Our Chapter liaison, Joe Motes, provides guidance where appropriate.

## **Miami Chapter**

William R Wicks III

The Miami Chapter meets at the Coral Gables American Legion Post building located at 303 Alhambra Circle, in Coral Gables Florida 33143. The Miami Chapter generally conducts its Dutch Treat catered luncheon meetings on the third Saturday of each month, with an approximate \$20.00 meal cost. All members, guests, and interested prospects are welcome.

### **Membership:**

At 15 April 2022, the Miami Chapter had 89 Compatriots, down from 100 at 31 December 2021. We currently have 70+ persons comprising our "1776 Corps.," whose membership applications are in process of documentation and completion.

100 Members at 31 December 2021

18 Members Non-Renewed on 01 January 2022

82 Members at 01 January 2022

1 Member Reinstated since 01 January 2022

7 New Members since 01 January 2022

90 Members at 15 April 2022

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We hope to be able to reinstate several of our non-renewals and inactive Compatriots in 2022.

New Members since 01 January 2022:

Matthew Scott Bunch

Claude B. Nolen III

Philip A. Slack

Benjamin Bryson Thompson

Bryson Hall Thompson

Bryson Potvin Thompson

Samuel Bryson Thompson

At the 1-3 October **FLSSAR 2021 Fall BOM**, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by Miami Chapter President Bill and Kerry Wicks, Florida Society President Bernard and Deloris Wolff; and by Past President Wm Lee Popham and Laura Zavalía.

The **2022 SAR Spring Leadership Conference** was held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, during the period 3-5 March 2022. Miami Chapter attendees and Color Guard participants were Immediate Past Miami Chapter President Bernard and Delores Wolff, and Secretary-Treasurer Wm. Lee Popham Sr.

**Last Naval Battle Memorial Ceremony** – Past Chapter President Wm Lee Popham attended the Last Naval Battle Memorial Ceremony in Merritt Island, Fla., during the weekend on 12 March, and participated in the Color Guard. He presented a wreath on behalf of the Miami Chapter. Society President Bernard Wolff and Delores were also in attendance, and Bernard brought Greetings on behalf of the Florida Society SAR.

**Battle of Thomas Creek** – Compatriot Wolff and wife Delores attended the Battle of Thomas Creek where he presented greetings and a wreath from the Florida SAR.

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

Compatriot Earl F. “Matt” Mathews, FLSSAR Senior Vice President, was our featured installing officer for our Annual Luncheon and Washington’s Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Miami Shores Country Club on Saturday, 19 February 2022. The luncheon was attended by Thirty-five Compatriots and their family members, including the Senior President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R., and the Regent of the Coral Gables DAR. The Invocation and Greetings were given by Compatriot and Bishop Peter Eaton, and Compatriot Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, Esq. was our keynote speaker.

**Installation of 2022 Miami Chapter SAR Officers:**

Immediately following the presentation, the following officers were installed for the 2022 year:

President: William R. Wicks, III  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Robert A. Sileo  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Benjamin Groff, Jr.  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.  
 Recording Secretary: George K Wysong, III.  
 Registrar: Robert A. Sileo  
 Chaplain: Benjamin Groff, Jr.  
 Historian: William S. Replogle  
 Genealogist: Wm Lee Popham, Sr.  
 Immediate Past President: Bernard W. Wolff  
 Commander, Thomas Payne Co. David B. Mitchell, Esq.

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

<b>Medal / Certificate</b>	<b>Name of Recipient</b>
Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	Bishop Peter Eaton
20-Year Membership Pin	David B Mitchell, Esq.
10-Year Membership Pin	Charles L Evers
5-Year Membership Pin	Robert Anthony Sileo
5-Year Membership Pin	William R Wicks III
Martha Washington Medal	Liga Replogle
Martha Washington Medal – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf	Kerry Wicks
SAR Medal of Appreciation – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf	Delores Wolff
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation	Ryan Pezoldt
Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service	William S Replogle
Chapter Meritorious Service Medal	Robert Anthony Sileo
War Service Medal - Vietnam	M. Earl Higginbotham
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	George E Cadman III
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Silver Oak Leaf	Douglas H Bridges Sr.
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze Oak Leaf	David B Mitchell, Esq.
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Oak Leaf	Robert Anthony Sileo
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Oak Leaf	William R. Wicks, III
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Oak Leaf	William S. Replogle
Certificate of Appreciation – Treasurer 2019-2021	Bernard W. Wolff

Compatriot Mathews was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in our ceremonies and fellowship, and for serving as Installing Officer from the Florida Society SAR.

**Thomas Payne Company Color Guard:**

Color Guard Commander Compatriot David B. Mitchell, Esq. led our Thomas Payne Company in the opening flag ceremony at our Annual Meeting. Our Color Guard also participated in Veterans Day and Constitution Week ceremonies.

**C.A.R. Activities and Support:**

Several Senior members of the Tequesta C.A.R. Chapter attended our President’s Annual Luncheon in February. The Chapter has committed in the 2022 Budget to present the Tequesta Society C.A.R. with a donation check for \$200.00. Compatriot George E Cadman IV currently serves as Senior President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. in Miami. Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. serves as Immediate Past Senior President, and was elected Senior Registrar of the Tequesta Society C.A.R.

### **DAR Activities and Support:**

Several officers and members of the SAR Miami Chapter have been supporting the local DAR Societies. Compatriot Wolff was the keynote speaker at the Constitution Day Bell-Ringing Ceremony of the Coral Gables DAR in October, while Compatriots Wicks, Replogle, and Popham participated in our Thomas Payne Company flag ceremony at that event. Compatriot Popham, Sr., was also a featured speaker at the ceremony on behalf of the Tequesta Society C.A.R.

### **Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary:**

The Miami Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary is alive and well again, thanks primarily to the efforts of FLSSAR Auxiliary President Delores Wolff and SAR Miami Chapter First Lady Kerry Wicks. Volunteer work is being performed by the Cadman family at the Veterans' Rest Facility at the Miami International Airport, - where the OAS Facility used to be. Volunteer service at the Miami VA Hospital has been suspended due to the pandemic, but is expected to resume in the coming months. Our Chapter continues to support the Auxiliary with both volunteer time and 2022 pledged donations of \$350.

### **Veterans Support:**

The Miami Chapter SAR donates time and money for the services to veterans provided by the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS). The VA Volunteer Service Committee is chaired by Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, Sr., The Miami Chapter has pledged a minimum of \$750 monetary support for the 2022 year.

### **Youth Activities Reports:**

**JROTC/ROTC:** A total of 33 Medals have been purchased and distributed by the SAR Miami Chapter, for recognitions throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties during the months of April and May.

At the time of this writing, we have just learned that **Cadet Sophia Felini** of Key West High School won the **1<sup>st</sup> Place JROTC State-Level Silver Enhanced Award** from the Florida SAR. Cadet Felini and her family will be attending the Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon, where she will receive her Award package, and present her essay.

Cadet Sophia Felini of Key West High School won the **1<sup>st</sup> Place JROTC Chapter-Level Bronze Enhanced Award** from our SAR Miami Chapter. As the winner at the Chapter-Level, Cadet Felini receives the following from the Miami Chapter: \$300, plus the medal on a neck ribbon, and certificate.

**Cadet Adrian Horner**, also of Key West High School, took **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in the JROTC Chapter-Level Enhanced Award competition at the SAR Miami Chapter, and receives a check for \$200 with his Certificate.

## **Palm Beach Chapter**

Donald K. Lanman

### **Palm Beach SAR Chapter 2022 Vision:**

With the *Covid-19 Pandemic* waning, the Chapter launched its in person meetings and established its 2022 focus on *membership development/mentoring, Youth/Scholarship programs, Veterans' services, Police/First Responder recognition*, and supporting the 2023 National Congress initiative.

The Chapters 2022 slate of officers include; *President, Donald Lanman, Vice President, David Bird, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, John Workman, Chaplain Ben Tidwell, Historian Powell Thomas, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officers @ Large, Bill Richards and TK Krumenaker.*

### **Chapter Activities & Events:**

The Chapter began in person meetings in **October** with a focus on **Law Enforcement and First Responder** recognition awarding **6** medals, and the **November** meeting honored 10 Chapter Veterans with special Vietnam era Veteran Service Certificates provided by the **18<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial Dames**.

The Chapter honored **8 Compatriots** and **9 DAR Daughters** for their selfless service to the Chapter and SAR including **Compatriots, Alex Dreyfoos: Distinguished Service Medal, Robert Boggs: Meritorious Service Medal, Benjamin Tidwell: Meritorious Service Medal, Greg Parkinson: Meritorious Service Medal, Peter Johnston: Meritorious Service Medal, John Workman: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Bill Richards: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Jim Blackburn: SAR Certificate of Appreciation.**

**DAR Daughters** recognized included DAR Daughters, **Karen Christie: Daughters of Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster, Diane Tidwell: Martha Washington Medal Oak Leaf Cluster, Brenda Fritz: SAR Medal of Appreciation, Marjorie Ferrer: SAR Medal of Appreciation, Linda Bennett: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Rosemary Mouring: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Nancy Rardin: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Madeline/Floyd Chin: SAR Certificate of Appreciation, Zoe Stout: SAR Certificate of Appreciation.**

The Chapter continues its successful membership recruiting efforts inducting 5 new Compatriots in the first quarter bringing its total membership to 175+ with an additional **10** member applications in process.

The Chapter presented the prestigious **SAR Military Service Medal** to **Compatriot James Blackburn** as a testament to his military service during both **Korea** and **Vietnam**, and Chairman Lanman formally inducted him into **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion**.

**President Lanman** delivered the keynote speech at the **91<sup>st</sup> Florida State Society of the Children of the Revolution Conference** in Melbourne. Lanman accepted a major donation from the **FSCAR** for the **Florida Veterans Foundation** program specifically to benefit homeless and At-Risk Florida Veterans.

The Chapter voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 plus an additional \$450 in funds raised to non-profits supporting the people of *Ukraine*.

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

**Palm Beach Chapter Compatriots** join with local **DAR Daughters** with a rededication to **Veterans Service** programs including providing food packages for the local VA for homeless veterans, and delivering Chapter wreaths at 2022 *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 *July DAR 4 Flag Retirement Ceremony*.

#### **Chapter Fundraising:**

**Compatriot/Author/Philanthropist & SAR Gold Citizenship Medal** winner **Alex Dreyfoos** continues to offer 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. To date dozens of books have already purchased representing \$2,000 for the scholarship fund. (Inquiries dlanman258@aol.com)

## **Southwest Regional Vice President**

Robert W. McGuire

The period of October 2021 to May 2022 has been challenging on a number of fronts for FLSSAR and the Southwest Region. The Saramana, Caloosa, Naples, Charlotte, and Highlands chapters have all resumed schedules of regular in-person membership meetings (some as hybrids with ZOOM participants as well) and attendance has been building although it still remains below pre-pandemic levels. Naples, Saramana, and Highlands have been able to resume their meeting locations, but Caloosa and Charlotte have struggled with finding suitable locations as their previous meeting sites are no longer available. Particularly with the reduced meeting attendance levels it has been difficult to find appropriate venues that were interested in hosting the meetings. Hopefully after summer hiatus these matters will be favorably resolved, as membership recruiting and retention is certainly affected by the environment that chapter meetings provide.

One of the significant responsibilities of an RVP is to visit each of the chapters within his jurisdiction. It is in this way that he can be aware of the state of health of the chapters, to offer assistance when appropriate, and to share success stories with other chapters.

During the “season” that is just winding down I have been able to attend chapter meetings as follows:

- Charlotte – 7
- Caloosa – 6
- Naples – 2
- Saramana – 1
- Highlands – 0

A “grand plan” had been developed to have the Highlands Chapter host the “Winter” RVP meeting in Sebring. I got a lot of support from Highlands, and other chapters, in planning this event for early January 2022 which unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute. A “make-up” meeting was just held here at my home in Cape Coral as a hybrid in-person and ZOOM event. While it was much scaled back from the 2 ½ day affair planned for Sebring, I still consider it a successful activity that included a total of 23 participants and much valuable information-sharing. A separate report has been published.

The Florida Society and its chapters have been struggling to deal with chaos and turmoil at the state level which has had an adverse impact on our organization. Much that should have been accomplished to make our organization stronger and prepared for the future has been left undone as important state committees failed to function after nearly complete changes in membership. Fortunately the state and chapter color guard units which are independent have been able to fill some of the void that was experienced. Planning for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress in 2023 which had become stalled now appears to be finally moving ahead with new leadership. I know I am not alone in looking forward to seeing new leaders installed at the BOM coming up shortly.

## Caloosa Chapter

Hampton E. Allen, Jr.

**September 18, 2021** – Members of the Caloosa Guard Color presented Colors at the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon hosted by the Great Southwest Florida Regents Council at the Palmetto-Pine Country Club in Cape Coral, FL. **September 24-25, 2021** – Members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the DAR Fall Forum in Orlando and manned the SAR Information display.

**October 9, 2021** – Members of the Caloosa Color Guard with members of several other SAR Color Guard units participated in the Liberty Tree Dedication hosted by both the Charlotte Chapter FLSSAR and the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR at the William R Gaines Jr Veterans Memorial Park in Port Charlotte, FL. **October 13, 2021** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – new members Wilbur S. Stauffer and Dale E. Maustellar Jr. were inducted into the SAR and the Caloosa Chapter.

**November 11, 2021** – Members of the Caloosa Color Guard participated in the Veterans Day Program hosted by the Charlotte County Commissioners at the William R Gaines Jr Veterans Memorial Park. **November 13, 2021** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Chaplain Dwight Elam presented “A Tribute to Veterans.”

**December 8, 2021** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Marcea Oetting presented “Abigail Adams on the Constitution.” **December 9, 2021** – Several members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the NSSAR DAR Liaison Meeting via Zoom. **December 11, 2021** – Several members of the Caloosa Chapter participated in the filming of Training Videos on the History of the American Revolution at the First Christian Church in Punta Gorda, FL.

**January 8, 2022** – Chapter President Allen presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate and Patch to T.J. Graves during his Eagle Ceremony at the Pilgrim Church in Port Charlotte. **January 12, 2022** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Lt. Col. Anne Peck, USAF (Ret.) presented “You Just Don’t Understand” about male/female communications and dynamics.

**February 16, 2022** – Members of the Caloosa Chapter participated in the Dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the William R Gaines Jr Veterans Memorial Park. **February 22, 2022** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – A Celebration of George Washington’s Birthday with George and Martha Washington (aka Bill & Cara Elder) as our special guests and speakers.

**March 6, 2022** – The Caloosa Color Guard participated in a Unit Training Activity (UTA) hosted by Lt Col Robert McGuire at his home in Cape Coral, FL. **March 8, 2022** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Compatriot Alan Lane presented the program “The Regulators and the Battle of Alamance.” **March 12, 2022** – Several members of the Caloosa Color Guard participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration held at Merritt Island, FL. **March 26, 2022** – Members of the Caloosa Color Guard posted the Colors for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home celebration hosted by the DAR at the American Legion Post 38 in Ft Myers, FL. **March 29, 2022** – Members of the Caloosa Color Guard participated the Veterans Salute at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, FL.

**April 9, 2022** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Annual Youth Awards Program with speakers from the Billy Bowlegs Society, Children of the American Revolution.

**May 10, 2022** – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – First Responder Awards Program. **May 13-14, 2022** – Numerous members of the Caloosa Chapter are attending the FLSSAR BOM and Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, FL.

## Charlotte Chapter

Jonathan D. Hunt

The Charlotte Chapter SAR along with the Hickory Bluff Chapter DAR conducted a Liberty Tree dedication on **October 9, 2021** at the Veterans Memorial park in Port Charlotte. Members of the *USS Alliance* Camp #18 combined with members of other Southwest Region color guard units to perform the ceremonies as an element of the Sons of Liberty Brigade. The event was very well attended and was also reported in local media and in the NSSAR Colorguardsman Magazine.

