

Fall Board of Management Meeting

Proceedings

Kissimmee, Florida

October 7 to 8, 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
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Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes
Endorsements of National Candidates (**Fall BOM**)
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
 East Central Regional Vice President
 West Central Regional Vice President
 Southeast Regional Vice President
 Southwest Regional Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Registrar
 Chaplain
 Recording Secretary
 Chancellor
 Genealogist
 Sergeant at Arms
 Historian
 Editor, *The Florida Patriot*
 Webmaster
Statutory Committee Reports
 Executive
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 Finance
 (Budget Approval (**Fall BOM**))
 Financial Review
 Medals and Awards
 Nominating
 Patriot Medal
NSSAR Affairs
 SAR Education Center & Museum
 National Society Library

FLSSAR Affairs

2023 Congress Planning
Archives
By-Laws
Education Outreach
Ethics
Genealogy
Meeting Arrangements - BOM
 Approval of BOM contracts (**Fall BOM**)
Membership Promotion and Retention
New Chapter Development
Newsletters and Periodicals
Strategic Planning
Technology Advisory
Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Liaisons

CAR and SAR Junior Members Aide Liaison
DAR Liaison
FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Historic Sites

Historic Sites & Celebrations
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 Contest
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
Election of Trustee (**Fall BOM**)

UNFINISHED Business

NEW Business

Proposed By-Laws amendments (**Annual Meeting**)
Election of officers (**Annual Meeting**)
Nomination of National Trustee & Alt (**Annual Mtg**)
Election of Nominating Committee (**Spring BOM**)

Recessional / Adjournment

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Scott Breckenridge, Secretary FLSSAR
Steve Fields, Recording Secretary FLSSAR

Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2022
Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL
Delegates in attendance: 13 (at start)
Meeting called to order by President **Bernard Wolff** at 1602 EST.
Opening remarks.

D. Thomas rises – recognized MOTION *Recess until scheduled time tomorrow* (May 14, 1300 EST). **H. Allen** SECOND.
PASSED

B. Wolff *Recess*

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Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022
Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL
Delegates in attendance: 72
Meeting called to order by President **Bernard Wolff** at 1320hrs. (Return from recess of May 13).
Opening remarks.

B. Wolff declares meeting is going into Executive Session. (Orders non-members to exit the room. Some do not.) **B. Wolff** declares non-member may remain (unidentified security guard)

Past FLSSAR President Ray Wess rises - recognized - Inquiry as to authority to request security and allow them to remain.

B. Wolff reply (unspecified) threats

More discussion between **President B. Wolff** and **R. Wess**

Ray Wess (still recognized) informs chair that security guard has threatened to arrest him

B Wolff (interrupts **R. Wess**) rules *Out of Order*

R. Wess objects

Don Lanman rises *Point of Information* – recognized

unidentified member calls *Point of Order* - not recognized

D. Lanman Who hired/paid for security guard?

B. Wolff states “Privately taken care of” continues that he (**B. Wolff**) ordered it paid from general fund because of (unspecified) threats against him and his staff

R. Wess rises - recognized - “I move that it (cost of security) not be covered by Board of Managers of the society.” MOTION

B. Wolff (interrupting) rules **R. Wess** *Out of Order*

D. Lanman SECOND

R. Wess *call the question* (repeat the motion?)

Jonathan Hunt rises *Appeals* “I appeal from the decision of the chair” MOTION

D. Elam SECOND

R. Wess “Let’s take a vote.” (calls the question?)

B. Wolff states “It is a matter of security and it’s beyond the reach of (inaudible over strenuous objections of multiple members)

J. Hunt repeats his *Appeal* “I appeal from the decision of the chair” MOTION

D. Elam SECOND

B. Wolff asks for formal *ruling* (opinion) from the appointed parliamentarian (**Robert Pauley**)

J. Hunt repeats his *Appeal* “I appeal from the decision of the chair” MOTION

D. Elam SECOND

R. Pauley states “security, health, and safety”

(multiple voices in audience objecting "parliamentarians do not make rulings", etc.)

J. Hunt repeats his *Appeal* “I appeal from the decision of the chair”. MOTION

B. Wolff (interrupting) You’re *Out of Order*. The parliamentarian has *ruled*.

D. Elam SECOND

B. Wolff to **J. Hunt** You are *Out of Order*. Please sit down sir.

R. Wess *Call the Question*. (repeated by other members)

B. Wolff “It is *Out of Order* and if you persist, we will have to follow through on a security measure. So your *Out of Order*. The parliamentarian has ruled. You’re *Out of Order*. I concur with him. If you have an issue, you can bring it up later and we’ll discuss it at length. But right now we need to carry on a meeting.”

J. Hunt (still standing and recognized) begins to speak

B. Wolff (interrupting) You’re *Out of Order* sir.

J. Hunt MOTION “Shall this decision of the chair be sustained? All in favor. (many voices) Opposed say no (many voices) result not certain.

(unidentified voice requests *division*)

B. Wolff “Sir. I have directed you to sit down because you are *Out of Order*. I’ll give you one more chance.

Recording Secretary Steven Fields (sidebar to **B. Wolff**) “This is an appeal of your decision sir then it goes to the Body. It is the right of the Body to vote on the (inaudible) of the chair.

B. Wolff to **J. Hunt** “You’re *Out of Order*.”

R. Wess *Point of Order* “you can’t silence us. Roberts Rules of Order state...

B. Wolff interrupts “We don’t operate under Roberts Rules of Order at this moment... “

R. Wess continues “We do.”

B. Wolff “We operate our system of bylaws. If they don’t apply, we look at National’s bylaws. If they don’t apply we go to Robert’s Rules Of Order.

R. Wess (continuing with *Point of Order*) Robert’s Rules of Order says...

B. Wolff (interrupting) says “You can hold that (book) up all you want. It’s meaningless.

R. Wess continuing (while B. Wolf interrupts) ...motion has to be heard once it’s been seconded.

B. Wolff declares *Executive Session*. (pointing at J. Hunt) “Sir, please sit down.”

S. Fields rises “Mr. President, *Point of Order*.”

B. Wolff “You’re *Out of Order*.”

S. Fields “*I appeal from the decision of the chair*.” MOTION

D. Elam SECOND

B. Wolff “You’re *Out of Order*.”

S. Fields “*I appeal from the decision of the chair*. Number two.” MOTION

D. Elam SECOND

(unidentified members objecting)

S. Fields “*I appeal from the decision of the chair*. Number three.” MOTION

(shouted cross talk between unidentified and **B. Wolff**)

J. Hunt SECOND

B. Wolff (pointing at **S. Fields**) “Security, please remove this gentleman.”

S. Fields (still standing, addressing the members) “Members of the Board of...

B. Wolff (interrupts and points at S. Fields) “You’ll be removed”

S. Fields (continues) ...Managers of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, the question is *Shall the ruling of the chair be upheld?* The result of a Yea vote would be to sustain his objection and declare him (pointing at **J. Hunt**) *Out of Order*. If you vote Nay, the decision of the chair is voided and the member is in order. All in favor of sustaining the decision of the chair say Aye (shouted votes) ...

B. Wolf (talking over **S. Fields**) “You ... The whole idea of this motion is *Out of Order*. Please sit down sir.”

S. Fields (continues) ... All opposed. (many shouted votes) The motion carries. The chair is overruled. (to **B. Wolff**) Thank you sir.”

B. Wolff (interrupting) “It’s *Out of Order*.”

(voices of members) It is not. (scattered applause)

B. Wolff (points to security guard touching J. Hunt and motions him towards the door)

S. Fields rises “*Point of Order* Mr. President. I move that we suspend the rule ...

B. Wolff (interrupting) “Who’s leading this meeting?”

S. Fields (continues) ... and replace the chair with President Ray Wess until the adjournment of this meeting.” (see RONR Ch. 62.)

D. Elam SECOND

J. Hunt SECOND

(other shouted seconds)

B. Wolff (interrupting, pointing at S. Fields with the microphone) “You gentlemen are *Out of Order*.”
S. Fields states Mr. President, there’s a motion on the floor. Will (inaudible)...
B. Wolff “Please remove this fellow (to security guard).”
J. Hunt (to security guard) Don’t touch me.
(shouts of “NO!” from members)
D. Elam to chair “I seconded the motion.”
S. Fields (to the members) “The chair will now restate the question. The question (motion) has been seconded. Again, Mr. President, will you call (restate) the question
B. Wolff (talking over **S. Fields**) “Your motion is *Out of Order* sir.”
S. Fields (to the members) “Will you call the question?”
B. Wolff (talking over **S. Fields**) “You can take any vote you want. The question is *Out of Order*.”
S. Fields (to the members) “Gentlemen, the chair refuses to call the question. The question is...
B. Wolff (talking over **S. Fields**) “Security, please remove the Recording Secretary (**S. Fields**)”
S. Fields (continuing) ... shall we suspend our rules, remove the current presiding officer, and appoint in his place Past Florida President Ray Wess as presiding officer until the adjournment of this meeting. All in favor say Aye. (shouts in the affirmative) All opposed say Nay. (a couple of Nays) The motion carries. Sir (unintelligible) the microphone (unintelligible) move yourself to a chair?. ” MOTION PASSED

B. Wolff (talking over S. Fields) “It doesn’t (unintelligible). Security! (turns to S. Fields and points) You’re out.”
B. Wolff begins whispered consultation with **IT Committee Chairman Evan Soileau** at podium.
S. Fields (continuing) “Mr. Chairman, will you surrender the microphone now that you are no longer presiding officer?”
S. Fields “Gentlemen, ...
B. Wolff (interrupting) “You’re *Out of Order*.”
S. Fields the chair has no confidence of the Body. We await his surrender of the microphone.
B. Wolff (pounding on the podium) “I hereby *suspend the meeting*. Thank you gentlemen. ”
(much shouting and commentary among the members)
S. Fields states The chair has (unintelligible) President Wess will resume the meeting. Take the microphone sir.
B. Wolff states “This is... Gentlemen, this is insurrection.”
S. Fields states “President Wolff, as a member of this Body you remain in control of your rights as a member. Take a seat.”

R. Wess (having obtained the second microphone) “You have been removed as the chair and by vote of this Body it has been turned over to me. (To **B. Wolff**) Sir. Please sit down.”
B. Wolff “You’re *Out of Order* sir.
R. Wess “No sir. I am not.”
B. Wolff “You are *Out. Of. Order*.”
R. Wess “The members of this Body have replaced you with me.”
S. Fields May I ask a *Point of Privilege*? I need to catch up with the record of what’s just occurred. Can I have two minutes?
R. Wess Yes sir.
J. Hunt rises - recognized
J. Hunt Ray Wess, can you appoint a parliamentarian?
R. Wess As the authority of the Body just temporarily elected me to serve as the chair of this meeting I hereby appoint my Parliamentarian as **John Berg**. Sir, will you accept that (position)?
B. Wolff leaves the podium heading stage right (Unintelligible) and then voluntarily leaves the meeting accompanied by compatriots R. Pauley and E. Solieu (and perhaps others?)
J. Berg Yes. Would you like me to explain what just happened?

R. Wess opening remarks
R. Wess appoints **Chris Washler** temporary Sergeant-at-Arms

Invocation by Chaplain General **Dwight Elam**

Pledge

Declaration of quorum – requirement met

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as presented MOTION **Hamp Allen** SECOND **President General J. Michael Tomme** PASSED

National and State Officer Reports

- Historian – he (**Larry Dean** Sturgeon) and wife both in hospital, prayers please
- Webmaster – (**E. Scott Bushnell**) will stand for reelection

Committee Reports

- 2023 Congress Planning Committee – comments from **PG Tomme** and **D. Elam**

- Patriot Medal Committee – issue of President **Wolff** refusing to sign some certificates for presentation. South Atlantic District Vice President General and FLSSAR Patriot Medal Committee Chairman **Pat Niemann** has signed the certificates and the awards will be presented tonight (May 14, 2022)
- Education Center and Museum/Library Committee – updates from Treasurer General **John Dodd** and FLSSAR Trustee **Wm Lee Popham**
- Bylaws Committee – **B. Wicks** committee proposes an amendment to Article VI (Financial Matters), Section 6 (Emeritus Program), Paragraph b. from “dues to the NSSAR for forty continuous years” to “a total of forty (40) cumulative years of NSSAR annual dues”. (published motion in October 2022 Proceedings Book and May 2023 Proceedings Book); MOTION “The Board of Managers endorses the proposed amendment.” discussion; PASSED
- Finance Committee – **B. Wolff** had not submitted 2021 president’s expenses until now (May 13, 2022) and so remain unpaid because we (society) have entered a new financial year. MOTION from the committee to “Amend the 2022 budget adding \$3000 to reimburse **B. Wolff** for 2021 expenses” discussion. PASSED with objection MOTION from the committee “Amend the budget to apply unused funds for reimbursement of State Secretary expenses to 2023 Congress Fund” PASSED MOTION from the committee “Amend the budget to apply \$500 surplus to the Florida Veterans Foundation” PASSED **PG Tomme** recognized – MOTION Refuse to pay any bill associated with the unauthorized security guard hired by **B. Wolff.** **J. Hunt** SECOND. PASSED
- New Chapter Development Committee – Update from Chairman Jeff Sizemore on the last minute Venice Chapter proposal. **Jim Gaskins** recognized MOTION “Refer Venice Chapter proposal back to committee for proper review and recommendation.” **Ron Grove** SECOND. PASSED
- Battle of Pensacola Committee – Chairman **Chris Washler** update. Presentation of Battle of Pensacola streamer to Color Guard Commander **Steve Fields** for addition to FLSSAR. First streamer in seven years.
- Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee – Chairman **James Ward** update.

PG Tomme recognized Remarks of recent goings on and upcoming Congress.

TG Dodd MOTION to recess

R. Wess announces 20 minute break before FLSSAR Annual Meeting

MOTION PASSED

Meeting recessed at 1438 EST.

The Board of Management Meeting will reconvene this afternoon following the FLSSAR Annual Meeting.

The next Board of Management Meeting will be held October 7-8 , 2022

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2022 Annual Meeting

2021 Annual Meeting called to order by Senior Vice President **Earl F. “Matt” Mathews** at 1504 EST.

Florida SAR members in attendance: 82

Announcement – because President Wolff has failed to appear at this meeting, I (**SVP Mathews**) have assumed the chair and called this meeting to order

Quorum requirement met

Special Awards Ceremony

President General **J. Michael Tomme** called to the podium.