The **November 12, 2021** meeting included a presentation by Chaplain General Dwight Elam on the origins of Thanksgiving. The nominating committee presented a slate of officer nominees which unfortunately did not include a nominee for the position of President – current President Ron Peck having explained that he would be unable to continue the office for the following year.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on **January 20, 2022** Vice President Frank Walton agreed to serve as Chapter President. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint him to the position. At the membership meeting on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** Regional Vice President Bob McGuire installed all the new officers (including President Walton) in their positions. At the same time, Compatriot Jonathan Hunt

was appointed as color guard commander, relieving organizing commander Bob McGuire. Chaplain General Dwight Elam presented a program “Myths about George Washington”.

On **February 16<sup>th</sup>** members of the color guard participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Military Services Memorial at the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park. At the Board of Directors meeting held on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** Compatriot Frank Walton submitted his resignation as President, which was accepted with regret. The Board then unanimously selected Compatriot Jonathan Hunt to serve the remainder of the 2022 term as Chapter President.

At the **March 11, 2022** membership meeting, new Compatriot Carl Rainear was inducted into the Charlotte Chapter. The March program was a Revolutionary Trivia that was presented by President Hunt, the winner received a book authored by Compatriot Cliff Olsen (MO Society and Chair of the NSSAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee), “Thomas Jefferson, America, Please Listen: Face to Face conversation on modern day issues”.

In March several chapter members also participated along with the Hickory Bluff Chapter DAR in a genealogy workshop held at the Military Heritage Museum. Color Guard members also participated in two Vietnam War Commemoration events: one hosted by the Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR in Fort Myers on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** and another hosted by the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

At the **April 8, 2022** membership meeting SW RVP McGuire presented a program about his Patriot ancestor – Issachar Fuller who served in the Plymouth Militia. New Compatriot Don Kidwell was also inducted into the Chapter. On **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** President Hunt and RVP McGuire participated in a NJROTC awards program for Charlotte High School and presented awards to two cadets. On April 29<sup>th</sup> the Chapter will present awards at the Lemon Bay High School in Englewood and on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** the color guard will participate along with other area color guard members in a “Welcome Home” for veterans returning to RSW airport from their Mission #22 to visit Washington DC.

## Highlands Chapter

James T. Dean

No report submitted.

## Naples Chapter

Philip R. Thieler

The Naples Chapter meets at noon at Tiburon Golf Club on the second Thursday of each month October - May, except for December which is a joint meeting with the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR.

On **October 14, 2021** President Leonard Crame presided and inducted new members Philip Roach, Timothy Mulford and the Robert Forbis family (2 Regulars and 8 Juniors). John Dennis received his Emeritus I SAR service award. Collier County Mosquito Control Executive District Director Patrick Linn was the guest speaker with 27 attendees.

On **November 11, 2021** President Leonard Crame presided and inducted new members Philip, Thomas, Robert and Willie Shands who were assisted by Regent Donna Shands of the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR. All inductees received Military or War Service medals with FLSSAR Veterans Battalion certificates. Chapter bylaws amendments were unanimously approved. Chairman Acey Edgemon moderated the Public Service Awards Program with 12 medals presented to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, EMS, Fire and Highway Patrol. Veterans were acknowledged and guest NSSAR Chaplain General Dwight Elam made a Veterans Day presentation and was presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation. There were 70 attendees.

On **December 4, 2021**, the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR and Naples Chapter SAR met at 5 pm at Cypress Woods Country Club in Naples, FL. Regent Donna Shands and President Leonard Crame jointly presided. President Crame presented six DAR Finder medals and certificates to three NSDAR members. The guest speaker was author and historian Dr. Roger Smith (SAR Compatriot) who made a presentation on "Florida - the 14th Colony." There were approximately 70 attendees.

On **January 13, 2022** President Leonard Crame presided. Dr. Aysegul Timur, PhD, Vice President and Vice Provost, Strategy and Program Innovation of Florida Gulf Coast University made a presentation on the "Future Demographics of Collier County and

Florida." There were 32 attendees.

On **February 10, 2022** President Leonard Crame presided and presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Chancellor Michael Garey . The JROTC Awards Program was conducted with four of seven Collier County high schools participating. The top Junior cadets received Bronze JROTC medals and certificates. Cadet Daniela Vera of Naples High School was the Enhanced JROTC Chapter Winner and awarded the JROTC neck medallion and \$200, advancing to the FLSSAR competition level. LTC Paul Garrah of Naples High School received an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for being the new Collier County JROTC Coordinator. There were 35 attendees.

On **March 10, 2022** President Leonard Crame presided on the Naples Chapter 49th Charter Day. New member John Bauman was inducted and received his Military Service medal and FLSSAR Veterans Battalion certificate. New Webmaster Brian Bennett received an SAR Certificate of Appreciation and President Crame presented the Lydia Darragh Medal to his spouse Madonna Crame (NSDAR) for her support during his presidency. Chancellor Michael Garey made a presentation on Naples Chapter history and President Crame made a live demonstration on the use of the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS). Six new Chapter officers were elected for 2022-2023 including Philip R. Thieler, COL, USA (Ret.) (President), W. Douglas Gibbens, CSM, USA, (Ret.) (1st Vice President), Timothy West (2nd Vice President), A. James Meerpohl (Treasurer), Michael Lyster (Secretary) and Michael Garey (Chancellor).

FLSSAR RVP Robert McGuire installed the newly elected officers and received an SAR Certificate of Appreciation. President Philip R. Thieler, COL, USA, (Ret.) was presented his SAR President's neck ribbon and medal and Immediate Past President Leonard Crame was presented his Past President's pin and the Meritorious Service medal. There were 24 attendees.

On **April 14, 2022** President Philip R. Thieler, COL USA, (Ret.) presided and presented the Meritorious Service Medal (oak leaf cluster) to Chapter Registrar Ed Lary. The Chapter Flag Award was presented to the Foxfire Community Association. Compatriot John Bauman received his NSSAR National Veterans Certificate and Compatriot Michael Lyster, Chapter Secretary accepted the NSSAR Supplemental Certificate for his grandson Ripley Lyster who was unable to attend. President Philip R. Thieler, COL, USA (Ret.) introduced the recently approved Chapter Mentor Program. The guest speaker was Compatriot Mark Barie - Author, Historian and Speaker. He presented a discussion on "The 7 Facts About the American Revolution That Will Amaze You". The topic was well received and was a perfect segue into President Thieler's new initiative - introducing historical tidbits from the Southern Campaign at all future meetings. President Thieler presented a brief overview of the Battle of Monk' s Comer, South Carolina. There were 42 attendees.

Our next meeting will be held on **May 12, 2022** and the guest speaker will be Kristina Schira representing Wreaths Across America.

## Saramana Chapter

Timothy P. Milligan

**October 16 meeting** President Milligan called on our featured speaker Mr. George Robinson Burnett. Mr. Burnett born in Aberdeen, Scotland, was criminal investigator of drug crimes in Britain. He owned and operated a hotel which he named "George" and a Bed and Breakfast Inn in Bartow, Florida. He presented an interesting history of Great Britain, Ireland, and Scotland. His comments were very impressive, shared with humor, and were enjoyed by all. At the conclusion, President Milligan presented George with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Saramana Chapter and the John Adams Challenge Coin. President Milligan recited an obituary for the recent passing of Compatriot Donald Eugene Chab

**November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Compatriot Steve Fields presented the 2022 slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none the slate was moved forward to be voted in December. President Milligan provided details on our Freedom Award Essay contest "What Does Freedom Mean To You" and the awarding of \$10,000 to the winner with no strings attached. He encouraged everyone to attend our December meeting and work to get a great attendance. President Milligan called Registrar Chris Romine to the podium to introduce our new inductees. The first new member was Paul Michael Morton whose Patriot was William Eldridge who served as a soldier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Gloucester, NJ under Col. Richard Somers, the second inductee was Dr. Stephen Sanford Estes, Sr. whose Patriot was Enoch Grigsby who served as a Lieutenant in the South Carolina Militia under Col. Robert Anderson. Chris commented on both Patriots events during the war. Both Stephen and Paul were administered the SAR oath and Stephen was pinned by his son Hayes and Paul was pinned by his spouse Betty. They both were welcomed as new members by all.

President Milligan then called on our featured speaker Mr. Robert W. McGuire, Jr, Southwest Region Vice President. Regional Vice President McGuire focused his comments on the Collier-Lee Honor Flight program and their flight in 2019. The Honor Flight is a National Program with two Honor Flights each year. The flights are joined by Veterans and Guardians who fly on chartered flights to Washington, DC where they visit The World War II Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery viewing the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Viet Nam Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the Iwo Jima Memorial. There are various ceremonies during these visitations.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:** John Boll made remarks on our Freedom Award Essay Program. John began by holding up \$10,000.00 in cash which is the prize that will be awarded to the winner today. Steve Fields called each finalist up to the podium to read their essay. The first finalist was Neftalie Cajustie, from Imagine School, North Port, who was joined with her parents Mr. Jeane Cajuste and Mrs. Marie Louis. The second Finalist was Khushi Talluru, from Lakewood Ranch High School and was accompanied by her parents Mr. Madan Talluru and Mrs. Sirisha Kandep. The third finalist was Taylor Vegas from Palmetto High School and was accompanied by her parents Mr. Michael Vegas and Mrs. Shari Vegas. The fourth finalist was Jonathan Xavioer , from Southeast High School who was accompanied by his parents Mr. Xavioer Kurian and Mrs. Mary Xavioer. Upon completion Steve Fields announced that Student **Khushi Talluru was the winner in the contest and was awarded the \$10,000.00 prize.** Each finalist was presented with the Saramana Chapter Good Citizenship Certificate and a pin. and were given an overwhelming ovation for their great efforts in the competition. President Milligan called Vice President Bill Battles to the podium for an introduction of SAR Florida State President Bernard Wolff to address the meeting. President Wolff provided an interesting commentary on names and their origins and how many came about through history. Following his remarks President Wolff was called upon to perform the installation of our recently elected officers.

The Officers are as follows: President Timothy Paul “Tim” Milligan; Vice President Christopher Ned “Chris” Romine; Secretary Howard William (Randy) Randolph, Jr.; Treasurer John Harrington Boll; Registrar Christopher Ned “Chris” Romine; Historian Richard Kenneth “Dick” Mahaffey; Chaplain Bernard Charles Schiefer; Governor (2021) Jeff Robbins; Governor (2021) Samuel Preston Adams, III; Governor (2021) John Leland Fitzpatrick. All of the Officers were duly elected and installed.

**January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:** President Milligan called upon Steve Fields to come up to the podium for the presentation of several awards. Steve oversees the Medals and Awards of our Chapter. In addition, Steve is the Veterans Affairs Officer for our Saramana Chapter as well as the State. Steve requested that Dr. Archie Smith come up to the podium to receive an award. Steve provided some information on Dr. Smith’s military career and presented him with the Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate.

Steve then asked that Sharon Briggs Milligan be escorted to the podium and Steve commented on Sharon’s exceptional service to the SAR and the DAR of which she is a member. Steve presented Sharon with the Lydia Darragh Certificate and medal. Steve went on to express the historical importance of Lydia Barrington Darragh in particular, with the ambush at Whitemarsh in December 1777. Steve then presented Compatriot Richard Mahaffey with a National Award the Liberty Medal for his distinguished record of **signing up 84 new members** to date in our Saramana Chapter.

President Milligan then called upon our guest speaker our own Compatriot and member of Saramana the Honorable Gilbert Smith, Manatee County Circuit Court Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit presently in charge of the Juvenile Division to offer his remarks. Judge Smith proceeded to discuss the difficulty in keeping the important court system operating during the Covid pandemic. He advised of the State Supreme Court suspension of all trials. To keep the system open, the court used electronic means i.e., Zoom capabilities to keep cases moving. So far nothing has been delayed. Of course, he explained, this is only when a jury is not required. Judge Smith discussed the issues in his dependency court of which he presently dedicates 100% of his duties. He informed us that at least one child is removed from their parents every day. His remarks were right on point what a serious problem that this is.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:** President Milligan shared the Blue Ribbon and Certificate our Saramana Chapter won for our participation in the FLSSAR Chapter Challenge. President Milligan then called upon our Guest Speaker Dwight Elam to come to the podium and made a formal introduction. Tim advised that Dwight Donald Elam serves as the Chaplain General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Dwight is also the FLSSAR Chaplain and a Compatriot of the Florida Caloosa and Charlotte chapters. Tim proceeded to expound on other significant background information in Dwight’s bio. Dwight began in his role as Chaplain to offer a meaningful Prayer for everyone involved in the conflict in Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. The prayer was well received by

everyone. Dwight's remarks centered on General George Washington as we celebrated George Washington's birthday at the luncheon. He expounded on the many myths and the actual truths of our First President. The myths were many and the truths extremely interesting. Dwight received a standing ovation at the conclusion for his intriguing remarks and his service to the SAR.

**Additional Awards:** Public safety awards - 1 EMS, 1 fire safety, 5 heroism, 3 law enforcement, 2 lifesaving JROTC – 2 presented so far, 5<sup>th</sup> grade good citizenship certificates – 180 and climbing Eagle Scout certificate and patch – 1 Veterans Recognition certificate presented – 2 Flag awards this year.

**New and Prospective Members: Prospective Members 8, Applications awaiting approval 1, New members inducted this year 5**

## Secretary

M. Scott Breckenridge

- **FLSSAR membership** total (as of 5/1/2022) is 2,233, including Youth, Memorial, and Dual members. The Annual Report and Reconciliation was completed on time with NSSAR. The results for 2021 are:  
Beginning of 2021 Total = 2,088  
New Members = 232  
Adds from reinstatements or transfer = 90  
Deceased = 48  
Losses from transfer = 10  
End of 2021 Total = 2,352  
Drops due to non-payment = 322  
Beginning of 2022 Total = 2,030
- **Congress Credentials:**  
If you are planning to attend the 2022 Congress in July, and wish to be a voting delegate from FLSSAR, please let me know before June 1st so that I have time to prepare your credentials and mail them to you.
- **Chapter Challenge Contest:**  
The Florida Society Chapter Challenge Contest is designed to recognize chapters for various activities that meet the goals of the SAR. Chapters are judged against each other based on size (small-red, medium-white, large-blue). The top three winners in each category are recognized at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. The contest period is the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st. The winning chapters for 2021 are:

Red 1st Place – William Dunaway	White 1st Place – Lake-Sumter	Blue 1st Place - Saramana
Red 2nd Place – Daytona-Ormond	White 2nd Place – Flagler	Blue 2nd Place - Jacksonville
Red 3rd Place – St Petersburg	White 3rd Place - Ft Lauderdale	Blue 3rd Place - Clearwater
		Blue Honorable Mention - Naples
- A word about **BOM members:**  
Not everyone that attends a Board of Management Meeting is entitled to vote. I've reprinted the relevant section from the FLSSAR ByLaws here and bolded the parts that pertain to chapters.

### Section 1 Membership

The membership of the BOM shall include only persons who are members in good standing of the FLSSAR, and who are listed in at least one of the following categories:

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

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act

in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote. Members of the FLSSAR who are not members of the BOM may attend and participate in debate but may not vote.

**Treasurer**

W. Richard “Dick” Young

Since the October BOM, your Treasurer has:

- Filed the State of Florida Annual Report for 2022
- Attended the National SAR Spring Leadership Conference
- Participated as part of the State Color Guard at a Liberty Tree Dedication in Port Charlotte as part of the Charlotte County 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Represented the Florida SAR at the Florida Society C.A.R. Annual Conference, brought greetings, presented C.A.R. Appreciation Medals and presented a check from the Florida SAR
- Participated as part of the State Color Guard at the commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek

The two Wells Fargo Bank accounts have been balanced and reconciled as of December 31, 2021 and April 30, 2022. There is a total of \$226,599 in these accounts as of April 30. The cash by fund (Operating, Meeks and Congress) is shown on the Fund Balance Report at the back of the Proceedings Book. The related Cash Receipts and Disbursements Reports are also included in the Proceedings Book and are discussed in the Finance Committee Report. These Reports are first reviewed with the Finance Committee prior to release for the BOM.

One of the insurance agents contacted about Liability Insurance coverage for the Florida Society referred me to yet another agency, after he declined (again) to discuss coverage. I will attempt to contact that agency prior to the BOM.

The filing deadline for the IRS Form 990 EZ is May 16. The form will be prepared and filed prior to the BOM. A copy will be available for your review at the BOM.