Past Florida President **David Bussone** called forward. **PG Tomme** presents **D. Bussone** with Certificate of Distinguished Service, Past President’s Certificate, Past President’s Pin previously withheld by **B. Wolff.** (much applause)

Color Guard Commander **Steve Fields** called forward. Silver Color Guard Medal presented to **Jonathan D. Hunt.**

SVP Mathews proposes that he turn the Chair over to Past FLSSAR President Ray Wess for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION **S. Fields. D. Elam** SECOND. PASSES.

R. Wess assumes the Chair.

Invocation by Chaplain General **Dwight Elam**

Pledge of Allegiance

SAR Pledge

Past FLSSAR President **Ted Duay** rises – recognized - *Point of Order* “The remote attendees are not qualified because the Board has not authorized the procedures as required in Florida Statute 617.0721(3)

R. Wess The Point is Well Taken. They will not be considered as participants.

D. Bussone Chairman of the nominating committee invited to present the report of the committee (see report in proceedings book, notice requirement met). Full report read aloud.

R. Wess restates. Calls for nominations from the floor for all positions.

President (unopposed)
Senior Vice President (unopposed)
Treasurer (unopposed)
Secretary (unopposed)
Member-at-Large (ExCom) (unopposed)
Nominee for Trustee - **D. Bussone** nominates **Wm. Lee Popham**
Nominee for Alternate Trustee – **S. Fields** nominates **SVP Mathews**
Recording Secretary (unopposed)
Registrar (unopposed)
Sergeant-at-Arms (unopposed)
Chaplain (unopposed)
Chancellor – **Robert McGuire** nominates **Tom Thompson**
Genealogist (unopposed)
Historian – **Hamp Allen** nominates **Jonathan Hunt** (vacant position, unopposed)
Editor Florida Patriot Magazine (unopposed)
Webmaster (vacant position, unopposed)
NE Region Vice President (unopposed)
NW Region Vice President (unopposed)
NC Region Vice President (unopposed)
EC Region Vice President (unopposed)
WC Region Vice President (unopposed)
SW Region Vice President (unopposed)
SE Region Vice President (unopposed)

R. Wess calls for acclimation of uncontested candidates PASSED

Candidate appointed observers:

Nominee for Alternate Trustee
B. Wolff (absent, **William Wagner** of the Tampa Chapter volunteers)
M. Mathews (self)
Chancellor
Lawrence Patterson (self)
Tom Thompson (self)

Candidate speeches:

Nominee for Alternate Trustee
B. Wolff (absent, no volunteer)
M. Mathews (self)
Chancellor
Lawrence Patterson (self)
Tom Thompson (self)

R. Wess appoints as tellers Secretary General **Bruce Pickette** and Treasurer General **John Dodd** for the secret balloting.
(Balloting for Nominee for Alternate Trustee. Results announced Mathews 76, Wolff 1)

(Balloting for Chancellor. Results announced Thompson 64, Patterson 15)

R. Wess declares **M. Mathews** and **T. Thompson** winners of their respective races. Thanks all candidates.

TG J. Dodd recognized MOTION to “Destroy all ballots.” **H. Allen** SECOND. PASSED

R. Wess calls on Chairman **B. Wicks** of the Bylaws Committee to come forward with the committee MOTION to amend Article VI (Financial Matters), Section 6 (Emeritus Program), Paragraph b. from “dues to the NSSAR for forty continuous years” to “a total of forty (40) cumulative years of NSSAR annual dues”. (published motion in October 2022 Proceedings Book and May 2023 Proceedings Book); MOTION “The Board of Managers endorses the proposed amendment.” discussion **R. Wright, R. Robinson, L. Popham, S. Breckenridge, D. Scott, S. Fields** *Call The Question* PASSED

R. Wess - announcements

Meeting adjourned at 1615 EST.

The next Annual Meeting will be held October 8 , 2022

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Board of Management – return from recess 1617 ETS, Called to order by President-Elect M. Mathews.
Delegates in attendance: 72

M. Mathews calls on State Secretary Scott Breckenridge to read the list of names submitted by President-Elect **M. Mathews** as nominees to serve on the 2022-23 Nominating Committee.

S. Breckenridge reads nominee names:

- Davis Ramseur
- James Gaskins
- Dwight Elam
- Jonathan Hunt
- James Ward

M. Mathews calls for *Nominations from the Floor*.

Ed Buff rises – recognized. MOTION “Close nominations” **SECOND TG J. Dodd. PASSED**

M. Mathews Election of Nominating Committee members. **PASSED.** Members previously named by the Secretary are elected. “Committee as constituted will elect its own Chairman.”

(brief sidebar)

S. Fields rises – recognized. MOTION “Disband the current 2023 Congress Planning Committee.” **D. Elam SECOND. PASSED**

S. Fields rises – recognized. MOTION “Create a 2023 Congress Planning Committee with President-Elect **M. Mathews** as Chairman, members **D. Elam, S. Fields, D. Young,** and **L. Brock** with a charter to be developed later.” D. Elam **SECOND. PASSED**

S. Fields rises – recognized. MOTION “Approver the FLSSAR.ORG website as the official website of this Society.” **L. Popham SECOND. PASSED**

T. Duay rises – recognized. MOTION “FLSSAR.COM website be removed and not represent the state of Florida.” **D. Elam SECOND. Passed**

D. Bussone rises – recognized. MOTION TO AMEND “Add the mailchimp system to items to be removed.” **TG J. Dodd SECOND. PASSED**

M. Mathews – restates MOTION AS AMENDED. Vote. **PASSED** Chancellor is directed to take appropriate action to implement the motion.

L. Popham rises – recognized. MOTION “Adjourn.” **H. Allen SECOND. PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 1638 EST.

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Endorsement of National Candidates

Librarian General

Dr. J. Fred Olive III (unopposed) - present and spoke.

Chancellor General

Edmon H. McKinley, Esq. (unopposed) - present and spoke.

SAR Foundation Board

Jeff Thomas (opposed) - present and spoke.

MOTION - Hamp Allen moved to have the FLSSAR endorse all unopposed candidates and noted FLSSAR Chaplain Dwight Elam (absent) will be running for Chaplain General again (currently unopposed). **SECOND Steve Fields. PASSED**

MOTION - Don Lanman moved not to endorse national candidates that are opposed and not a member of the FLSSAR. **SECOND Dave Bussone. PASSED**

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Wm Lee Popham, Trustee

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews, Alternate Trustee

Here is the 5-Year Operational Plan to 2026 adopted by the NSSAR Executive Committee, and reported to the National Trustees:

SAR 2026 **5-Year Operational Plan** for the 250th Anniversary

SAR 2026 Vision

Become a Major Recognized Voice of the American Revolution by 2026

SAR 2026 Mission

To Become a Major Recognized Voice of the American Revolution by Educating America about our Patriotic and Historic past

Goal #1 - 250th Anniversary [EXCOM]

Enhance America's awareness/understanding of the American Revolution by the 250th Anniversary

Objective 1A: Complete and open to the public the SAR Museum by 2026.

Complete Phase 2-Step 3 (ii), Solid Light total design of project, including approved preliminary cost estimates by end of 2022.

Complete funding for the SAR Museum by December 2023.

Complete bids for construction, permitting, and selection by June 2024.

Complete construction to support soft opening (i.e., temp. certificate of occupancy) by January 2026.

Conduct Grand Opening by July 2026.

Objective 1B: Create a nationwide, multi-media public affairs campaign, including staffing recommendations for a professional public affairs group, for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution by 2022 with implementation by headquarters, state societies, and chapters by 2024.

Communications Committee and America 250 SAR Committee develop a multi-media public affairs campaign plan in 2022.

Communications Committee craft the professional qualifications, skills, and staffing plan/ recommendations in 2022 for a two-phase hiring plan of a professional public affairs spokesman to run daily social media messaging, press releases, position papers, and related communiques focused on achieving the 5-year Operational Plan Vision.

America 250 SAR Committee and Communications Committee develop chapter toolkits and associated training by March 2023.

State Societies implement public affairs plan and train chapters by December 2023.

Hire/acquire the professional staff first; and then consider a public affairs firm as recommended in Objective 1B.2 by the end of 2023 or earlier.

Chapters implement public affairs plan by 2024 using chapter toolkits.

Objective 1C: Boost the public image of the Society as a lineage organization through technology investment and a focused marketing campaign of the Society's genealogical resources.

Communications Committee develop a marketing campaign plan with proposed staffing needs and partnership targets in 2022.

Information Technology Committee and the Library and Archives Committee accelerate the integration and building of the Patriot Genealogical Research Enterprise (Patriot Research System+ Genealogical Research System + SAR Genealogical Research Library + Electronic Membership Application) for functional usage internally and externally by 2024.

Establish a business partnership with a genealogy/family history research firm by 2023 that can help enhance and market our genealogical research systems.

Goal #2 - Patriotic Programs [Registrar General]

Raise awareness of the SAR as a Patriotic Organization and Reenergize America's Sense of Patriotism

Objective 2A: Increase local profile by showing the SAR's Colors.

Increase state society Color Guard membership by 10% annually. Participate in at least one new public event each year.

Lead by example in your local communities, by Society and Chapter visibility and actions. SAR Color Guards will participate in local events and parades

Present SAR 250th Flags to local schools and local organizations at a flag raising ceremonies. Present SAR Flag Certificates to local organizations and local citizens in uniform.

Establish a Media and Social Media presence in each chapter's community.

Objective 2B: Increase recognition of Local Governments, Civil Servants and Volunteers.

Seek out opportunities to increase Good Citizenship Medal presentations by 25%.

Present Public Service and Heroism Commendations to Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services personnel, and other qualified citizens.

Present awards and certificates to local teachers, coaches, and administrators.

Objective 2C: Increase recognition of Local Veterans and Veteran's Organizations with an annual Veterans Event.

Partner with local Veteran's Organizations to sponsor an event for Veterans.

Visit VA Hospitals and present needed items: toiletries, socks, underwear, clothing, books, calendars, etc.

Sponsor a joint Flag Retirement Ceremony with a Veterans organization, or provide a Color Guard for a Veteran's funeral.

Goal #3 - Historical Programs [Historian General]

Make the American Revolution and 'Our' Colonial History Relevant Again

Objective 3A: Partner with other Heritage /Preservation Groups to post 250th Anniversary markers in your town through 2033.

Join with the DAR, C.A.R., and other groups, to place American 250th Anniversary markers at the courthouse, town square, or city cemetery.

Join with the DAR, C.A.R., and other groups to place 250th Anniversary markers at a local historic site or a battlefield.

Objective 3B: Hold at least two 250th Revolutionary War Commemoration Programs or Recognitions annually through 2033.

Conduct a presentation, in uniform or period dress; on a local event, a patriot, or a founding document for a school, civic group or veteran's organization.

Have an SAR Table/Booth at local festivals and community events. Purchase an SAR

250th Anniversary Flag for your Color Guard.

Present 250th Anniversary Flags to local schools and businesses that fly the US Flag.

Make local Public Service Announcements about Today in History through social media and YouTube.

Share Key Holes to History with local schools and media.

Objective 3C: Partner with the DAR, C.A.R., and other groups to plan and execute a joint 250th Anniversary celebration on 4th of July 2026.

Establish local America 250th Committees.

Contact local government and community organizers to involve Chapters and States in 4th of July 2026 events and celebrations.

**Goal #4 - Educational Programs [Historian General] Make the SAR a major source for
online information on the American Revolution**

Objective 4A: Develop an information campaign to inform local Schools and related organizations about the SAR's Education Website and SAR Genealogy Research Library's online capabilities.

Education Committee will prepare various information media about the Education Website, Programs of Instruction, Curriculum Enhancement items, Videos and Patriot Chest presentation opportunities the SAR provides by fall of 2022.
Inform local educators how to contact, interact and collaborate with the SAR Education Center and Museum staff starting 2022.
Enhance online access to the SAR artifact collection.

Objective 4B: Appoint State Society Education Directors who will champion the SARs Education and Youth Awards Programs with their local schools.

Work with State Boards of Education to learn of specific state requirements for American and State History and Government Education.
Determine steps to assist and offer same.
Inform State Boards of Education of SAR Education Outreach Initiatives and opportunities.
Establish SAR Education Partnerships between Chapters and Local Schools (recurring visits/ presentations).
Oversee the State Society Patriot Chest Programs.
Implement SAR Officer and Compatriot Training Programs to include SAR Youth Protection Training.
Report on Education Outreach Programs, Youth Education Medals and Teacher Recognition Programs through the annual Americanism Report.

Objective 4C: Incorporate, where appropriate, 250th Anniversary themes into Youth Contests.

Provide 250th Anniversary topics and themes for essays and orations. Incorporate SAR 250th Logo into advertising, awards and certificates.

**Goal #5 - People [Council of State Presidents] Aggressively grow
and develop our membership and professional staff by 4th of July 2026.**

Objective 5A: Appeal to their patriotism and core American values and principles, as described in public affairs campaign plan, to attract, train, involve, and retain members that aggressively grows our membership by the 4th of July 2026.

Membership Committee set targets annually for recruitment and retention at the chapter, state and national levels to be approved by the Executive Committee and Trustees.
Information Technology Committee, in conjunction with the Registrar General, Genealogist General, and the Genealogy Committee, will create and implement an electronic online membership application by end of 2022.
Membership Committee will develop recruitment and retention tools and best practices for distribution to State societies.
Education Committee develop and deliver at a training continuum for new members, committees, chapter officers, state officers, and general officers with an array of training materials (videos, guidebooks, presentations, tests, certifications, etc.) by end of 2022.
State Societies will implement a training regimen to educate/train New Members, chapter officers, and state officers by end of 2023.
State Societies start a new Chapter annually.
Registrar General, Membership Committee, and State Societies conduct a Reinstatement campaign to re-engage inactive members from the last 5-10 years.
Track Junior members and engage them. Leverage C.A.R., BSA, JROTC, etc. relationships. Objective 5B: Build and retain a professional staff to meet the Society's future growth and goals.
During 2022, Executive Director and Human Resources Committee assess the needed professional skills/qualifications/certifications; staffing needs; professional development programs; and resources necessary to build and retain a top-quality staff to meet future Society growth and goals.
Budget, resource, and implement the assessment recommendations for Objective 5B.1 in a phased approach to be completed by 2025.