The 2023 Congress Budget approved at the Fall BOM is heavily dependent on the raffle tickets for the donated minuteman sculpture and a third musket raffle. The sculpture raffle and the second musket raffle ticket sales are lagging. There have been some rumblings about a PGA tournament expert helping organize golf tournaments for our chapters, with a portion of the proceeds going to the 2023 Congress Fund. No plans have been submitted to the 2023 Congress Planning Committee. I continue to be concerned about the financing of the 2023 Congress.

**Registrar**

Ray C. Lantz

**FLSSAR Application Stats  
25 Sep 2021 – 02 April 2022**

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
<b>Submitted To NSSAR</b>	129	25	0	12	166
<b>Approved* By NSSAR</b>	97	24	0	3	124
<b>Pended* By NSSAR</b>	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Pended By FSSAR</b>	38	4	0	1	43
<b>DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date</b>	<b>2021 = 54 and 2022 = 8</b>				

\* 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.
- Wrong font size used on parts of the application form.
- 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 contains wrong information.
- 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, it may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless an acceptable proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

**Notes of Interest:**

- NSSAR temporarily ban on use of any type of DNA Evidence, except applicant parental tests, has been changed to include grandparents. 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 again.
- **New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals**  
New versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.
- Current FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Application Fees can be found at [http://www.flssar.org/Docs/Fees\\_and\\_Dues\\_List.pdf](http://www.flssar.org/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 applications.

**Chaplain**

Dwight D. Elam

No report submitted.

**Recording Secretary**

Steven R. Fields

Minutes of the previous BOM meeting are found beginning on page 6.

**Chancellor**

Carl K. Hoffmann

Nothing to report.

**Genealogist**

J Gray Chandler

- Helped the Brevard Chapter to find proofs for a new applicant
- Helped the registrar (new) of the Okeechobee chapter with 2 new applicants
- Working with Harry Rinker , Central Florida Chapter Genealogist and Registrar to set up training for Chapter Registrars & Genealogists
- Received a request from a transgender to the Jacksonville chapter. “He” was listed as the daughter of an existing member, but would like to join as a “male”. I am waiting for verification from MD Vital Statistics on the birth certificate that was furnished which showed as a “male”. I want to see the “original” birth certificate. However, I will NOT sign this app as a sponsor!

**Sergeant at Arms**

Jeff F. Brunnelle

The contents of the locker belonging to FLSSAR has been inventoried. Photos and descriptions are included in the inventory. A list of the individuals with keys to the locker have also been compiled.  
(Inventory list on file with Secretary)

If there is any equipment belonging to the FLSSAR that is not in the locker, please let me know and I will get it included on the inventory.

**Historian**

Larry D. Sturgeon

No report submitted.

## Editor, The Florida Patriot

Jeff L. Sizemore

As a reminder, 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). Note that subscription submittals are typically done at the time that annual dues are collected.

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

Summer 2022 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 1, 2022
Fall 2022 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= August 5, 2022
Winter 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= November 15, 2022
Spring 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 5, 2023

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](mailto:swampfoxsar@gmail.com).

## Webmaster

Scott Bushnell

14 hrs doing small work for Members  
25 hours to work on previous Chapter Officer Positions listing  
198 hours to develop 2023 Congress site that was abandoned by President w/o notice to stop.  
Total of 237 hours since last BOM

After 15 years of work on this site I will be stepping down as Webmaster at this BOM.

## Statutory Committee Reports

### Executive Committee

Bernard W. Wolff, Chairman

Nothing to report.

### Finance Committee

W. Richard "Dick" Young, Chairman

#### Calendar Year 2021

The Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements Report for 2021 should be included in the back of the Proceedings Book, for your review. A few comments about 2021 activity follows:

- As noted in the October BOM Report, dues collections for 2021 were less than expected which also means the National dues payments were less than projected.
- The annual contribution from the Operating Budget Trust Fund was more than budgeted. The OBTF Trustees elected to increase the annual contribution from 3.0% of the Fund balance to 5.0%, payable in quarterly installments. Cash receipts in 2021 represent three quarterly payments. The fourth quarter payment was funded in January 2022.

- Registrar deposits represent new application fees and are less than projected, meaning new applications were less than expected.
- There was a \$2,000 donation from the Miami Chapter designated to be used to buy video equipment for the Education Outreach Committee. The requested equipment was purchased and is reflected in the Cash Disbursements. The donation correspondence indicated the video equipment was to be maintained by the Educational Outreach Committee.
- The Presidents and SVPs serving during 2021 did not incur expenses for meeting and travel expenses as much as was allowed in the annual budget.
- The Secretary did not request reimbursement for any expenses he incurred.
- The 2021 Annual Contribution to the Florida Society C.A.R. was paid in-part in December 2020 and included in the 2020 report and paid in part in 2021.
- Several of our other committees did not expend any funds, even though budgeted. We will continue to provide a small budget for these committees.
- The semi-annual Board of Management meetings continue to cost more than registration and meal fees collected.
- I continue to look for affordable Liability Insurance coverage, without success. See the Treasurer's Report.
- In February 2021, Wells Fargo accepted a \$500 check from one of our 2020 Youth Contest runners-up. That check was reported as lost in 2020 and replaced. The check was more than 12 months old when presented. I disputed the Bank's acceptance of this stale dated check. After initially assuring me, that we would get credit, Bank management decided otherwise without explanation. I chose not to pursue the student and the Society absorbed the loss.
- Collections on the 2023 Congress raffle ticket sales started well, but tailed off toward the end of the year.
- All of this resulted in a net cash surplus of \$1,752 for the year.

#### Calendar Year 2022

The Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements Report for the four months ended April 30, 2022 should be included in the back of the Proceedings Book, for your review. Not much has happened during these first four months of the 2022. A few comments about year-to-date activity follows:

- As in 2021, Dues collections and dues payments to National SAR are less than expected.
- The Annual Donation from the Operating Budget Trust Fund was again budgeted at 3.0% and again was approved at 5.0% of the Fund Balance by the Trustees. The cash receipt reflected in this report is the final distribution from 2021 funded in January 2022. The expected April distribution has not been received. The Trustees have been notified.
- Registrar deposits (application fees) are running ahead of budget and ahead of last year.
- In 2021, an FLSSAR member pledged \$6,000 to the 2023 Congress Fund and paid the first \$2,000 installment at that time. He paid the second installment in April.
- Otherwise, the 2023 Congress fund raising efforts continue to lag.
- The Executive Administrator resigned his appointed position effective December 31, 2021. There has been no replacement Executive Administrator appointed and no quarterly stipend payments in 2022.
- The winners of some of our Youth Contests have been announced. Checks for the cash awards for the #2 and #3 place winners have been issued and delivered to the Chapter that sponsored them.
- The annual contribution to the Florida Society C.A.R. has been paid in two parts: the first in January as sponsorship of their Annual Conference, the other presented to the State President at their Annual Conference.

As always, should you have any questions or comments about these reports, feel free to contact me.

### **Financial Review Committee**

Chairman - none

No report submitted.

### **Medals and Awards Committee**

Jerry Halstead, Chairman

No report submitted.

# Nominating Committee

David E Bussone, Chairman

From the FLSSAR Bylaws:

Article 3, Section 2

Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

A. Nominations

(1) Nominating Committee

(a) redacted for this report

(b) Duties. The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in, and shall name at least one candidate for, each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting. The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons chosen by the Committee to be the nominees for the respective offices, and shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Secretary who shall publish it in such a manner and at such time as to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty days advance information as to the names of persons whom the Committee will nominate for the respective offices for the following year. At the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR the Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall place in nomination the names of the respective candidates proposed by the Committee to be officers of the FLSSAR for the following year, and he shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Recording Secretary.

For the 2021 – 2022 term, those serving on the Nominating Committee are: Pat Niemann, Lee Popham, Bill Bolin, Charles Nuckolls, and David Bussone. The Nominating Committee has met 3 times via GoToMeeting. In addition, a session was held at the Fall BoM both to educate interested members about officer positions as well as to solicit candidates. The list of candidates proposed for your consideration for 2022-2023 officers follows:

President – Earl Frederick (Matt) Mathews

Senior Vice President – Steven Ray Fields

Treasurer – Walter Richard Young, Sr

Secretary – M. Scott Breckenridge

ExCom Member-at-Large – Robert Williams McGuire, Jr

National Trustee – David Eben Bussone

Alternate Trustee – Bernard William Wolff

Recording Secretary – Leonard William Crame

Registrar – Raymond C. Lantz

Sgt. At Arms – Jeffrey Francis Brunelle

Chaplain – Dwight Donald Elam

Chancellor – Lawrence Robert Patterson

Genealogist – J. Gray Chandler

Historian – Larry Dean Sturgeon

Editor The Florida Patriot – Jeffrey Lee Sizemore

**Webmaster – *please refer to the motion below.***

NE RVP – James Yost Gaskins

NW RVP – Christopher Edwin Washler

NC RVP – David Charles Thomas

EC RVP – Jeffrey Lee Sizemore

WC RVP – Alfred Parks Honeywell

SW RVP – Hampton Eugene Allen

SE RVP – William Rutherford Wicks III

## **MOTION:**

**The Nominating Committee recommends to the BOM that an independent Webmaster be hired on a year-round basis, and receive a monthly stipend.**

## **Background Discussion:**

**We are too big to continue relying upon a single Volunteer to do the work.**

**Originally, the Webmaster was appointed by the President and ratified by the BOM at the annual meeting, just like the Parliamentarian and the Nominating Committee members. This can begin again with the 2022 Annual Meeting, and a monthly stipend amount can also be ratified at that time.**

**The independent Webmaster can become responsible for:**

- 1. The BOM Events and related Notices, registration documents, etc.;**
- 2. Website and webpage monthly updates and maintenance; and,**
- 3. Migration of the existing website to a site that will be more compatible with the NSSAR Membership Database that is soon to be released.**

**Whomsoever is selected will work with Scott Bushnell to ensure that we run parallel with Scott's existing FLSSAR website until the migration is complete**

## **Patriot Medal Committee**

Patrick J. Niemann

There will be a presentation of the Patriot Medals to the recipients on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

## **NSSAR Affairs**

### **SAR Education Center and Museum Committee**

Chairman - none

No report submitted.

### **National Society Library Committee**

Chairman - none

No report submitted.

## **FLSSAR Affairs**

### **2023 Congress Planning Committee**

Bernard W. Wolff, Chairman

The FLSSAR Congress Planning Committee continues their efforts to provide an excellent production that will be enjoyed by all during the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Society Congress. We are especially pleased with our progress since we are putting various finishing touches on a few items of detail work with nearly 14 months until the National Congress convenes here in Florida.

Communication is being accomplished through the BOM Proceedings, scheduled meetings during the BOMs, reports presented at previous Congresses, reports presented at previous Leadership Conferences, virtual meetings begun last month with monthly updates and more often as we draw nearer to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress, meetings, both in person and by telephone with the Rosen Plaza, the Memorial Service venue, Tours, etc. Be aware that Congress reports will be updated as new information becomes available.

A long tour to the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) will be on the program. Costs will be compiled once the KSC has determined what they will be in 2023. However, we will receive a descent discount. There will be short tours to the Lakeridge Winery, St. Johns River Tour, Tiffany Museum, and, depending upon interest, a few hours at Epcot at the end of Congress.

Recently, the opening ceremony/memorial service venue has been identified and booked. Currently, no additional contracts will be needed for the two receptions as they will be held in rooms that are already part of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress venue. This will represent

about \$10,000 in transportation savings by not going off campus. I have been able to negotiate a very liberal policy that once our minimum beverage and food commitment has been met, there will be no additional host reception room charges. This includes both the Volunteer Reception and Host Reception gathering. For example, once the minimum has been met (\$150.00) for a roughly 100-person Volunteer Reception, we will have no further financial commitment other than food and beverage costs (about \$6,800). This represents a sizeable savings. The same will hold true for the Host Reception. However, it is unknown whether the current economy will be able to sustain these fees in another year. We will do our best to keep them stable. Major savings will be attributed to the unnecessary additional transportation costs to sites away from the Rosen Plaza.

As mentioned, the location of the Volunteer Recognition Reception room is blocked, and the identification of the Opening Ceremony/Memorial Service venue is completed. Fund-raising continues with the items that we have produced (i.e., Congress medals, weapon, bronze statue, and Ladies Auxiliary efforts). We have identified a source for the Congress bags and identifying items for the staff and they will be produced after approval of the National Chair. The Ladies Auxiliary has done an incredible job of fund-raising and will see great success with their sales of throws and conch shell pendants/pins. Additionally, two of our members are arranging a series of golf tournaments with some of the income being donated to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress. The golf tournaments are expected to become an on-going source of revenue for our programs (especially youth and education outreach). We would expect approval from the BOM to make this a regular part of society fund-raising efforts.

Individual consultations with various Task Force Commanders also help keep everything moving along. I have produced a Congress Handbook that identifies the necessary tasks to be completed which is available to the Committee and Task Force Commanders to assist them in their responsibilities. In fact, the Handbook is available to anyone that has an interest. The committee is parsing the working document to make additions as needed.

We have published a Congress website ([nssar2023Congress.org](http://nssar2023Congress.org)) and it will contain all relevant details as they become available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: [grafwolff@comcast.net](mailto:grafwolff@comcast.net)

Thank you for your support of the FLSSAR and the NSSAR, and I look forward to seeing you and your chapter members at the Spring BOM/Annual Meeting in May.

The Deputy Chair and Budget Coordinator, PG Lindsey Brock has been an essential part of the planning and I am grateful for his assistance. He remains an important part of the progress that we have seen going forward.

All of you are also an important part of the process. We will need every one of you to make sure that this Congress is one of the best as it showcases what the State of Florida has to offer to our guests.

## **Archives Committee**

Larry D. Sturgeon, Chairman

No report submitted.

## **By-Laws Committee**

William R Wicks III, Chairman

The committee was presented with a proposed By-Laws Amendment which was considered and passed by the committee and is presented for consideration. The Proposed Amendment and rationale are stated below:

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

Article VI (Financial Matters), Section 6 (Emeritus Program), Paragraph b.

### **By-Laws Article VI, Section 6 b., presently reads as follows:**

Emeritus II. All FLSSAR Members who have paid *dues to the NSSAR for forty continuous years* shall be Emeritus members of the FLSSAR and their respective FLSSAR Chapters. All Emeritus Members of the FLSSAR may request to become exempt from FLSSAR and Chapter dues. The member, or his Chapter, shall request exemption from dues based on his Emeritus Status. The Chapter shall approve exemption from Chapter dues and the request will be forwarded to the FLSSAR Executive Committee which shall approve exemption of state dues for the FLSSAR. Those Emeritus members of the FLSSAR approved to be exempt from further State and Chapter dues are Emeritus II members.

**Proposed Amendment Article VI, Section 6 b., revised as follows:**

Emeritus II. All FLSSAR Members who have paid a total of forty (40) cumulative years of NSSAR annual dues shall be Emeritus members of the FLSSAR and their respective FLSSAR Chapters. All Emeritus Members of the FLSSAR may request to become exempt from FLSSAR and Chapter dues. The member, or his Chapter, shall request exemption from dues based on his Emeritus Status. The Chapter shall approve exemption from Chapter dues and the request will be forwarded to the FLSSAR Executive Committee which shall approve exemption of state dues for the FLSSAR. Those Emeritus members of the FLSSAR approved to be exempt from further State and Chapter dues are Emeritus II members.

**Justification:**

The NSSAR Emeritus program recognizes members who have paid 50 years of annual dues. They do not require continuous years of payments. The NSSAR by-laws state:

“An Emeritus Member shall be any male member who has paid a total of fifty (50) cumulative years of annual dues.”

The FLSSAR Emeritus-II program should follow the same rules, and use the same wording.

## **Education Outreach Committee**

Charles R. Butler, Chairman

The rationale supporting the FLSSAR Education Outreach Initiative is clear: there is a difference between *celebrating* the institutions of American freedom and *perpetuating* them. The SAR’s Federal charter directs the Society to “*extend* the institutions of American Freedom and to *foster* true patriotism.” The most essential component of our membership in the Florida Society lies in its ability to perpetuate the institutions of American freedom and true Patriotism. Education Outreach is the most effective pathway to achieving these objectives.