Goal #6- Supporting Systems [Executive Director]

Enhance and Simplify Administrative Systems for Societies and Chapters

Objective 6A: Streamline membership and dues collection processes by the end of 2023.

- 1) Develop a streamlined single process for membership applications, complete with review work- flows that will seamlessly interface with the Membership Database, with Registrar activities, and with Finance Administration, leading to a simplified and rapid approval system.
- Simplify and reduce the duplicative processes of each Society for Dues administration and collection with a National Dues Billing System and Automatic Dues Renewals.
- Enhance and centralize the Registrar Reconciliation Administration through the creation of a single process at the National level, with Society and Chapter access.

Objective 6B: Enhance internal communications and eliminate redundant reports by 2023.

- Enhance internal communications through the development of Newsletter Templates and other forms of communication to Compatriots that can be inserted into Society and Chapter communications in a professional manner.
- Develop online activity calendars that are interactive, and usable by all levels of SAR.
- Eliminate redundant reporting systems and reports. Develop and use a single reporting format (i.e., Americanism Report) that summarizes the activities of multiple current reports - at all levels of SAR - and generates recommendations for recognitions and awards.

Goal #7 - Funding [Treasurer General]

Secure Sufficient Financial Resources for our Programs and for our Goals

Objective 7A: Aggressively secure financial resources for top priority projects/programs by the end of 2025.

- 1) Secure funding resources for the SAR Museum by the end of 2023.

Objective 7B: Initiate a comprehensive Capital Campaign

- Establish an endowment fund that can produce a level of annual support sufficient to supplement our current reliance upon membership support.
- Create the necessary funding streams needed for future capital needs, upgrades, and program maintenance by 2025.
- Increase annual donations and pledges to a level sufficient to support our existing and future programs.

President

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews

Florida Membership Status, 2373 – Members as of Sep 13, 2022

34 – Active Chapters

- 13-14 May 2022 Attended FLSSAR Spring Annual & BOM Meeting
 - Elected as the State President 2022-2023 term
 - Elected as the Chairperson for Florida Congress 2023 Committee
 - Nominated as the Alternate-Trustee for FLSSAR
- 21 May 2022 Attended/participated in DAR Thomasville Chapter patriot grave marking
- 19 June 2022 Attended/participated in the Battle of Alligator Creek commemoration.
- Attended several monthly local Chipola Chapter DAR monthly meetings.
- Attended several monthly GASSAR Joel Early Chapter meetings in Iron City, GA
- Attended several of my primary chapter's William Dunaway Chapter meetings.
- Participated in GASSAR National Congress Planning committee meetings via "Zoom".
- Participating in FLSSAR National Congress Planning committee meetings via "Zoom".
- Attended several Veterans' funeral services.
- 10-15 Jul 2022 Attended 2022 National Congress, Savannah, GA
 - Sworn in as FLSSAR Alternate Trustee

- Selected as National Nominee Committee member
- Participated in several Color Guard events
- Member of several national committees: Membership, Genealogy and Library
- Attended South Atlantic District and Council of State Presidents meetings
- Attended Trustee's meeting
- Planning to attend National Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, Sep 29th - Oct 1st .

After the 2022 Savannah Congress, I was one of the unfortunate ones that contracted the Covid-19 virus. This was considered a long version of the Covid-19 and I was out of commission for about a month. I am currently returning back health wise, but still have affected areas such as endurance and breathe.

Currently, planning on starting back to having statewide "zoom" meetings with the chapter presidents and RVP's starting in September. Communication is an important function to keep our society together. I have several chapter and regional meetings scheduled for the coming months.

Senior Vice President

Steven R. Fields

The summer of '22 has not been without excitement. Even though this is traditionally the "slow" season for SAR activities, the Florida Society and its leadership have been working hard to fulfill our educational, historic, and patriotic goals. Despite the daunting task of planning and coordinating efforts as we prepare for the 2023 Congress to be held in Orlando, the Society, its chapters, and its leadership have been hard at work. We have attended, supported, and presented the colors at numerous DAR events around the state including Flag Day and Constitution Week. We have celebrated and honored our fallen veterans at parades, cemetery dedications, and civic ceremonies across the whole of the state. Society members have participated in children's summer camps, Patriot Day activities, and CAR event to help educate our youth and promote patriotism among our next generation. Honor Flights are once again celebrating our veterans and our members continue to make sure that their day will be a treasured memory for them and an obligation fulfilled for us. This just scratches the surface of what the SAR can accomplish in just a couple months. We have an incredible membership and a depth of knowledge, experience and dedication that has tremendous impact on our communities.

The role of the Senior Vice President is to support and carry out the goals and directives laid out by our society president. I do this gladly as he desires that the Florida Society not only retain its place as one of the preeminent societies in the Sons of the American Revolution, but to see that the society also serves the needs of its membership. We all came to the SAR with different expectations. Some came for camaraderie, some for love of history, some to gain a greater understanding of our heritage. But, what will ensure the health and growth of the Florida Society in the future is to see how we can support one another. It's been said that if you want to be a successful organization, make sure that your members accomplish their own goals in the organization. Look to your compatriots and see how you might make a difference in their SAR experience.

Between now and the Annual Meeting in May, the bulk of our SAR year will have passed. Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, JROTC, and all the other youth award programs will be finished. Several major revisions to our society bylaws will be pending and elections be upon us. All of this comes as the opening of the 2023 National Congress will be just weeks away. Those final few weeks will not determine our success or failure in this endeavor. What we do now, from this Board of Management meeting through May will be the key. The Congress Planning Committee members are hard at work now securing venues, organizing schedules, and laying out the staffing plan. As the committee makes its manpower needs known, please heed their call. A hundred volunteers giving a few hours each will be the determining factor in how our society and compatriots are viewed by the SAR at large. You are the key.

A selection of activities participated in this summer:

FLSSAR BoM/Annual Meeting (color guard)

Sara de Soto DAR luncheon and seminar featuring FLSDAR Regent Debbie Duay

Manasota Regent's Council Flag Day Luncheon

Kiwanis of Bradenton Independence Day Celebration luncheon

Patriot Sunday – Sarasota (color guard)

Florida Genealogical Study Group - Zoom presentation on little known military records and resources

Manasota Regent's Council Constitution Week luncheon (color guard)

Rotary of Bradenton Youth Awards luncheon (color guard, presentation of awards)

Upcoming events:

Honor Flight – St. Petersburg (color guard)

FLSDAR Fall Forum (color guard)

NSSAR Leadership – Louisville, KY (color guard)

FLSSAR Fall Board of Management meeting (color guard)

Charlotte Chapter luncheon and awards ceremony
Veterans Day Parade – Sarasota, FL (color guard)
Saramana Chapter Installation of Officers
Wreaths Across America – Sarasota National Cemetery

Member-at-Large Executive Committee

Robert W. McGuire

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ARTICLE III OFFICERS

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.

As the FLSSAR works to recover from a disastrous period of dissention and turmoil, it is important for the leadership of the Society to recognize and deal with concerns that were expressed by some members. While the methods and actions of the past administration were clearly improper and a misuse of power, we should strive to recognize those areas where improvements are needed and act accordingly.