Accomplishments over the past year include:

The Miami Chapter generously funded the acquisition of high-quality video production equipment for the Education Outreach program. The St. Petersburg Chapter also approved an equipment grant for the acquisition of a teleprompter. The Education Outreach Initiative is grateful for the enthusiasm and proactive support of the Miami and St. Petersburg Chapters.

Compatriot John C. Jones of the Caloosa Chapter joined the education initiative’s team, volunteering his technical production expertise to create the Florida Society’s first in-house video productions recorded on December 8. They included the talented performances of John Stewart, Marcia Oetting (DAR), Pastor Dwight Elam, and Hamp Allen and were created as demonstration and capability productions for the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE). The education committee is grateful to the performers, and to Pastor Elam for the use of his church’s facilities.

The video submission to the FLDOE was received favorably, and we are especially proud to report the professional broadcast and production studios at the University of Central Florida, and at the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee were made available to the FLSSAR Education Outreach Initiative for upcoming productions. This is an extraordinary achievement for the Education Outreach Initiative, and the FLSSAR. Our Society is now positioned to focus on the creative aspects of the education process, focusing on early American History, our Founders, the reasons for the Revolution, the vital role of women, contributions by minorities, and many other topics, all in a patriotic context.

In addition, the Florida Department of Education directed us to work with the renowned Lou Frey Institute of the University of Central Florida. The Lou Frey Institute promotes the development of enlightened, responsible, and actively engaged citizens.

The Institute works to accomplish its mission:

- By working to help strengthen the civic education capacity of Florida’s K-12 education system; and
- Through research, policy analysis, and advocacy.
- Through civic education programs that encourage thoughtful debate and discussion about current policy issues;
- Through experiential learning programs that encourage the development of civic and political skills;

The Lou Frey Institute is currently researching and designing various programs for the Department of Education and will seek FLSSAR input and collaboration as planning moves forward.

The FLSSAR Education Outreach Initiative welcomes interested historians, academicians, researchers, lecturers, and performance talent to join us as we cooperate and collaborate with the Florida Department of Education and the Lou Frey Institute of the University of Central Florida.

## **Ethics Committee**

Robert Pauley, Chairman

In every organization, rules of decorum and conduct must exist to ensure comity, productivity, and the harmonious conduct of business affairs. The FLSSAAR is no different. Our Society is large and complex, with numerous rules, regulations, and standards.

The purpose of the Ethics committee is to assist Compatriots in complying with the Society's expectations of interaction and conduct. We exist to help and support Compatriots, not to search for reasons to impose disciplinary action. We understand that disputes and disagreements among Compatriots occur, as they did among our Founding Fathers, and our goal is to resolve them in a fair and respectful manner, maintaining confidentiality whenever possible.

It is important to note, however, that the best interests of the Society must always be served, and respect for the organization's bylaws and our fellow Compatriots is not only expected, but also necessary for the Society to function. When incidents occur, it is the responsibility of the Ethics Committee to investigate and resolve them in the most appropriate manner possible. The options open can range from mild counseling to more severe alternatives depending upon the situation and the cooperation of the individuals involved. In all cases, we strive to balance the rights of the individuals involved with the best interests of the Society.

## **Genealogy Committee**

A. Parks Honeywell, Chairman

No report submitted.

## **Meeting Arrangements-BOM Committee**

Earl "Matt" Mathews Jr, Chairman

No report submitted.

## **Membership Promotion and Retention Committee**

William E Battles III, Chairman

No report submitted.

## **New Chapter Development Committee**

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

On April 8, 2022, an inquiry was made by William Battles for a new chapter in the Venice / Northport / Englewood Market area of Florida. The preliminary new chapter development form was emailed. Then on April 29, 2022, a formalized request for this new chapter was submitted. The committee will be reviewing the submitted paperwork to present at the BOM. Note that local chapters in the region has expressed objection of this new chapter. The 2021/2022 committee consist of Jeff Sizemore & Don Lanman.

## **Newsletters and Periodicals Committee**

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

The stated deadline each year for the National Newsletter Contest is December 15<sup>th</sup>. For the state, it was extended till February 15, 2022 so that more chapters had time to submit. This year we had eight chapters submit their newsletter for consideration. The committee reviewed their submittals during the month of April and made their announcement as to who will be award the various monetary prizes at the Spring BOM Meeting. The members of this committee consisted of Jeff Sizemore, Scott Breckenridge, Pat Niemann, and Jonathan Jensen.

## Strategic Planning Committee

Charles R. Butler, Chairman

All organizations should strive not to merely exist, but to flourish, enabling them to attract and retain members, acquire financial resources, and ultimately fulfill their mission statements. To do so, they should conduct periodic operating reviews to ascertain whether their bylaws and administrative processes are appropriate for current market conditions, internally consistent, and functionally effective.

When our Society was created, social and environmental conditions were quite different than they are today. Although our Society has a special mission, it must nevertheless compete with many other organizations for limited member resources. They include university alumni associations, church societies, professional societies, political groups, sports and recreational associations, veterans' associations, fraternal organizations, and other lineage societies of which there are many.

Organizations can be created for worthy purposes and have perfectly valid and meaningful mission statements; but without efficient, effective operating structures, their full potential cannot be realized. To be successful in today's environment, the FLSSAR must offer a value proposition that appeals to both potential and existing members. The essence of this proposition is simple: *"Is my FLSSAR experience worth the time and money I spend?"* Stated differently, membership in any voluntary organization is a choice. Therefore, the FLSSAR experience must be unique and rewarding and our Society must be fully configured to be the *organization of choice* in a highly competitive environment.

The FLSSAR's mission statement was adopted more than a century ago, and remains a worthwhile endeavor; however, times, environmental circumstances and attitudes have changed dramatically over the decades. A review of our ten-year net membership statistics indicates the Florida Society has the potential to be a much larger and influential organization, but for various reasons this potential has not been realized. Although there are differing analysis models, had we been operating optimally over the past decade, it is reasonable to believe we could have achieved a statewide membership of between 15,000 and 17,000 instead of persistently hovering in the 2,100 to 2,300 range. This presents an organizational paradox: The Florida Society has many applicants; its members are qualified, patriotic, and hardworking; its mission is sincere and worthwhile; and yet over the past decade, the organization has experienced a higher-than-expected drop rate within the first three years of membership and realized only marginal net membership growth long term.

Although numerous reasons exist for membership non-renewals, logic dictates that a significant disconnect likely exists between the Society and many of its new members. Reportedly, the most common exit interview answer given as to why a members left the Society is: "It wasn't what I expected..." or "it wasn't what I thought it would be..."

To address this conundrum, we assisted President Wolff in researching and evaluating various environmental and operating issues that negatively impact the growth and development of the Florida Society and identified alternative concepts for the Society to consider.

Although this was a challenging undertaking, at its conclusion one pivotal management imperative emerged. It is one of focus: *does the FLSSAR focus internally, expending its limited resources on complex processes reflective of a governmental entity; or does it focus externally, streamlining its structure and modernizing its operations to compete effectively with other organizations for members and resources?* Ultimately, this question must be answered not by the Society President, or its Board of Managers, but rather its general membership.

## Technology Advisory Committee

Evan N. Soileau, Chairman

Nothing to report.

# Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Steve Fields – Commander

Scott Breckenridge – Vice-Commander

Jeff Brunelle – Adjutant

Guardsmen and Compatriots,

This has been a great color guard year so far. We've returned to live events in the fields versus being relegated to Zoom-bie status. Many memorable missions are complete and more on the way.

Battle of Thomas Creek

Last Naval Battle

DAR Spring Conference

Honor Flight resumes

Vietnam Veteran recognition and welcome home ceremonies

Paying last respects to our fallen compatriots

And many more...

As the year progresses, many more missions lie ahead. We will also have plenty of opportunity to be the best public face for the SAR and the Florida Society. Please share your upcoming events with Scott Breckenridge so we can spread the word. We have added new guardsmen and new units this year. The cooperative efforts of guardsmen between chapters only increases our impact as an organization and the experience of those we appear before.

Upcoming events to keep on your schedule:

Flag Day

Allegiance Sunday

Independence Day

Constitution Week

DAR Fall Forum

Fall Board of Managers Meeting

Veterans Day

Wreaths Across America

We have more good news! The Sons of Liberty now have a period correct unit insignia for wear on the hat, uniform, or period clothing – an Alliance Cockade. These 3" black and white cockades are centered around a pewter style button with the letters USA on it. The button is a replica of ones from Continental Line Uniforms. Buttons of the same style have been recovered from British transports sunk fleeing America at the end of the war just off the coast of NE Florida. Cockades will be available at the upcoming Board of Managers and Annual Meeting weekend 13 and 14 May, 2022. The cost is \$15 each. Over the summer the cockades will be made available for ordering (with a small shipping charge).

As your commander, I am exceedingly proud of what the color guard has overcome and accomplished this past year. It has been a great honor to serve alongside you. I look forward to even greater things in the future.

For the cause!

Steven R. Fields, Commander

## 1. George Washington Camp # 1, Jacksonville Chapter - Chuck Farmer, Commander

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had excellent black powder training using the Von Steuben manual of arms at Fort Clinch, under the guidance of Frank Ofeldt, senior Florida Park Ranger and black powder instructor at the fort. As a result of the training, Ken Norwood earned his Red Hackle, identifying him as a fully qualified firing party member

The dedication of the Gold Star Family Parkway, initially set for October 28<sup>th</sup>, was postponed due to heavy rain.

We began November with 7 November luncheon and flag presentation by our color guard at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, arranged by David Ramseur. Mills Ramseur, David Ramseur, Darryl Ingle and Dick Cardell participate. We were invited to join in the Veterans Day Parade in Sarasota, but declined in lieu of the Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. John Roberson provided his truck, trailer, chairs and a batch of decorations. We had eleven members in colonial garb, plus four CAR members of the Princess Malee Society, with two escorting. We received a big shock in December with the resignation of Paul Tucker from his CAR/DAR adults. The few brief sprinkles of liquid sunshine did not spoil the parade. Ike Thornton, Chuck Farmer, John Roberson, Paul Tucker, Scott Breckenridge, Dick Cardell, Ken Norwood, Grey Chandler, Josh Jolly, Mills Ramseur, and David Ramseur participated.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Paul Tucker and Chuck Farmer took part in the “History of the American Soldier” at Fort Clinch. At the request of Frank Ofeldt, Park Ranger, we displayed our Travelling Trunk. We spent the day explaining and demonstration the contents of the truck to visiting children and adults. Their interest in the material and demonstrations made a worthwhile trade off for musket displays and training.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Paul Tucker, Josh Jolly and Chuck Farmer gave an American Flag presentation to the Amelia Island chapter of the DAR. An estimated 32 members of the DAR were in attendance, the honorarium was turned over to our SAR chapter treasurer.

November 18<sup>th</sup> was our chapter’s Public Service Awards event. Under the leadership of Paul Tucker we presented medals to several local fire safety, law enforcement officers and emergency medical technicians, with many of their supervisors and family members watching.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, we bade farewell to one of our chapter members, Thomas W. Baine V, who passed away suddenly. Chuck Farmer represented the chapter at his funeral service.

Fort Morris and the “Come and Take It” commemoration occurred on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Dik Cardell, Ken Norwood, Josh Jolly, Chuck Farmer and Paul Tucker, appropriately clad in colonial era garb participated, contributing to the “Joyful Noise” musket volleys.

We wrapped a busy November up with dedication of the Gold Star Family Parkway event on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Josh Jolly, David Ramseur, Paul Tucker, Darryl Ingle and Chuck Farmer participated.

We received a shock in December, with the resignation of Paul Tucker from Color Guard Commander and Second Vice President., due to personal reasons. Hopefully he will be able to resolve the issues and resume either one or both of his positions. Paul is a fast learner and reliable leader. He will have our chapter’s help as he needs it. Chuck Farmer temporarily assumed those duties,

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Farmer presented the SAR Lifesaving Medal to Officer Brian Evatt, Fernandina Beach, FL, Police Department, at a department luncheon. Officer Evatt twice took actions that prevented death or great bodily harm to students of Fernandina Beach High School, where he is Student Resource Officer, It was an honor to present the award in the presence of his fellow officers.

Wreaths Across America was celebrated on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Due to Chinese Virus restrictions and unannounced schedule changes by the cemetery, several of our members were not able to honor our deceased veterans, Kurt Driscoll, Bill Ziegenfus, Ike Thornton, Chuck Farmer and Jim Gaskins were able to participate.

We started out 2022 quietly. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Farmer gave a talk to the Amelia Island DAR chapter on the development of veteran’s benefits and programs.

We presented colors at the DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon at the Marsh Landing Country Club, in Jacksonville, on February 12<sup>th</sup>. David Ramseur, Darryl Ingle, Bill Ziegenfus, Chuck Farmer, Scott Breckenridge, Josh Jolly and Ken Norwood joined in the color guard, with Scott giving us our marching pace on his drum.

February was ushered in with the passing of Bill Bosworth, twice chapter president, medical doctor and Naval Officer. His memorial service and internment, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, were attended by Mills Ramseur, David Ramseur, Josh Jolly, Barney Thornton, Ken Norwood, John Roberson, Darryl Ingle, Bill Ziegenfus and Chuck Farmer.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony and Chapter Meeting, at the Mandarin Community Center, orchestrated by Robbie Stokes. The Jacksonville Chapter of DAR, members of the Vaughn-Latham Society and the Princess Malee Society of the CAR joined us. The Boy Scouts and American Legion members also took part. Beyond Robbie Stokes, Jim Gaskins, Fred Emery, Chuck Farmer, Josh Jolly, David Ramseur, Mills Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge, Grey Chandler, Paul Tucker, Bob Hale, Dik Cardell and Barney Thornton completed our color guard with Scott on the drum, a Boy Scout bugler to sound “Taps”, with Fred standing by with his trumpet.

Due to threats of heavy rain and winds, most of our color guardsmen opted out of travelling to Merritt Island for the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War. Ken Norwood made the run and represented our chapter at this event.

Our highlight of the Spring is commemorating the battle of Thomas Creek on March 26<sup>th</sup>. This event, organized by David Ramseur, was attended by members of the DAR chapters of Amelia Island and Jacksonville, as well as CAR members of the Princess Malee and Vaughn-Latham societies, Boy scouts provided a bugler and an Eagle to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our massed color guard was led by the National Color Guard Commander, Lou Ryborg, National Vice Commander Brooks Lyles and Florida Color Guard Commander Steve Fields. We had representative color guard members from other Florida chapters, from Georgia and Maryland. Our color guard members attending included David Ramseur, Mills Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge, Darryl Ingle, Josh Jolly, Paul Tucker, Kurt Driscoll, Ike Thornton, Ken Norwood, Dik Cardell, Chuck Farmer, Darrell Goss and Bill Ziegenfus in era garb. Rev. Bob Hale, Bob Welker, Jim Gaskins and Robbie Stokes were also present in other duties. We fielded a small firing party under the direction of Brooks Lyles, with Darryl Ingle, Ken Norwood and Paul Tucker rendering three volleys with firelocks,

A major event in the celebration was Lou Ryborg presenting the Von Steuben Medal for sustained color guard service to David Ramseur. That award required a minimum of five years color guard service beyond the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Date conflicts forced us to decline participation this year in the Jacksonville Beaches commemoration of the U-boat sinking of the tanker GulfAmerica off Jacksonville Beach in 1942. We also had to decline participation with our Flag Presentation and Travelling Trunk at St. Michaels Academy "Colonial Days".

We received the resignation from his office as Historian by Eric Cole, due to medical issues,

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we took part in the Georgia Society's Patriot Day celebration on St. Simons Island, GA. Color guard members Darryl Ingle, Paul Tucker, Josh Jolly and Chuck Farmer participated.

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

3. Cape Canaveral Camp #3, Brevard Chapter – James Ward, Commander

The Brevard Chapter Color Guard participated in colonial attire in the following events:

October 16, 2021: In-person SAR meeting (Jensen and Mihora)

November 11, 2021: Veterans Day observance (Bisset, Desmarais, Green, Jensen, Mihora)

November 20, 2021: In-person SAR meeting (Bisset, Jensen, Mihora, plus F.S. Jones in Class A)

December 18, 2021: Wreaths Across America (Jensen in Class A)

January 15, 2022: in-person SAR meeting (Jensen)

January 22, 2022: Daytona-Ormond Beach SAR meeting (Jensen)

February 6, 2022: "Veterans In History" observance (Jensen)

February 15, 2022: in-person SAR meeting (Jensen)

February 19, 2022: in person FL.S.S.C.A.R. state convention (Mihora, Jensen)

February 19, 2022: in-person SAR meeting (Bisset, Jensen, Mihora)

February 22, 2022: in-person SAR meeting (Jensen, Ward in Class A)

March 4, 2022: in-person Florida DAR convention (Jensen in Class A)

March 5, 2022: in person Florida DAR convention (Jensen)

March 12, 2022: Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War observance: (Bisset, Jensen, and Mihora, augmented by numerous FLSSAR and FLSSAR Chapter and other states' Chapter Compatriots)

April 9, 2022: in person SAR meeting (Bisset, Mihora, plus Jensen in Class A)

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

On February 9, 2022, we presented the colors at the 37th annual Genealogical Seminar at the Scottish Cultural Center in Dunedin hosted by the Caledesi Chapter DAR. Attending were the members of the DAR, Colonial Dames, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, United Daughters of the Confederacy, SAR members and others.

At the monthly meetings of the Clearwater SAR Chapter members of the Color Guard in uniform are presenting the colors.

In March the Chapter lost a past President and Color Guard member (David Kitchen). At his funeral members of the Color Guard formally presented the Certificate of Regret to the widow Mary Kitchen. Members of the DAR were also present.

The Color Guard was also present at the military funeral at Bay Pines for a USMC veteran.

The Samuel Adams Camp has purchased a POW/MIA flag to be used in the "Remember Ceremony" and for parades.

5. Yorktown Camp #5, St. Lucie River Chapter – Inactive

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

Participated in the following events:

- Flag Ceremony, War Horse Harley, Gainesville, FL. 2/26/2022.
- Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL. 3/26/2022.

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

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

Covid notwithstanding, the Nathaniel Green Color Guard is back at work. Individual members have been out in the community in attire presenting awards and performing as part of the Saramana Chapter Speakers Bureau.

Long time guardsman Past President of Saramana Charles Riegle was finally laid to rest in January at Sarasota National Cemetery. In March, Saramana Chapter Past President Vic McMurry was also interred at Sarasota National Cemetery. Both were recipients of the Bronze Color Guard Medal and Silver Color Guard Medal.

**Events:**

October 2021

FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting (state) – Steve Fields, Jill Fields

November 2021

Veterans Day Parade Sarasota (national) – John Fitzpatrick, Preston Adams, Steve Fields, Jill Fields, Robbie Robinson  
(Tampa Chapter)

December 2021

Saramana Chapter Luncheon (state – FLSSAR President attending) - John Fitzpatrick, Preston Adams, Steve Fields, Jill Fields

February 2022

George Washington’s Birthday Celebration and Luncheon (national – DAR/CAR & Chaplain General) –John Fitzpatrick, Dwight Elam (Caloosa Chapter), Jonathan Hunt (Caloosa Chapter\_ Steve Fields, Jill Fields

March 2021

Memorial Service for Past President Vic McMurry – Preston Adams, Craig Paige, Colleen Paige, Steve Fields, Jill Fields

Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution (national) – Steve Fields, Jill Fields

Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek (national) – Steve Fields, Jill Fields

Upcoming Events:

Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola (national) May

FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers and Annual meetings (national – PG present) May

Sarasota Memorial Day Parade May 31 (national) – CONFIRMED; all FLSSAR chapters invited to participate

Flag Day DAR Regents Council Luncheon June

Sarasota Independence Day Parade (national) June

DAR Regents Council Constitution Week Celebration (national) September

The camp plans to keep recruiting for 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. We have a Declaration 250 flag and have been using it as a regular part of our meetings and events.

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

It has been a very slow start for us. The Withlacoochee Chapter has been dormant since Wreaths Across America in December.

On March 17th, we marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Cloverleaf Farms in Brooksville. We have been a participant in this event for about 15 years but Covid-19 canceled the last two years.

I will be presenting bronze medals to three cadets in the JROTC here in Citrus County but not until May.

Other than that I have nothing to report.

12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12, Lake Sumter Chapter – Inactive

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

Color guardsman Leonard Crame and A. James Meerpohl participated in the SW region FLSSAR color guard at the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Liberty Tree Dedication on October 9, 2021 in Port Charlotte, FL.

The Naples Chapter SAR color guard, Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, led by Commander Donald Cahill, presented the colors at Chapter meetings on October 14 and November 11 (2021) and January 13, February 10, March 10 and April 14 (2022) at Tiburon Golf Club Naples FL. Color guardsman Leonard Crame served as acting Color Guard Commander at the Joint DAR/SAR meeting on December 4, 2021 at Cypress Woods Country Club, Naples, FL.

In addition to Commander Donald Cahill, active color guardsmen include Michael Garey, A. James Meerpohl, John McCullough and Leonard Crame. Color guardsman Leonard Crame has been approved by the FLSSAR and NSSAR for the Silver Color Guard medal.

The Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13 color guard plans to support the SW Region FLSSAR color guard on April 30, 2022 for the Collier-Lee Mission #22 Honor Flight at Ft. Myers RSW airport.

14. Hillsborough River Camp #14, Tampa Chapter – Dick Young, Commander  
No Report Submitted.

15. General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp #15, Caloosa Chapter – Mike Buff, Commander

The last BOM was October 1-2, 2021 and the following week Caloosa participated along with members of several other CG units as Sons of Liberty Color Guard at the dedication of a Liberty Tree in Port Charlotte - a National Color Guard Event.

On December 8, 2021 the Color Guard posted colors at the Caloosa Chapter Annual Meeting. You have noted the change of command on February 22, 2022. This was also part of a Washington's Birthday celebration  
February 22, 2022: Change of Command, Compatriot McGuire turned over command of the Color Guard to Compatriot Buff. This was also part of a Washington's Birthday celebration.  
March 6, 2022: Unit Training was conducted at the home of the former Commanders Both Caloosa and Charlotte Color Guards involved.  
March 26, 2022: A combined Color Guard consisting of *Sons of Liberty*, Caloosa Chapter Light Horse Harry Lee Camp #15 and the Charlotte Chapter *USS Alliance* Camp #19. Chapters presented colors at a DAR function (Vietnam Veterans appreciation and recognition). Held at the American Legion Post #38  
April 9, 2022: Presented Colors at Caloosa Chapter meeting. Presentation of awards to CAR members. Presentations for Poster, Oration, and Pamphlet winners.  
May 30, 2022: We will be presenting Colors at the return of an Honor Flight at SWF Regional Airport in conjunction with the Naples Honor Flight.

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

17. Lake City Chapter Outpost #17, Lake City Chapter – William Pfeil, Commander  
Nothing to report.

18. Lakeland Chapter Outpost #18, Lakeland Chapter – Mike Girard, Commander  
Nothing to report.

19. USS Alliance Camp #19, Charlotte Chapter – Jonathan Hunt, Commander

The last BOM was October 1-2, 2021 and the following week Caloosa participated along with members of several other CG units as Sons of Liberty Color Guard at the dedication of a Liberty Tree in Port Charlotte - a National Color Guard Event. I was installed as the Color Guard Commander of the Charlotte Chapter *USS Alliance* Camp #19 on February 11, 2022, by the Camp's previous Commander Robert McGuire. Since taking command of Color Guard Camp #19 we have participated in the following events- February 16, the dedication of the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Dedication in Port Charlotte, FL. The mission was completed with the assistance of the Caloosa Chapter Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp #15. This Veterans' Memorial dedication made several news media publications and Fox 4 News. On March 5, 2022, the USS Alliance Camp #19 Commander was dispatched by the State Commander to oversee the Color Guard at the DAR Spring Meeting in Orlando. The DAR Spring Conference mission was a huge success because of the dedicated work of the following Compatriots and Color Guardsmen – Donald Lanman, Brian Jenson, Harry Rinker, Scott Cook, Phillip Markoe, Jerry Byers, Robert Osborn and Bill Elders (George Washington) and wife Cara (Martha Washington). I'm also happy to report that the Florida Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have asked that we participate in the Fall Conference. The contact information for that event has been passed on to Commander Steve Fields.

## Liaisons

### **C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide Liaison Committee**

W. Richard "Dick" Young, Chairman

No report submitted.

### **DAR Liaison**

William E Battles III, Chairman

No report submitted.

### **FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Committee**

Lindsey C. Brock, Chairman

Members: Jeffry Lee Sizemore and David Charles Thompson

The Ladies Auxiliary plays an important role in our Society by:

- Stimulating interest and support of SAR goals and objectives.

- Provide educational activities for the wives, relatives, and friends of SAR.
- Assist in the promotion of membership.
- Raising money for various activities including awards for our Youth Programs.

Compatriots don't forget to bring your chapter basket to our SAR meetings. This is one of the Ladies favorite activities in supporting SAR goals and objectives. If you forgot to bring a basket for this meeting, it's not too late to prepare a basket in time for this meeting. There are plenty of nearby stores around the Embassy Suites.

The Ladies are making great progress in preparation for the 2023 National Congress which will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel on International Dr. in Orlando. They want the Florida 2023 Congress to be one of the BEST. The center pieces for one banquet have been completed and at this meeting they are working on the center pieces for the 2023 Youth Luncheon. The handbags for the ladies attending the 2023 Congress are being embroidered and are about half completed to date and we still have over a year before July '23.

If you haven't purchased the Minute Man emblazon throws or the pins/pendants which are conch shells with a blue and bluff star fish, now is the time to purchase since the inventory on some of the items are getting low. Monies from these sales will go towards the hospitality room and the center pieces for the 2023 Congress.

Let's support our Ladies in these fund-raising efforts.

## Historic Sites

### Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Roger C. Smith, Chairman

No report submitted.

### Battle of Pensacola Committee

Christopher E. Washler, Chairman

By the time this report is published, the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration will have been held on May 6 in Pensacola. As several people may know, the event was nearly cancelled this year due to major surgery that took the chairman out of action for the first quarter of this year. However, the committee owes a huge thank you to Matt Mathews for salvaging the event. Matt stepped in at the beginning of March and worked with the Pensacola Heritage Foundation to execute our original plan to combine the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration into one event. As part of the Galvez Day event in downtown Pensacola, the Pensacola Heritage Foundation had asked for the Sons of the American Revolution to provide a Color Guard Parade through a portion of downtown Pensacola, past Fort George and for the SAR Color Guard units to flank the Galvez monument during their event. Thanks to Matt Mathews, Dick Young, Lee Popham, and a few others from around the state that I am forgetting, the Battle of Pensacola event did happen and gathered community and media attention for the SAR. Plans for next year will be starting this summer.

### Battle of Thomas Creek Committee

David H. Ramseur, Chairman

The 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek, on Saturday 26 March 2022, was another wonderful National Color Guard commemorative event honoring those Patriots who fought and died in this battle. The battle was against a large British Force comprised of Regulars, Loyalists and Creek Indians. This was the second of three failed attempts ordered by General George Washington to make N.E. Florida from the Apalachicola River to St. Augustine our 14<sup>th</sup> Colony. The battle is considered, "The Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution".

Our program began with a welcome from David Ramseur, followed by the Invocation given by Reverend Bob Hale. The presentation of colors was commanded by National Commander Lou Raborg assisted by Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, FLSSAR Commander Steven Fields and Vice Commander Scott Breckenridge. Eagle Scout Ryan Vogel led the, "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by Patriotic Chorus Group "Let Freedom Sing". They inspired us with their wonderful singing of, "The Star Spangled Banner" and later in the program "You're a Grand Old Flag". Following the singing, National Color Guard Commander Lou Raborg presented David Ramseur with the National Von Steuben Color Guard Medal and Certificate for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard.

Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Mr. Harrison Conyers, Supervisor of Military & Veteran Affairs and from the NSSAR, Vice President General Pat. Niemann (Col. Ret.). Greetings were also from the Florida Society SAR, Bernard Wolff President, and from the Georgia Society Dennis Jane. We were honored to have greetings given from the Florida Society DAR, Vice Regent Cindy Addison and from the N.E. Florida Regents Council DAR President Linda Brenner and from the Florida State Society, C.A.R President Sydney Rigaud. We were again inspired with our speaker Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Inc. of St. Augustine. Wreaths were presented by 37 organizations from the SAR, DAR and C.A.R and other patriotic societies. A black powder salute was given honoring our fallen heroes at this battle followed by Taps by Scout Eric Links. We are looking forward to next year's 246<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## **Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee**

James G. Ward, Chairman

The 239<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution memorial sponsored by Sons Daughters and Children of the American Revolution with partners from the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) and Cape Canaveral Military Officers Association of America occurred March 12, 2022, at the Brevard Veteran Memorial Center. This event originated as Captain John Barry Day which was celebrated in September each year at Jetty Park. In 2006 the Memorial was known as the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution which originally took place at Port Canaveral. In 2012 the services relocated to the VMC along with the LNB monument and Cannon. This year's event started with a bang from a 2-pound replica cannon. Over 30 organization supported this event with about 200 participants. The keynote speaker was Chaplain Gen Dwight Elam who gave an excellent speech about the early life of Captain John Barry and experiences he had throughout the Revolutionary War. The Naval Ordinance Test Unit provided signal cannons for a 21-gun salute followed by duet TAPS by Bob and Danielle Doyle.

The FLSSAR LNB Committee interacts with the Brevard Chapter LNB Committee, chaired by Compatriot Joel Etherton, and comprised of Compatriots Brian Jensen, Donn Weaver, Barry Eller, Sam Ashdown, Doug Bissett, L.T. Herman, Ray Norman, and James Ward, and Daughters Sharon Eller and Linda Jensen. The FLSSAR LNB Committee is chaired by Compatriot James Ward, and comprised of Compatriots

March 11, 2023, and March 9, 2024 were scheduled as LNB observance dates. It would be best if Guilford Courthouse observance and Spring Leadership Conference were not set for those dates. Second best is to let Brevard Chapter know promptly if they are set for those dates.

The approved venue is the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island, a Brevard County "Parks and Recreation" property. No governmental/authorities' permits, or forms were needed other than being scheduled.

Those checking in helped us by clearly identifying how to announce their unit and leader's name, specifying if they would parade as a unit following the Liberty Battalion, and whether they would place a wreath and render honors.

Lunch was held in Gray Hall after the event. Tickets of \$15 or less were sold. \$5 per ticket was a donation to "Veterans Connections to a New Life" <http://connectionstoanewlife.com>.

An invitation/registration form and event notice were published in NSSAR, FLSSAR, and BOM periodicals. The LNB was posted on the SAR website with a link to the reservation form. The LNB reservation form was also posted on the FLSSAR website. Flyers were printed and are posted locally. A Florida Historical Society radio broadcast March 4-10, 2022 invited the public.

2014-2015 President General Lindsey Brock and Chaplain General Elam represented NSSAR. Dale Bottom, NSSAR ROTC Committee Member also participated. FLSSAR President Wolff, SVP Mathews, and Color Guard Commander Fields attended along with several Chapters' representatives. C.A.R., DAR, and Ladies Auxiliary.

The FSSAR Liberty Battalion marched. Additional SAR Color Guard units marched. The Marine Corps League Color Guard marched. Naval Ordnance Test Unit Commanding Officer Schneider attended with a Ceremonial cannon team, as well as a Color Guard.

Radisson Cape Canaveral, The Resort at Cocoa Beach and the Hilton, Cocoa Beach were suggested for those seeking individual accommodations. There was no contract price.

Brevard County press and media attended.

A printed program was distributed. Chairs, a public address system, and clean up were conducted.

Commemorative “Last Naval Battle” drape medal sets were offered for sale.

The One Blood Bus was in place for blood donations.