The purpose of the office that I hold is to represent the member's interests and concerns as a voice on the Executive Committee. The role of the Executive Committee (ExCom) was misconstrued by the last president to be nothing more than a source of advice, when and if asked by the president. On the contrary, the ExCom exists to act on matters of such urgency that action is needed before the next Board of Management (BOM) meeting. It is the Board of Management, not the incumbent president, which exercises management and control over the affairs of the FLSSAR. The ExCom is required to report at each meeting of the BOM the details of all actions taken since its last report to the BOM.

The Proceedings Report ("Blue Book") published for each BOM meeting contains the individual reports submitted by the officers and the committee chairman of the FLSSAR regarding their activities and accomplishments. When the Blue Book shows "No report" or "Nothing to report" a reasonable inference is that the officer or committee has accomplished nothing during the period. That was indicated in the Fall and the Spring BOM Blue Books for the ExCom, as well as a number of others. That should be worrisome to FLSSAR members. As a member of the ExCom I will welcome ideas and suggestions from any member of the FLSSAR for improvements in our governance or programs.

Finally, I encourage every member to utilize the established structures within chapters, including committees, to participate in the governance of this Society. There are seven Regional Vice Presidents and a Senior Vice President who are also charged with assisting chapters and communicating issues and concerns to the state leadership. My objective is not to circumvent the established processes, but rather to render any assistance I can – if requested.

Northwest Regional Vice President

Christopher E. Washler

28 May 2022 – Assisted the Aaron Snowden Chapter in presenting an Eagle Scout certificate and patch to Daniel Hahn.

25 June 2022 – Represented the Pensacola Chapter and the FLSSAR at the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Pensacola Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

17 September 2022 – Visited the Aaron Snowden Chapter

Aaron Snowden Chapter

Bert G. Outlaw

The Aaron Snowden chapter meets the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Milton Public Library. Our last meeting of the spring was May 22, with 4 members in attendance. This past spring, the chapter presented 330 Good Citizenship awards to 21 schools in Santa Rosa County. On May 28, Compatriots Lonnie Jones and Dave Hillsman were joined by NW Region Vice President Washler to present a certificate and patch to Eagle Scout Daniel Aedan Hahn during his Court of Honor at the University of West Florida. The Chapter took the summer off, and our first meeting back from the summer is September 17th .

Emerald Coast Chapter

Leslie P. Matheson

No report submitted.

Panama City Chapter

James F. Haynes

The SAR Panama City Chapter is stepping into the 21st Century at the home of the Secretary/Registrar, DeCody Brad Marble. The Living/Dining room is being converted into a meeting/classroom. Installation of a 75 inch diagonal, Wall TV on a tilt mechanism. It will have a Comcast Cable connection with WiFi connection for the SAR chapter's Laptop which has PowerPoint Meeting and Movie Maker films by Marble. In addition there will be WiFi within the house with a Best Buy Router and Booster.

In the short future the system will be expanded with a speaker in every room and two facing the outdoor patio. The outdoor patio will have three metal round tables with umbrellas and now has 16 metal outdoor chairs. An outdoor cafe and cookout will be ready for the next quarterly meeting in January 2023, when Mr. Marble becomes the Chapter President for the second time for the 50th Year Anniversary for the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter.

In the past 50 years, there have been 188 Members in the chapter, they are listed, with their photos and Biographies at the FLSSAR Panama City Website. <https://sites.google.com/view/flssar-panama-city-chapter/home>

The Panama City Chapter lost four members this past year to death, but picked up six new members,

who will receive their SAR Badges at the 26 September meeting or at their choice of place. The Chapter presently has a total of 25 members. 188 plus 25 is 213 compatriots in the chapter's history! The Chapter registrar, Marble is presently backlog with four applications, all four are nearly completed.

In early August, Marble took a two week well deserved vacation to his former home and visited his two younger brothers. Upon his return, three more Panama City Residents inquired to join the SAR Panama City Chapter. All three are scheduled to come to the new meeting place for the local SAR Chapter at Marble's Residence. That means a possible 13 new members for SAR Panama City Chapter in the year 2022. If we can get the paperwork done!

The SAR Panama City Chapter is looking towards the future to survive and retain and recruit its members. To entice individuals to participate, join and help support by becoming officers or giving contributions. The SAR Panama City Chapter wants to give the wow, 21st Century experience and show National and State Power point presentations and YouTube teaching videos straight from the Internet. On a very large TV screen.

Eventually, the chapter can participate in Zoom meetings with State and National. Who knows, the chapter may present its own zoom meetings in the future.

The SARPCFL Chapter has experienced low attendance ever since October 2018, the arrival of Hurricane Michael, who some individuals and businesses to this day are trying to recover. Many have just collapsed or moved on, while new ones have arrived. The same applies to the many non-profit organizations in the Bay County Area. The past Covid Period and now the Inflation threat is not helping. In addition, the County has been plagued by flooding rainfall in the month of August, a copy of August 2021.

The SAR Panama City Chapter has within its plans to add the Society of the War of 1812 in Florida into the chapter. There are at least seven present members who qualify to join the Society of the War of 1812. Perhaps, in the future the chapter will be known as the "Men's Patriotic Heritage Society of Bay County, Florida" Is it just a dream? Well, one man can not do it all and get credit for all. Help and ideas are needed, but the SAR Panama City Chapter is very much alive and growing. We need two Chapter Registrars now, not later.

Presently, the Secretary/Registrar Marble has had physical health issues due to mental health issues. He is a Disabled American Veteran diagnosed with Anxiety Disorder, (it is no secret). Also, hidden from physical sight, Marble has atrial fibrillation, a racing heart that accommodates his racing mind. With a diabetic struggle to keep his A1C low, and strokes and heart attacks in the direct male lineage, Marble has way too much on his plate. Yet he is more worried about the survival of the chapter than his own health. Decorated well from the U.S. Army, Marble has many amazing accomplishments for someone who was first diagnosed with anxiety in the Air Force, who collapsed three times at Tyndall AFB alone.

Sometimes what appears to be a curse or hex can become a blessing or charm. It takes a lot of self-motivation to turn the negative situation to a positive one. A man with stress on the mind and body, but with the support, and friendship of others helps changes the fate of what appears to be a tragic unproductive individual into a superior positive productive individual.

Dreams and Small Miracles can become realities.

FLSSAR Panama City Chapter Financial and Work Ethic Donors are:

Chapter President James Franklin Haynes

Chapter Treasurer William James "Bill" Zehner Sr.

Chapter Secretary/Registrar DeCody Brad Marble

PS: It has been rough, but we are still here and so is hope

Pensacola Chapter

Christopher E. Washler

The chapter had a busy spring and summer since the FLSSAR Annual BOM. We continued to meet throughout the summer and only took off the month of August. In May, the chapter inducted two new members, and then one more new member in June. Two more are to be inducted at either our September or October meeting. Additionally, the chapter developed a new members manual that is now being presented to each of our new members when they are inducted. Due to parking and space issues, the chapter has decided to move the chapter meeting to a new date and location. As of June, we are meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at the Sonny's BBQ on 9th Avenue in Pensacola. We have launched our 250 by the 250th flag recognition program and so far, have over 25 nominations for recognition. Additionally, we are gearing up to run several of the youth educational contests this fall as well as working on plans for a 2-day Battle of Pensacola event next May.

Meetings:

18 May 2022 – The Chapter approved several changes to our bylaws affecting the number of officers and their terms. President Washler presented an overview of all the various programs and projects that are supported by the SAR. The chapter discussed which projects we want to run this year and which we are already running.

20 June 2022 – The chapter met for the first time in our new location at Sonny's BBQ. The program was "125 Years of Pensacola SAR"

18 July 2022 – The chapter heard a presentation from Madeline Baugus who is the President of the San Bernardo Society of the C.A.R. Maddie told the chapter about the projects that both the State and Chapter Societies are running and how the SAR could be of assistance. In an impromptu fundraiser, the chapter raised \$395 for the CAR that evening.

21 September 2022 – The September meeting was our annual First Responders Awards night held at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The chapter honored first responders from the Pensacola Police Department, Pensacola Fire Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, and Escambia County EMS.

Tallahassee Chapter

"Bill" J. Gladwin Jr

No report submitted.

William Dunaway Chapter

Thomas M. Rankin

The William Dunaway Chapter did not have regular meetings during June and July giving members a summer break. Our chapter's board met over these months to prepare for the remainder of the year. Through board recommendations the chapter is now participating with Wreaths Across America, formed an Outpost Color Guard Unit called the "William Dunaway Minutemen", developed/printed a promotional chapter trifold to assist in recruiting new members, documented a yearbook that will be printed annually (includes officer/member information, chapter history and chapter bylaws), published its first monthly newsletter during September, and collaborated with DAR and CAR in Marianna to celebrate Constitution Week with a community program at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. That program will serve as our monthly meeting. Also, FLSSAR President Mathews will be piloting a new website software program using the chapter as a test site. One new member has been added since the Spring BOM and he will be inducted during a ceremony at the October meeting. One application is pending at National. Following is a summary of the meetings conducted:

April - President Rankin presented a PowerPoint providing history of SAR Color Guard along with requirements to form one for the Chapter. 10 members and 6 guests were present.

May - Compatriot Spooner provided a program on the contributions of the wives of our first presidents and their impact on our nation. President Rankin awarded Compatriot Ernest McNeill a Florida Society SAR Veterans Battalion Certificate recognizing his military Service. The chapter noted at this meeting awarding medals and certificates to three outstanding JROTC cadets at schools in Holmes, Vernon, and Chipley high schools. 8 members and 10 guests were present.

August - President Rankin provided a program about the history and requirements of the United States Flag Code. 11 members and 8 guests were present.

North Central Regional Vice President

David C. Thomas

The North Central Region consists of six chapters, Gainesville, Lake Sumter, Ocala, Withlacoochee, Villages and Lake City. The Chapters have not seen much activity over the summer months, what they have done is listed below.

As Regional Vice President I have attended

In April I attended a Patriot grave marking at Midway Ga. For five Patriots.

July 10th. I attended another Patriot grave marking at Midway Ga. For the start of the 122 Nathinal Congress in Savanah Ga. For another 5 Patriots.

Attended the National Congress in Savanah Ga. July 10th to July 13th . Cathy and I fell Ill with the Covid and had to leave early so as not to infect anyone else. Bummer

Attended a CAR Pack It Program in Gainesville Fl. On July 29th and 30th

Attended a Habitat For Humanity event in Gainesville Fl on Sept 13th.

Gainesville Chapter

David C. Thomas

The Chapter Officers are David Thomas President, Sean Tonnelier 1st Vice President, Lester Burch 2^{ad} Vice President, Randy Highsmith Treasurer and Secretary, Mike O'Loughlin Member At Large, Skip Ingley Member At Large.

The Exec. Comm. Meets on the first Tuesday of every month and our diner meetings are on the third Tuesdays of the month. We have meetings from September thru May.

Our activities were

April 24th David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier Patriot Grave marking in Midway Georgia in colonial attire wreath bearer and walked in Color Guard

July 4th parade in Micanopy, David Thomas , Sean Tonnelier and Gene Page in colonial attire.

September 13th David Thomas and Mike O'Loughlin attended a Habitat for Humanity event in Gainesville Fl. and dedicated a American Flag home kit.

Lake City Chapter

Joseph W. Carroll

Lake City broke for the summer at the end of the school year. We have met again for the season just this past week and are planning two events.

1. This coming Monday, the Lake City Chapter (at least myself) will be participating in the DAR "Ringing of the Bells Across America" at the Lake City Courthouse at 4:30pm. It would be great to have you and/or your chapter to also attend.

2. We are planning on re-dedicating the grave of Theophilus Weeks in Columbia County. We are trying to organize this for the first of November. The original SAR marker was removed or stolen. However, I have replaced the marker and we plan on dedicating the site again. More to come as we continue towards this project.

Lake-Sumter Chapter

Ronald L. Grove

On August 29 we presented a flag to a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. We do have 3 more homes that will be built soon that we will participate with Habitat and new homeowners.

Ocala Chapter

Lawrence W. Ashton, Jr.

Met September 5 in attendance were. B Voge voice, Wayne Curtis treasurer bob Andres Paul Belter .

Discussion dues and how to get them, results we are sending out several emails to get members attention.

Discussion: September meeting with sheriff woods , October meeting speaker resolved , November mug speaker resolved.

Approval of \$100.00 fee for Ocala golf club for meetings.

No further discussions were brought up or approved

The Villages Chapter

Jerry P. Byers

Our May 14, 2022, meeting was attended by 25 people and our program was presented by Allan Lane on “The Edenton Tea Party and other Heroic Acts of Women during the American Revolution”. In May we presented Citizenship Awards to one fifth grade, eighth grade and 12th grade student in The Villages Charter School. Ten of our members participated in May 29 placing flags to honor our fallen heroes at the Bushnell National Cemetery for Memorial Day. Thanks to our Treasurer, Lee Duff, who prepared and printed membership directories, being distributed to members at our meetings this summer.

The Villages Chapter continues to meet during the summer months. On June 11 we had 50 people in attendance, and we took in two new members. Our speakers for the morning were Bill and Clara Elder who portrayed George and Martha Washington, telling about the first US Presidency. We were also pleased to have the winner of our 8th grade Citizenship Award, Tanner Harrison, and his parents attend our meeting to be recognized.

Our July 9 meeting was attended by 36 people, and we took in three new members. Our own chapter member, Don Fraser, spoke about what General George S. Patton described as “The Greatest Battle Instrument Ever Devised” - the M-1 Garand rifle.

On August 13 we had 69 people in attendance. Vice-President Chris Hermann presented flag certificates to Dave Bussone and Jim Simpson. Our speaker for the morning was our own member, retired from the CIA, Dr. Don Wyman, spoke about the life and disappearance of Amelia Earhart – what really happened to her.

On September 10 we had 45 people in attendance and our guest speaker was Donna Shands, the DAR Regent for the Big Cypress DAR Chapter in Naples, Florida. She was working in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and her office was located just two doors away from where the plane crashed into the building! Fortunately, her office was being remodeled and so she was working out of another part of the building. She had very interesting insights into the chaos of that day, and told why she strongly feels that God had a hand in saving many lives that fateful day twenty-one years ago. During the meeting our Treasurer began receiving dues payments for 2023. Our members were also reminded that September 17 is the 235th anniversary of the signing of our US Constitution.

Withlacoochee Chapter

David F. Hitchcock

May 21st, 2022, 1, Meeting

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS o Russell Gibson was presented the Silver Color Guard medal by the FLSSAR.o Arthur Burt was presented his 15-year membership award.