Severe weather was forecast. BC LNB Committee Chairman Etherton agreed to be the decision maker early Saturday morning. He decided to proceed and communicated his decision effectively. The weather materialized to the north and proceeded south but did not reach Merritt Island until after the event and clean up. We were fortunate to conduct the observance, however several participants and the public did not attend as a result.

FLSSAR Treasurer Young invited a list of expenses and after its submission issued a \$500 partial reimbursement. Partners the Veterans Memorial Center and the Military Officers Association-Cape Canaveral Chapter also contributed financial and in-kind support.

FLSSAR President Wolff mailed a letter after the event expressing his appreciation to Brevard Chapter as hosts of the 2022 Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War observance.

## Youth Programs

### Americanism Youth Contests Committee

Larry D. Sturgeon, Chairman

Both the elementary school poster contest and the middle school brochure contest will have their winners decided at the spring BOM. Entries had to be submitted by noon on Friday, May 13 and the winners announced at the youth luncheon on Saturday. We will also announce the winners at the annual meeting.

Ron Grove, filling in for chairman Larry Sturgeon

### Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Benjamin F. Tidwell III, Chairman

All entries for the 2022 Florida Eagle Scout Contest must be received by the State Chairman no later than January 15, 2023. Prize levels remain the same as last year: First-\$1000, Second-\$500. Third-\$250.

2021 was the first year in which girls were eligible to enter the King Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Of the top 15 winners at the National level, 5 were girls. The winner of the FLSSAR 2021 \$1000 King Eagle Scout Scholarship was Ryan Andrew-Alden Vogel, submitted by the Jacksonville Chapter. Ryan made an excellent showing at Nationals and came in 7<sup>th</sup> out of the top 15. Runner-up winner of \$500 was Blaine Baxter, submitted by the Palm Beach Chapter. Our third-place winner was Oen Frost, submitted by the Naples Chapter. All chapters are encouraged to submit nominees for the 2022 competition.

At a recent leadership meeting, of the National Eagle Scout Committee, it was noted 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, 2023. 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>

This was my first year serving as your chairman. It has been a pleasure and challenge, along with my very talented committee team, to have worked with the chapters in selecting the best scout to represent our state at the national level. I appreciate the trust placed in me by our state President Bernard Wolff and the former committee chairman, Jim Stone.

## **History Fairs**

Roger C. Smith, Chairman

No report submitted.

## **George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Committee**

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

We had 6 chapter winning essays this year. Surely wish we had more. Here are our state winners:

First Place Cian McCarthy, Stonecrest Preparatory School, St Pete Chapter

Second Place Khushi Talluru, Lakewood Ranch High, Saramana Chapter

Third Place Jeffrey Lubinsky, Middleton High, Tampa Chapter

Congratulations on their work.

I really hope that with things getting a little more back to normal that next year we will have more.

Thanks to the committee members, Hamp Allen, Bob Yarnell and Kevin Yarnell for their work judging the entries.

## **Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest Committee**

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

Texts of entrants speeches were due April 15 and unfortunately only one was submitted. He is Jones Hogsed, a home schooled student who was the Caloosa Chapter winner. Jones will present his oration at the youth luncheon and receive his medal and scholarships.

Thanks to committee members Dwight Elam, Matt Mathews and William Wicks.

## **ROTC / JROTC Committee**

Pat J. Niemann, Chairman

## **Community Outreach**

### **Habitat for Humanity Committee**

M Scott Breckenridge, Chairman

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 participating, and not listed, please let me know.

For those of you unfamiliar with the program, it is very simple, highly rewarding, and provides great publicity for the SAR. When Habitat for Humanity has a home dedication ceremony, we participate (preferably in colonial attire) and present the new 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 Committee**

Steven R. Fields, Chairman

Over the past year, at least 3 FLSSAR chapters participated in Allegiance Sunday activities – up from 1 the year before.

With Covid passing on, we are seeing a return to more normal levels of activity in programs of Patriotic Educational. Presentations before school, citizen, fraternal, and civic groups are much higher than the previous two years. The committee strongly encourages all chapters to reconnect as well as establish new programs in their communities that “*center on flag history, historical documents, and vignettes of individuals or groups that had impact on the establishment and development of the United States*”.

This year the FLSSAR reported activities of 4 chapters covering the presentation of 12 Flag Certificates in Florida. There were no flag retirements reported to the committee.

Special thanks from the committee to the following chapters for their efforts: Jacksonville, Naples, Saramana, and Caloosa

## **Public Service and Heroism Committee**

James Y. Gaskins, Chairman

**The SAR HANDBOOK OFFICIAL HANDBOOK VOLUME V: INDIVIDUAL MEDALS AND AWARDS** provides the following guidance on the Heroism Medal and the Life-Saving Medal, Fire Safety and EMS awards criteria.

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NSSAR-Handbook-Volume-V-06-Feb-2022.pdf>

### **Public Service and Heroism Awards**

After making the award at your chapter, complete the NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Award Reporting Form (<https://www.sar.org/resource-repository/>) and send to the FLSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee chairman, Jim Gaskins <jgaskins0152@comcast.net>

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. These should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

### **Heroism Medal**

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

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

### **SAR Life Saving Medal**

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

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

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an out-of hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

### **Fire Safety Commendation Medal**

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Fire Safety Commendation 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 service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development, and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal: protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

### **Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal**

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected.

## **Publicity Committee**

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

The stated deadline each year for the Marlin Publicity Contest is December 15<sup>th</sup>. It was extended till February 15, 2022 so that more chapters had time to submit. This year we had two chapters submit their form and supporting documentation for consideration. The committee reviewed their submittals during the month of April and made their announcement as to who will be award the various monetary prizes at the Spring BOM Meeting. The members of this committee consisted of Jeff Sizemore and Harry Fuller.

## **Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Committee**

William R Wicks III , Chairman

The committee had two applications for the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award in the same category. The committee selected Karen Flores, as the winner of the Middle School History Teacher award. She plans to be present for the May meeting. I would like to thank all committee members (Robert Cundiff, Ron Grove, Robert Yarnell, David Ramseur, and Alan Clark) for their hard work and able assistance.

## **Veterans Affairs Committee**

Steven R.Fields, Chairman

Steven R. Fields (Chairman), James Lewis “Jim” Gibson Jr., Donald K. “Don” Lanman, Rick Ed Morrow, William Gilbert “Bill” Teater Sr., James Gearey “Jim” Ward, Earl Frederick Mathews, James Durward “Jim” Stone

The Veterans’ Affairs Committee is proud of the continued support of our nations veterans by the members of the FLSSAR throughout this trying year. Despite all the reasonable excuses that our volunteers could have put forward, they got out into the community, the VA medical system, and other veteran service organizations to provide thousands of hours and dollars towards the needs of our military veterans. Some of the highlights of the Veterans support activities that our compatriots have participated in are:

- Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home ceremonies (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

- Gold Star Families Day

- “Don’t Tread on Me” Gadsden Flag Florida License Plate initiative

- Volunteering at VA hospitals and Clinics

- Serving as aides and guides at National Cemeteries

- 6 Chapters reported activity for the USS Stark Program encompassing:

  - 3800+ volunteer hours

  - 50+ visits with veterans in hospital or nursing care

  - Hundreds of personal care items donated

  - 1200+ books donated to VA libraries or reading rooms

  - Over 50 veterans events participated with over 200 SAR members in attendance

  - Hundreds of placements at Wreathes Across America events all over Florida

  - Dozens of SAR members attending Veterans’ funeral service

Brevard, Caloosa, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Saramana and Withlacoochee chapters are to be commended for their outstanding work and for reporting their activities for inclusion in the state report to NSSAR.

The committee would like to make special mention of the special efforts of two outstanding individuals - COL Pat Nieman and Compatriot Don Lanman. Together they have performed above and beyond expectations in administering the Veteran's Recognition Committee. By quickly and thoroughly evaluating the Veterans Service Corps survey forms and the attendant service records, they have ensured that the compatriot veterans in our society are recognized for their honorable service. Their efforts have enabled a great many compatriots to now proudly wear the Military Service Medal or War Service Medal. There are still a great many compatriots who have yet to provide their information for recognition. With the example set by these men, many more of our heroes service will be honored in good time.

## Veteran's Recognition Committee

Donald K Lanman, Chairman

### 1. FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership increased by 18 to 672 members:

- a. NE=90
- b. NW=55
- c. NC=91
- d. EC=73
- e. WC=133
- f. SE=72
- g. SW=158
- h. 33% of FLSSAR membership are enrolled in the Veterans Battalion.

### 2. Committee Activity:

- a. Impacted by 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 encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion program and are contacted quarterly for candidates.
- b. Committee Chairman reviews all Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of both the required FLSSAR 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 theatre*" 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 listing all Veterans Battalion members by Region & Chapter.

## Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

I am very disappointed to report that only 3 chapters have submitted 4 requests for \$959. This year requests are being paid 100% at the first issue, they do not have to wait until December for the second half of their request. This year the trustees have set \$26,435 as our limit. Guess we don't need to worry about reaching that. The pandemic has put a damper on a lot of things but it's still been possible to run our outreach programs. We are at the midpoint of our program year – it ends Oct. 31. I surely hope we will be getting more requests!

Thanks to my committee – Jim Gaskins, Lee Matson, Jeff Sizemore, Ben Tidwell and Ray Wess.

# Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

W. Richard “Dick” Young, 2020-2022

James D. Stone, 2021-2023

Wm Lee Popham, 2022-2024

FLSSAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND (ETF)  
FLSSAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND (OBT)  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
30 MARCH 2022

## Attendees:

W. Richard Young, Trustee	2020 – 2022
James D. Stone, Trustee	2021 – 2023
Wm Lee Popham, Trustee	2022 - 2024

## AGENDA:

Account Balances,	01 January 2021	31 December 2021	PERFORMANCE
3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund	\$609,280.20	\$660,878.24	+ 10.23%
3341 Florida SAR Operating Budget Fund	\$122,797.85	\$128,325.99	+ 08.57%

## Actions:

- OBT: Transferred 5% = \$4,604.91 Budgeted Distributions from the Florida SAR OBT Fund account to the FLSSAR Operating Account.
- OBT: 5% distribution rate for 2022 = \$128,325.99 x 5% = \$6,416.
  - Quarterly distributions of \$1,604 by 31 March, 30 June, 30 Sept. & 31 Dec.
  - From this amount, OBT has been requested to purchase Florida Society Medals upon their approval by NSSAR. Approved at Spring 2020 BOM.
- ETF: Regions Bank mailed all 2021 Disbursements from the Florida SAR ETF Fund account prior to 31 December 2021. Disbursements during the year totaled \$9,739.02.
- ETF: The 2022 Trustee Designations were set at an amount equal to 4% of the 01 January 2022 balance in the Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund.
  - 4% x \$660,878.24 = \$26,435, to be available from the #3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund for appropriate 2022 reimbursements and distributions.
- ETF & OTB: Portfolio Investment Allocation Guidelines target = 60% -Equity and 40% -Fixed.
  - Investment Policy Statements were updated during 2021.
- Regions to suggest appropriate portfolio Benchmarks for Approval by Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Richard Young, Trustee

James D. Stone, Trustee

Wm. Lee Popham, Trustee

## NOTE:

With Regions Bank now disbursing funds for us, we believe it will be best to reimburse all 100% of each reimbursement request upon approval, rather than only 50%, on a first-come, first-served basis.



# Appendix A – Finance Committee Reports

## Florida Society Budget Comparison For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021			
	Actual		Budget	
	Operating	Congress	Operating	Congress
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Annual Dues	-		105,000	
Prepaid Dues from Dec 2021	73,070			
2021 Dues	<u>28,321</u>		-	
	101,391			
Prepaid Dues for 2022	67,845			
Patriot Magazine Subscription	1,398		-	
Member Assessment for Congress	-			
2021	-	-		2,000
2020	-	-		2,000
2023 Congress Medal Sales	-	3,193	-	
Musket Raffle	-	4,090	-	
Statue	-	1,525		
250th Pins	-	540		
OTF distribution	4,605		3,000	
Registrar Receipts	9,908		12,000	
NSSAR Application Refund	80			
Secretary Receipts (Reinstatements)	1,055		1,000	
Other Income	-		-	
BOM Receipts	-			
Registration	14,370		12,000	
50/50	-		-	
Hospitality Room	-		-	
Rooms	-		-	
Donations	-			
2023 Congress	-	2,050		-
Educational Outreach	2,000			
ETF	-		-	
Meeks Fund	150		-	
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	19,447	5,750	19,447
Allocate 2021 Budget Access	12,358	10,000		
Credit Card Error				
<b>Total</b>	<u>215,359</u>	<u>44,845</u>	<u>138,750</u>	<u>27,447</u>

Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021			
	Actual		Budget	
	Operating	Congress	Operating	Congress
Cash Disbursements				
NSSAR Dues	62,130		66,150	
Dues Refunds	35		-	
Application Fee Refunds	135			
Reinstatement Dues	1,050		1,500	
Registrar Stipend	4,800		4,800	
Secretarty Stipend	4,800		4,800	
Exec Admin Stipend	4,800		4,800	
Presidents Expenses	1,949		5,000	
Sr VP Expenses	1,546		2,500	
Secretary Expenses	-		1,000	
Treasurer Expenses	227		100	
Registrar Expenses	667		600	
BOM Expenses	-			
Hotel (Meals)	16,343		10,700	
Rooms	534		-	
BOM Refunds	35		-	
Hospitality Room	724		500	
A/V & Other	-		500	
PG Room	715		300	
Hotel Deposits	500		-	
Printing	641		-	
Internet/Computer Expense	676		600	
Technology Comm	-		100	
Website Taskforce	-		1,000	
Knight Essay Comm	1,799		2,000	
American His Teacher Comm	750		750	
Eagle Scout Comm	2,000		2,000	
JROTC Comm	2,000		2,200	
Good Citizenship Comm	-		200	
Patriotic Education	-		-	
Historical Sites Committee	-		250	
Educational Outreach Committee	2,042		2,500	
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	4,720		4,500	
Americanism Poster Contest	300		350	
Americanism Brochure Contest	150		350	
FSCAR Donation	500		1,000	
History Fair Comm	-		500	
SAR Museum & Learning Center	1,000		1,000	
NSSAR Library	300		300	

Florida Society Budget Comparison  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021			
	Actual		Budget	
	Operating	Congress	Operating	Congress
Battle of Pensacola	-		300	
Last Naval Battle	500		500	
Battle of Thomas Creek	111		500	
Medals & Awards Comm	1,099		1,200	
C.A.R. Committee	-		100	
Patriot Medal Comm	306		500	
Americanism/Chapter Challenge	-		100	
Newsletters & Period Comm	573		500	
Publicity Comm	500		500	
New Chapter Dev Comm	50		600	
Veterans Battalion	-		100	
Other Committee Cost	-		100	
Bank Charges/Fees	-		100	
Storage Fees	2,268		1,950	
Miscellaneous Costs	156		250	
D&O/Liability Insurance	-		2,500	
Patriot Mag Cost	4,426		4,000	
Highland Games Donation (DAR)	-		100	
2023 Congress Expenses	-			
Musket Raffle		166		
Medals		416		
250th Pins		176		
2023 Congress Fund Transfers	-			
Reallocate from ETF Donation	2,000		2,000	
Reallocate from Meeks Fund	2,000		2,000	
Transfer to Meeks Fund	150		-	
Transfer from 2021 Budget Excess	12,358			
CC Credit	-			
Carry Over to Future Years	-			
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,364</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>140,750</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Cash Surplus</b>	<b>70,995</b>	<b>44,087</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>27,447</b>
Cash Surplus	70,995			
2022 Dues Collected	<u>(69,243)</u>			
Net Cash	<u>1,752</u>			

Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022  
As of April 30, 2022

	2022			
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget
	Meeks	Congress		
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Annual Dues			105,000	5,297
Prepaid Dues from December			67,845	
2022 Dues Collections			31,858	
Patriot Magazine Subscription				-
Prepaid in December			1,398	(1,434)
2022 Collections			36	
OBTF distribution			1,535	3,000
Registrar Receipts			4,925	12,000
Secretary Receipts			1,120	1,000
Other Income			-	-
BOM Receipts			-	-
Registration			-	12,000
50/50			-	-
Hospitality Room			-	-
Donations			-	-
ETF			-	-
Meeks Fund	100		-	-
Congress Fund		2,008	-	-
Other			-	-
National Awards			-	-
LNB Medal Sales			-	-
Patriot Mag Ad Income			-	-
2023 Congress Income			-	-
Medal Sales		40	-	-
Musket Raffle		420	-	-
Sculpture Raffle		-	-	-
250th Pins Sales		90	-	-
a Reallocate ETF Donation		2,000	-	-
b Reallocate Meeks Fund Donation		2,000	-	-
Carry Over From Prior Year			200	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>108,917</b>	<b>133,200</b>

Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022  
As of April 30, 2022

	2022			
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget
	Meeks	Congress		
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>				
NSSAR Dues		61,525	66,150	4,625
Dues Refunds		-	-	-
Reinstatement Dues		1,160	1,500	340
Registrar Stipend		2,400	4,800	2,400
Secretarty Stipend		2,400	4,800	2,400
Exec Admin Stipend		-	4,800	4,800
Presidents Expenses		-	5,000	5,000
Sr VP Expenses		833	2,500	1,667
Secretary Expenses		-	1,000	1,000
Treasurer Expenses		-	100	100
Registrar Expenses		260	600	340
BOM Expenses		-	-	-
Hotel (Meals)		-	10,700	10,700
Rooms		(429)		429
BOM Refunds		-		-
Hospitality Room		-	500	500
A/V & Other		-	500	500
PG Room		-	300	300
Hotel Deposits		-		-
Internet/Computer Expense		30	600	570
Technology Comm		-	100	100
Websiten Taskforce		-	1,000	1,000
Knight Essay Comm		845	2,000	1,155
American His Teacher Comm		-	750	750
Eagle Scout Comm		750	2,000	1,250
JROTC Comm		750	2,200	1,450
Good Citizenship Comm		-	200	200
Patriotic Education		-	-	-
Historical Sites Committee		-	250	250
Educational Outreach Committee		-	500	500
Rumbaugh Oration Comm		-	4,500	4,500
Americanism Poster Contest		-	350	350
Americanism Brochure Contest		-	350	350
FSCAR Donation		1,000	1,000	-

Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022  
As of April 30, 2022

	2022			
	Actual		Operating	Remaining
	Meeks	Congress	Operating	Budget
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			165	500
Medals & Awards Comm			48	1,200
C.A.R. Committee			-	100
Patriot Medal Comm			375	500
Americanism/Chapter Challenge			-	100
Newsletters & Period Comm			-	500
Publicity Comm			-	500
New Chapter Dev Comm			-	600
Veterans Battalion			70	100
Other Committee Cost			-	100
Bank Charges/Fees			31	100
Storage Fees			1,025	1,950
Miscellaneous Costs			75	250
D&O/Liability Insurance			-	2,500
Patriot Mag Cost			1,050	4,000
Other Postage/Delivery			-	-
Highland Games Donation (DAR)			-	100
2023 Congress Expenses			-	-
Musket Raffle			-	-
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			-	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>78,362</b>	<b>138,750</b>
<b>Net Cash Surplus</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>30,555</b>	<b>(5,550)</b>

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Cash Balances By Fund  
At December 31, 2019, 2020, 2021 & April 30, 2022

	Operations	Meeks	Congress	Totals
Jan 1, 2019	112,722	31,343	-	144,066
Receipts	168,059	-	-	168,059
Disbursements	135,517	-	825	136,342
Fund Transfer	(14,442)	2,942	11,500	-
Dec 31, 2019	130,822	34,285	10,675	175,783
Receipts	200,211	25	8,828	209,064
Disbursements	132,765	-	5,723	138,488
Fund Transfer	(5,667)	-	5,667	-
Dec 31, 2020	192,601	34,310	19,447	246,358
Receipts	130,475	150	11,398	142,023
Disbursements	128,794	-	758	129,552
Fund Transfer	(16,538)	2,538	14,000	-
Dec 31, 2021	177,744	36,998	44,087	258,830
Receipts	39,474	100	2,558	42,132
Disbursements	74,362	-	-	74,362
Fund Transfer	(4,000)	-	4,000	-
April 30, 2022	138,856	37,098	50,645	226,599

# Appendix B – Trust Fund Reports

## FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND Summary Statement of Results and Net Assets 2021

Income:	Cumulative March	Cumulative June	Cumulative September	October	November	December	Cumulative 2021	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 609,280.20	\$ 609,280.20	\$ 609,280.20	\$ 638,041.40	\$ 659,141.84	\$ 648,574.73	\$ 609,280.20	
Income Receipts	\$ 2,219.23	\$ 4,554.64	\$ 6,567.31	\$ 425.92	\$ 1,720.07	\$ 11,181.51	\$ 19,894.81	
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Compatriot Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 2,219.23</b>	<b>\$ 4,554.64</b>	<b>\$ 6,567.31</b>	<b>\$ 425.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,720.07</b>	<b>\$ 11,181.51</b>	<b>\$ 19,894.81</b>	<b>3.32%</b>
Disbursements:								
Asset Management Fees	\$ 2,142.52	\$ 4,361.29	\$ 6,553.55	\$ 717.88	\$ 741.62	\$ 729.73	\$ 8,742.78	-1.46%
Distributions	\$ -	\$ 3,321.44	\$ 6,295.52	\$ -	\$ 1,038.25	\$ 2,405.25	\$ 9,739.02	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 2,142.52</b>	<b>\$ 7,682.73</b>	<b>\$ 12,849.07</b>	<b>\$ 717.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,779.87</b>	<b>\$ 3,134.98</b>	<b>\$ 18,481.80</b>	
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 609,356.91	\$ 606,152.11	\$ 602,998.44	\$ 637,749.44	\$ 659,082.04	\$ 656,621.26	\$ 610,693.21	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 12,847.75	\$ 39,504.59	\$ 35,042.96	\$ 21,392.40	\$ (10,507.31)	\$ 4,256.98	\$ 50,185.03	8.37%
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 622,204.66</b>	<b>\$ 645,656.70</b>	<b>\$ 638,041.40</b>	<b>\$ 659,141.84</b>	<b>\$ 648,574.73</b>	<b>\$ 660,878.24</b>	<b>\$ 660,878.24</b>	<b>10.23%</b>

## FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND Summary Statement of Results and Net Assets 2022

Income:	January	February	March	Cumulative March	Cumulative 2022	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 660,878.24	\$ 632,601.35	\$ 619,488.16	\$ 660,878.24	\$ 660,878.24	
Income Receipts	\$ 356.35	\$ 452.12	\$ 1,050.36	\$ 1,858.83	\$ 1,858.83	
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Compatriot Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 356.35</b>	<b>\$ 452.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,050.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,858.83</b>	<b>\$ 1,858.83</b>	<b>0.28%</b>
Disbursements:						
Asset Management Fees	\$ 743.49	\$ 711.75	\$ 696.99	\$ 2,152.23	\$ 2,152.23	-0.33%
Distributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 743.49</b>	<b>\$ 711.75</b>	<b>\$ 696.99</b>	<b>\$ 2,152.23</b>	<b>\$ 2,152.23</b>	
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 660,491.10	\$ 632,341.72	\$ 619,841.53	\$ 660,584.84	\$ 660,584.84	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ (27,889.75)	\$ (12,853.56)	\$ 2,193.57	\$ (38,549.74)	\$ (38,549.74)	-5.83%
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 632,601.35</b>	<b>\$ 619,488.16</b>	<b>\$ 622,035.10</b>	<b>\$ 622,035.10</b>	<b>\$ 622,035.10</b>	<b>-5.88%</b>

FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND - OBT  
 Summary Statement of Results and Net Assets  
 2021

Income:	Cumulative March	Cumulative June	Cumulative September	October	November	December	Cumulative 2021	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 122,797.85	\$ 122,797.85	\$ 122,797.85	\$ 125,056.14	\$ 127,161.86	\$ 125,282.72	\$ 122,797.85	
<b>Income Receipts</b>								
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ 604.27	\$ 1,141.79	\$ 1,680.34	\$ 57.94	\$ 292.72	\$ 1,674.38	\$ 3,705.38	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Compatriot Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 604.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,141.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,680.34</b>	<b>\$ 57.94</b>	<b>\$ 292.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,674.38</b>	<b>\$ 3,705.38</b>	<b>3.14%</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>								
Asset Management Fees	\$ 430.65	\$ 871.89	\$ 1,303.06	\$ 140.70	\$ 143.07	\$ 140.96	\$ 1,727.79	-1.46%
Distributions	\$ -	\$ 1,534.97	\$ 3,069.94	\$ 1,534.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,604.91	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 430.65</b>	<b>\$ 2,406.86</b>	<b>\$ 4,373.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.67</b>	<b>\$ 143.07</b>	<b>\$ 140.96</b>	<b>\$ 6,332.70</b>	
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 122,971.47	\$ 121,532.78	\$ 120,105.19	\$ 123,438.41	\$ 127,311.51	\$ 126,816.14	\$ 120,170.53	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 1,401.26	\$ 6,429.30	\$ 4,950.95	\$ 3,723.45	\$ (2,028.79)	\$ 1,509.85	\$ 8,155.46	6.90%
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 124,372.73</b>	<b>\$ 127,962.08</b>	<b>\$ 125,056.14</b>	<b>\$ 127,161.86</b>	<b>\$ 125,282.72</b>	<b>\$ 128,325.99</b>	<b>\$ 128,325.99</b>	<b>8.57%</b>

FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND - OBT  
 Summary Statement of Results and Net Assets  
 2022

Income:	January	February	March	Cumulative March	Cumulative 2022	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 128,325.99	\$ 122,280.88	\$ 119,922.18	\$ 128,325.99	\$ 128,325.99	
<b>Income Receipts</b>						
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ 41.06	\$ 60.82	\$ 320.81	\$ 422.69	\$ 422.69	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Compatriot Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 41.06</b>	<b>\$ 60.82</b>	<b>\$ 320.81</b>	<b>\$ 422.69</b>	<b>\$ 422.69</b>	<b>0.33%</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>						
Asset Management Fees	\$ 144.37	\$ 137.58	\$ 134.93	\$ 416.88	\$ 416.88	-0.33%
Distributions	\$ 1,534.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,534.97	\$ 1,534.97	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 1,679.34</b>	<b>\$ 137.58</b>	<b>\$ 134.93</b>	<b>\$ 1,951.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,951.85</b>	
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 126,687.71	\$ 122,204.12	\$ 120,108.06	\$ 126,796.83	\$ 126,796.83	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ (4,406.83)	\$ (2,281.94)	\$ 168.86	\$ (6,519.91)	\$ (6,519.91)	-5.14%
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 122,280.88</b>	<b>\$ 119,922.18</b>	<b>\$ 120,276.92</b>	<b>\$ 120,276.92</b>	<b>\$ 120,276.92</b>	<b>-5.14%</b>

# Appendix C – FLSSAR By-Laws

## ARTICLE I THE SOCIETY

### Section 1 Objectives

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the FLSSAR, is a chartered entity of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the NSSAR. The FLSSAR is a not-for-profit 501 c. (3) corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida under the terms of a Certificate of Incorporation issued on March 9, 1972 by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

### Section 2 Chapters and Regions

The FLSSAR is organized into chapters, to each of which the FLSSAR has issued a charter that assigns to it the exclusive local jurisdiction over a designated territory. The state is also divided into geographic regions, the boundaries of which are designated by the BOM, and usually so drawn that each encompasses several chapters. Each Region is represented by a Regional Vice President.

### Section 3 Members

The FLSSAR is made up of members in good standing of the NSSAR, each of whom shall have been admitted to membership in the FLSSAR, and each of whom is a member in good standing of the FLSSAR. A Member in Good Standing is a person who has been admitted to membership in the NSSAR and the FLSSAR, who is not now in arrears in payment of his dues, and whose membership is not now suspended or terminated under the provisions of Section 3 of Bylaw 17 of the NSSAR.

Normally members of the FLSSAR will hold membership in one of the FLSSAR Chapters.

Members may request and be designated as Members at Large. These members may attend BOM meetings but may not vote as members of the BOM unless they qualify for membership under the provisions of ARTICLE II, Section 1, of these Bylaws. Members at Large shall pay an additional fee in the amount of the FLSSAR current dues. This is in addition to regular NSSAR and FLSSAR yearly dues.

### Section 4 Annual Meeting

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 FLSSAR 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.

### Section 5 Special Meeting

#### BOM

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.

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

A quorum for a Special Meeting shall be twenty members of the BOM in good standing.

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.

#### FLSSAR

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.

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.

#### Electronic Meetings

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

### 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.

Section 7 Ladies Auxiliary (LAFLSSAR)

Women who are related to an SAR member 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 (LAFLSSAR), 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 LAFLSSAR 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.

ARTICLE II THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 1 Membership

The membership of the BOM shall include only persons who are members in good standing of the FLSSAR, and who are listed in at least one of the following categories:

Persons who are lifetime members of the BOM by virtue of being a past President of the FLSSAR, a recipient of the Patriot Medal, or an incumbent or past elected officer of the NSSAR.

Persons who are members of the BOM by virtue of being, and while being, an elected officer of the FLSSAR; appointed incumbent FLSSAR Committee Chairman; an incumbent National Trustee from Florida; an incumbent Chapter President; and the most recent Past President of a chapter, i.e., the person who preceded an incumbent Chapter President in office; if a chapter has no recent Past President it shall name another of its members to serve on the BOM;

Persons who have been appointed by chapters having more than forty members on the basis of one additional member of the BOM for each forty chapter members or fraction thereof more than the first forty, the term of office of such additional members of the BOM to be coterminous with that of the Chapter President incumbent at the time of their appointment to the BOM.

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

Section 2 Powers

The BOM shall have the following powers and duties:

Exercise management and control over the affairs of the FLSSAR;

Create and staff additional offices and committees as needed;

Approve, and authorize adjustments in, the FLSSAR budget;

Admit new chapters;

Fix fees from applicants, dues from members, and raise funds by other means to meet the financial needs of the FLSSAR;

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;

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

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.

Section 3 Meetings

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 to the date set for such meeting.

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

#### Section 4 Quorum

A Quorum of a Regular Meeting of the FLSSAR BOM shall consist of at least fifteen (15) members of the BOM. 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 in ARTICLE VII, Section 3, of these bylaws.

### ARTICLE III OFFICERS

#### Section 1 Titles

The officers of the FLSSAR, who shall be members in good standing, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and who shall serve upon their installation and until their successors assume office, shall be a President, Senior Vice-President, Regional Vice-President for each Region as from time to time may be established, Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Editor, Webmaster, Historian, Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee, and Sergeant-at-Arms. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the incumbent president.

#### Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

##### Nominations

##### Nominating Committee

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. The Senior Vice-President shall not serve as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Duties. The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in, and shall name at least one candidate for, each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting. The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons chosen by the Committee to be the nominees for the respective offices, and shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Secretary who shall publish it in such a manner and at such time as to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty days advance information as to the names of persons whom the Committee will nominate for the respective offices for the following year. At the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR the Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall place in nomination the names of the respective candidates proposed by the Committee to be officers of the FLSSAR for the following year, and he shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Recording Secretary.

##### Nominations from the Floor

Any member of the FLSSAR is entitled to nominate from the floor of any Annual Meeting, or any meeting of the BOM, any other member of the FLSSAR for any office of the Society that is to be filled by election by either of these bodies.

##### Qualifications of Nominees

The Nominating Committee, or FLSSAR member who makes a nomination for an elective office of the FLSSAR, shall have ascertained before making a nomination that the person to be nominated is a member in good standing and has stated in writing that he is willing to serve in that office. Furthermore, each nominee, for the office of President and Senior Vice President, shall indicate their willingness and advise the Nominating Committee of any hindrance that might prevent them from attending all BOM meetings during the term of their elected office and to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during each year the office is held. In order to be eligible for the office of President or Senior Vice President, the compatriot must have completed at least one term or year in an elective office of the FLSSAR or as Florida's National Trustee prior to assuming the office of President or Senior Vice President.

##### Election

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting. Election for an office for which only one person has been nominated shall be by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation.

Election for an office for which there are two or more candidates, shall be by secret ballot, supervised by Tellers appointed by the President. Election shall be by majority vote of those present and voting. If after one balloting no candidate has a majority, all candidates but the two who received the greatest plurality shall be dropped and a vote taken for the two remaining candidates, with the candidate receiving a majority being declared the winner. If there is a tie vote, balloting shall continue until a winner is determined. The results of each balloting shall be communicated by the Tellers to the President who shall announce the vote count and the name of the winner when one is obtained.

Section 3 Additional Offices

The FLSSAR at any Annual Meeting, or at the BOM at any regular or special meeting, may create additional offices as in their judgment may be required, and may designate the person or persons to occupy the same until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

Section 4 National Trustee and Alternate

The BOM shall annually select individuals for nomination for National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee in accordance with the requirements of the bylaws of the NSSAR, and ARTICLE III, Section 2, or these bylaws.

Section 5 NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District Nominee

Once each four year period, the FLSSAR shall nominate a qualified member of the FLSSAR to the Annual South Atlantic District Meeting to be the nominee to the NSSAR for Vice President General of the South Atlantic District. Qualifications required for nomination to this office are that the individual is a member in good standing of the FLSSAR and NSSAR. Any qualified member of the FLSSAR may seek the nomination for NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District in accordance with the bylaws of the NSSAR and Article III, Section 2, of these bylaws.

Election to the office of NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District shall be made by the delegates at the National Congress.

Section 6 Holding Multiple Offices

Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this ARTICLE.

Section 7 Endorsement of Candidates for National Office

Candidates who have declared for election to General Offices in the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society.

Section 8 Vacancies

If any elected officer shall be unable to serve his full term because of a death, resignation, or disability or other cause, there shall be an appointment by the President for the unexpired portion of the term, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee (by phone conversation, e-mail or letter, with formal confirmation at the next scheduled BOM per Article II – Section 2.F)

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 President

The President shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the Board of Management. He shall also perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office, including, without limitation, the submission of timely and pertinent information respecting the affairs of the FLSSAR to the membership thereof in whatever manner and at whatever intervals he shall deem appropriate. The President may authorize and award certificates for service to the FLSSAR to FLSSAR members, nonmembers, organization or activities. He should attend the NSSAR Annual Congress and Leadership Meetings, the Annual Meeting of the South Atlantic District, Commemorative Ceremonies, such as Revolutionary War Battles and he should attend as many of the Society's Chapter meetings as possible during his term of office.

Section 2 Senior Vice President

If the President is absent, the Senior Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the BOM. He shall succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President, and he shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office and are assigned to him by the President or by the BOM.

Section 3 Regional Vice President

The Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the BOM, shall determine the number of Regional Vice-Presidents necessary for the proper and efficient function of the FLSSAR and shall determine the boundaries of the various regions within which the Regional Vice-Presidents shall function. Each Regional Vice-President shall render assistance to the chapters within his region,

survey and suggest locations for new chapters, promote membership in the FLSSAR, perform such other duties as requested by the President and/or the BOM, and shall visit each chapter in his region at least once each year.

#### Section 4 Secretary

The Secretary shall conduct membership and correspondence functions and shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. Maintenance of files herein described should include provisions for a back-up process, such as a Cloud back-up service. The Secretary shall:

Maintain the file of Approved SAR Record Copies; and, when received from the NSSAR, obtain the signature of the President on, and himself sign, the Certificate of Membership and forward it on to the new member's Chapter.

Prepare and send all reports required by the NSSAR, including the annual reports together with the annual dues when due.

Maintain files of annual chapter reports of membership; and maintain lists of present and former elected officers, members of the BOM, members of committees, and recipients of medals and awards.

Maintain records of membership including mailing addresses, on a current basis, and prepare, or cause to be prepared, mailing lists, or address labels as needed for the dispatch of correspondence, minutes of meetings, notices, and THE FLORIDA PATRIOT magazine.

Prepare and dispatch meeting notices, newsletters, and reports to members, compose and dispatch special correspondence for the FLSSAR or the BOM; and send copies of resolutions or news releases to the media, public officials, or other outside persons or agencies.

Order and maintain stocks of stationery and other consumables, purchase stamps and arrange bulk mailing permits for correspondence, and THE FLORIDA PATRIOT magazine, and submit vouchers for payment of expenses incurred thereby.

Sign documents for official certification; sign checks as authorized; arrange for bonding of officers as directed by the BOM; and maintain the archives of original records of the FLSSAR; including all corporate resolutions that are currently valid.

Record and distribute to the members of the Executive Committee the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings in a timely manner.

#### Section 5 Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall record, or cause to be recorded, and shall preserve, the minutes of the BOM and of annual Meetings of the FLSSAR. He shall send copies of the minutes of meetings to the Secretary for reproduction and distribution, shall record the additions and corrections made and the date of the final approval, and forward the corrected and approved original of such minutes to the Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Society, and for the preparation and dissemination of copies to the membership.

#### Section 6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the principal financial officer of the FLSSAR. He shall:

Serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee, establish procedures to assure that expenditures confirm to approved budget allocations, that they are vouchered, and that they are proper expenses of the FLSSAR, and shall receive, maintain custody of all accounting records, make all disbursements, and report periodically on the status and trends of all funds of the FLSSAR except the Endowment Trust Fund and the Operating Budget Trust Fund.

Reimburse officers and members upon submission of vouchers for travel or other expenses incurred as a consequence of requested or special duties as approved or directed by the BOM or as required by these bylaws.

Disburse funds as vouchered by the Editor or the Secretary for services or materials received by the FLSSAR under contract as authorized by these bylaws.

Prepare tax exemption forms or other forms, returns and reports required by Federal, State, or local laws.

Maintain current signature cards for depositories as necessary.

Establish and monitor procedures for annual reporting of the inventory, sales, and replenishment of medals, jewelry, insignia, and other non-consumable items purchased from NSSAR for resale to chapters or members.

Maintain a record of the name, location, and custodian of, and custody receipts for, items of furniture, office equipment, flags, amplifying and/or recording equipment, and other such property items owned by the FLSSAR.

#### Section 7 Registrar

The Registrar shall review and approve when proper, all applications and proofs of eligibility for membership, and forward to the NSSAR with admission fees as required for final approval.

#### Section 8 Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be the legal advisor of the officers and BOM on matters affecting or pertaining to the FLSSAR.

#### Section 9 Chaplain

The Chaplain, if present, shall open and close all meetings of the FLSSAR with the usual and proper services for such occasions.

Section 10 Genealogist

The Genealogist shall assist chapter genealogists in preparing prospects for membership in the FLSSAR. He shall write and publish such materials as will in his opinion be helpful in meeting the requirements for membership in the Society. He shall assist the Registrar when called upon to do so.

Section 11 Historian

The Historian shall maintain a running history of the FLSSAR and do such historical research as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President or by the BOM.

Section 12 Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist in preserving order as the President may direct. He shall handle the physical arrangements within the meeting hall, including seeing that the furnishing, sound amplifier, lighting, flags, decorations, regalia, and the like, are present, adequate, and in proper order. He shall maintain custody of the paraphernalia belonging to the FLSSAR other than office equipment and supplies used by the Secretary, and shall maintain them in a proper state of repair, deliver them, and install them in, the meeting place as necessary for the conduct of meetings of the FLSSAR or of the BOM.

Section 13 Editor

The Editor is to prepare a publication Quarterly unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Managers and to distribute it to all Regular and Emeritus Members of the state Society in such manner and style as appropriate to the office.

Section 14 Webmaster

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

Section 15 Member-at-Large Executive Committee

The Member-at-Large is elected annually and serves as a member of the Executive Committee. The Member-at-Large (MAL) represents the general membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure.

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.

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 review 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.

Section 3 Patriot Medal Committee

The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, the Patriot Medal Committee, to consist of five members of the FLSSAR, each of whom has previously been awarded the Patriot Medal. The term of office of the members of the Committee shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This statutory committee shall have the exclusive power and duty to act for the FLSSAR to designate the recipients of the FLSSAR to whom the Patriot Medal will be awarded by the FLSSAR. Presentation of

the Patriot Medal shall be made at the final session of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, by the Chairman of the Committee or by another person designated by him to do so.

Nominations of persons to be considered by the Committee for the Patriot Medal may be made by any member of the FLSSAR. Such nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

It is the duty of this Committee to assure that the medal is properly engraved and a framed certificate attesting to the award are on hand at or before the scheduled time of the presentation ceremony. The Chairman of the Committee shall furnish annually to the Secretary a list of persons to whom the Patriot Medal has been awarded by this committee so that the annals of the FLSSAR may record the names of all holders of the Patriot Medal as being life members of the BOM.

#### Section 4 Medals and Awards Committee

The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, the Medals and Awards Committee, to consist of five members of the FLSSAR whose term of office shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This statutory committee shall have the exclusive power and duty to act for the FLSSAR to:

Designate the persons, groups, or organizations to whom medals (other than the Patriot Medal), plaques, prizes, decorations, trophies, certificates, gifts, honoraria, or other awards, except as provided for in these bylaws are to be given by, and in the name of, the FLSSAR.

Arrange for medals, Plaques, and the like to be suitably engraved; for certificates and the like to be suitably inscribed and signed as determined by the Chairman and the maker of the request; and for the items that are to be awarded to be on hand at or before the scheduled time of the presentation ceremony. The Chairman or person making any requests for plaques and/or certificates shall decide when framing is necessary.

Designate the person who will present the medal or award and inform the President of the name of the presenter.

Furnish to the Secretary, at the time of the Annual Meeting, a list of all medals and awards that have been given out by this committee during the year of its tenure, so that the names of all holders thereof may be permanently recorded in the annals of the FLSSAR.

Provide advice and guidance to the Chapters regarding medals and awards proposed to be given by the Chapters and request that all chapters report all medals and awards presented during the past year to the Chairman of the Committee and to the Secretary.

Nominations of persons to be considered by this committee for awards may be made to the committee by any member of the FLSSAR; such a nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and should be sent to the Chairman of the committee.

#### Section 5 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall be the Chairman, and two other members who shall be appointed by the President, and whose term of office shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This standing committee shall exercise management supervision over all FLSSAR finances except those of the Endowment Trust Fund and the Operating Budget Trust Fund.

#### Section 6 Other Committees

Other committees, not listed in these bylaws, may become necessary or useful; or the need to modify the duties of, or eliminate, an existing committee may arise. In such case, the desired change shall be proposed for consideration by the President, the BOM, or any member of the FLSSAR, as appropriate. A proposal for a new Statutory or Standing committee or for the modification of an existing Statutory or Standing committee shall include a proposed draft of a new or revised mission statement that states the name, duties, structure, powers, method of appointment, and term of office of its members, and shall propose whether it shall be given the status statutory or standing.

Committees are described as follows:

A Statutory Committee has the following characteristics:

Statutory Committees are established by, and its mission statement is set forth in, the By-laws (see Article VIII – Section 3 below).

Statutory Committees perform functions and have powers as stated in the By-laws.

Statutory Committees remain in existence permanently, from year to year.

Members of Statutory Committees are appointed by the officer identified in their Bylaws and their terms are concurrent with that of the appointing officer unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

A Standing Committee has the following characteristics:

Standing Committees are established, chartered, and empowered by action of the Board of Management.  
Standing Committee mission statements may be amended or revoked by action of the Board of Management.  
Standing Committees perform functions. They remain in existence as long as their mission statements remain in effect.  
Standing Committee mission statements designate the class of business for which the Standing Committees' mission statements have cognizance, and they grant authority to conduct business.  
Members of Standing Committees are appointed by the officer identified in their mission statements. Members of Standing Committees serve for a term as stated in their mission statements.

A Special (sometimes called Ad Hoc committee) has the following characteristics:  
A Special or Ad Hoc Committee is established, structured, chartered, and empowered by action of the President or of the Board of Management.  
A Special or Ad Hoc Committee performs the task or tasks specified in that action.  
A Special or Ad Hoc Committee remains in existence, and its members continue to serve, until the tasks shall have been completed, a report submitted and accepted, and the committee is discharge.

Changes may be made to Special or Ad Hoc Committee assignments by the empowering authority.  
Special or Ad Hoc Committees may be transformed into Standing Committees by the Board of Management.

## ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Section 1 Reimbursements

No officer shall receive any compensation from the FLSSAR solely by virtue of his office, *except as authorized by the BOM*. The BOM shall have the authority to approve, either by general resolution or by specific action, the payment of expenses reasonably incurred by any officer or member in the performance of requested or special duties. Such reimbursement may include, without limitation, such items as postage, stationary, automobile or other travel expenses, meals, lodging, telephone calls, etc. Any such reimbursement shall be only on the basis of a proper voucher or expense account itemizing such expenses. Any expenditures not confirming to these bylaws will be considered and treated as personal expense of the person so making the expenditure.

### Section 2 Expenses of the Secretary

The Secretary may be granted an allowance, in an amount approved by the BOM, to cover the expenses of his office, including, but not limited to, the following:

Rental of office space and office machines.

Telephone, postage, stationary, and other consumables.

Clerical and professional services as may be required from time to time to handle the office details in order that the affairs of the FLSSAR may be conducted in an efficient manner, such services to be procured under contract from firms or from persons acting as independent contractors, such contracts to state in detail the nature, extent, and cost, of the services to be provided; provided, however, that each contract shall be approved in advance by the BOM together with a grant of authority to the Secretary to act as the agent of the FLSSAR in signing and enforcing the contract.

### Section 3 Fidelity Bond

The BOM shall maintain in effect a fidelity bond providing coverage in favor of the FLSSAR in such amount as shall be deemed to be reasonable and prudent in order to protect the FLSSAR from pecuniary loss. The persons or officers to be named in such insurance coverage shall be those as determined from time to time by the BOM or by the Executive Committee.

### Section 4 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the FLSSAR shall be the calendar year.

### Section 5 Budget

The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget in which are listed the categories and accounts of anticipated income and the funding authorized for the various items of expected expenses, and shall submit it to the BOM at the meeting closest to, but not after, December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The annual budget shall represent the expected income and outlays for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1 following its approval by the BOM. The Finance Committee shall have the power to effect transfers between, or adjustments in, amounts allocated in the budget by the BOM to the respective budget categories or line items; provided, however, that the amounts involved in such changes do not exceed ten percent of the amount originally approved by the BOM for any line item that will be affected by the change. The Committee shall have the duty to obtain approval of the Executive Committee before effecting changes of more than ten percent but not more than twenty five percent, and of the BOM for changes greater than twenty five percent, of the original allocation for any line item that would be affected by the change.

### Section 6 Emeritus Program



The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the By-Laws Committee in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made to the Annual Meeting.

The text of any 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 proposed amendment(s) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

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).

#### 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:

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 member of the FLSSAR may propose an amendment.

The text of the proposed Standing Rules 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 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).

#### Section 4 Rules of Order

At all meetings of the FLSSAR, the BOM, or any committee of either, any questions not covered by the Articles of Incorporation or by these bylaws, and which pertain to organization, procedure, or conduct of such meeting, shall be resolved by reference to the then-current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.



**FRIDAY May 13**

2022 Schedule

**SATURDAY May 14**

	Cypress 1	Cypress 2	Palms B	Center Hallway	Cypress 1	cypress 2	Palms B
8:00-8:30				<b>Conference Registration</b>			
8:30-9:00							
9:00-9:30					Rumbaugh Oration Competition		
9:30-10:00		133rd Congress Meeting			South Atlantic District Mtg		
10:00-10:30							
10:30-11:00		Finance Committee					
11:00-11:30		RVP Meeting					Youth Luncheon
11:30-Noon							
Noon-1:00	Lunch & Meeting Ladies Auxiliary	Lunch on your own			<b>Annual Spring BOM</b>		
1:00-1:30		NSSAR Library Update					
1:30-2:00							
2:00-2:30		CAR Liaison					
2:30-3:00					<b>Annual Meeting</b>		
3:00-3:30							
3:30-4:00							
4:00-4:30							
4:30-5:00		Color Guard Rehearsal					Color Guard Rehearsal
5:00-5:30							
5:30-6:00		Reception					Reception
6:00-7:00							
7:00-8:00			Banquet Memorial Awards				Banquet Patriot Installation
8:00-9:00							

Hospitality Room 107  
Follows Banquet