ROTC/Sea Cadets/Color Guard – Russell Gibson;

.12 Apr Russell Gibson attended Army JROTC program and presented a Bronze Medal to deserving Cadets

2 May attended Withlacoochee Tech School o 4 May Russell Gibson attended Navy JROTC program and presented a Bronze Medal to deserving Cadets

6 May Russell Gibson attended Air Force JROTC program and presented a Bronze Medal to deserving Cadets

17 May Russell Gibson attended elementary school and presented 6 students with Young Patriots certificates

30 May the Color Guard will attend the Memorial Day event at the cemetery in Floral City.

*** Attended by 4 members of our color guard

May 29, 2022 there is a flag placement ceremony at the Grave Sites at the Florida Nation Veterans Cemetery section 301 with the DAR in Bushnell. *** Attended by 5 members of our colorguard

SPEAKER: _ YouTube movie; Subject The pirate Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette
Featuring his participation in the revolutionary War.

May 21st 2022

Our Assistant registrar Tom Hellem along with the Annotating Chapter of the DAR

Held a registration/ recruiting event at The Revolutionary War Re-enactment held at the Hernando County Fair Grounds in Brooksville, Florida.

Over the Summer 2022

On August 13th 2022 Our Chapter along with two DAR Chapters 1. Annotating from Brooksville, Fl and the Ephebus’s Dar Chapter from Plant City, Fl held a registration/ recruiting event at the Pioneer Florida Museum is 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd. Dade City, Fl. Our Chapter is planning to do a lot more of these joint registration event this year with our local DAR chapters. Here in our local area Brooksville/Spring Hill, Fl there are 6000 new homes beginning built and Citrus County is also growing rapidly.

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 President Kurt Driscoll (Jacksonville), Chuck Nuckolls (St Augustine), President Charlie Hayes (Flagler) and President Bill Elder (Daytona-Ormond).

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of **Compatriot Claude (Chuck) Farmer, CDR USN (ret.)** and immediate Past President of the Jacksonville Chapter SAR.

Chuck became a member of the SAR on 10/2/2007.

Offices Held:

Jacksonville Chapter President; 2nd Vice-President; Treasurer; Chaplain;
Florida Society: Sergeant-at-Arms; Member, Thomas Creek Committee; Member, Public Service and Heroism Committee; Member, Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee; Member, Newsletters & Periodicals Committee

SAR Awards:

War Service Medal; Chapter Distinguished Service Medal; Chapter Meritorious Service Medal; Silver Roger Sherman Medal; Bronze Roger Sherman Medal; Silver Color Guard Medal; Bronze Color Guard Medal; Boy Scout Volunteer Medal.

Chuck is a decorated veteran of the Brown Water Navy in Viet Nam.

Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate.

Each Chapter has been actively supporting the mission and stated goals of the SAR throughout the year as evidenced by healthy growth in steady community involvement in all.

Jacksonville Chapter

Kurt F. Driscoll

No report submitted.

St Augustine Chapter

Charles R. Nuckolls

No report submitted.

Flagler Chapter

Charles R. Hayes

Second half of May finished up the last 4 Bronze Good Citizens School Medals.

Memorial Day (May 28) Flagler County assisted in placing 221 flags on veteran's graves in the Espanola Cemetery, Flagler County. DAR was present.

Memorial Day Flagler County placed Memorial Wreath on County Veterans Monument during Service. 6 members present.

Memorial Day Spruce Creek FL Cemetery Chapter Past President Randall Morris was keynote speaker, and assisted in the placing flags during service. DAR present

June 2 Two Bronze JROTC medals/ Flagler Palm Coast High School, and Matanzas H.S.

June 2022 inducted two new members. Eric Kuleski Sr. and Eric Kuleski Jr.

Had meeting with Flagler County School Board about having reenactors returning to the classroom. Approved waiting on school principles to give us their time frames.

17 Sept Constitution Day Celebration with Palm Coast Historical Society with George Washington reenactment.

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

H. William Elder

Chapter Officers:

President: H. William Elder

Vice President: vacant

Secretary: M. Scott Breckenridge

Treasurer: Jim Haff

Chaplain: Lance P. Langlotz

Immediate Past President: Rick E. Morrow

2nd Immediate Past President: Newton White

Director-at-Large: Charles Brinkerhoff

Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 43. Dues notices for 2023 have been delivered to all members.

Meetings:

Monthly chapter meetings have begun again in September 2022. Every month the officers met in a Saturday ZOOM meeting to plan upcoming events.

Liberty Tree Planting Ceremony

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

Color Guard

Participated with the NSSAR Color Guard at the NSDAR Conference at the Renaissance Hotel at Sea World.

BOM Meeting

Participated in the Spring BOM and election of FLSSAR officers.

Meeting Presenters

Every monthly meeting a program has had a Period presenter.

Wreath Presentation, Flag Ceremony, Student Award

Flag Ceremony at the home of a veteran in May, a Student Recognition of excellence award was made at Deltona Middle School

CAR Events

June induction of CAR at “the Bunker”, a Vietnam military museum near UCF with the DAR and CFL SAR – May 30, Memorial Day CAR wreath laying ceremony at the Spruce Creek Fly-In cemetery with the Flager SAR and Sugar Mill DAR.

Recruiting

In Downtown DeLand during the Tropical Nights Event in July, History Com at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona, and DAR Congress in Orlando in September.

Facebook

Began a Facebook site with many photos of our events and important notices.

East Central Regional Vice President

Jeff L. Sizemore

See chapter reports below

Brevard Chapter

Joel A. Etherton

As part of the Memorial Day Remembrance, the Brevard Chapter participated at this event that was held on May 30, 2022 at the Brevard Veterans Center. Then, the Flag Day Luncheon was held on June 11, 2022, at Tides in which the Philip Perry NSDAR and Brevard SAR are co-hosted the event. The guest speaker was Barry Shaffer of the National Sojourner Heroes of 76.

The September 17th Constitution Meeting had a change of speakers that what was originally planned. Our speaker was Dr. Anthony Catanese, former President and CEO of the Florida Institute of Technology. Chairman of the King Center Board of Directors who spoke on the King Center. This meeting is our constitution Recognition that was shared with our DAR sisters at The Tides Collocated Club.

Central Florida Chapter

Philip B. Markoe

The Central Florida SAR Chapter meets at 6:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday Oct through May at the Winter Park Elks Club off of Lake Howell Road in Winter Park, FL.

In May, members of the Central Florida Chapter joined in a partnership with Make a Wish of Orlando Florida. Nakeem's wish was to visit Mt Vernon and Williamsburg. As a surprise members of the SAR showed up at his house to present him with the Good Citizenship medal and to Wish him well on his trip.

Several members of the chapter attended the NSSAR Congress in Savannah, GA. In August, they also participated in the Warrior Games that was held at Walt Disney World's ESPN complex. The chapter will resume having meeting after a Summer break on September 14, 2022.

Since January, the Central Florida Chapter has gained 25 new members. Currently, there are 37 applications at the National headquarters in Louisville awaiting review. Another six applications are out for signing or being reviewed by the FLSSAR genealogist. Our chapter registrar, Harry Rinker, is currently am working on over 40 applications and responding to new application requests as they come in.

Okeechobee Chapter

James A. Green

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

At the May meeting, which is an annual joint meeting with the local DAR chapter held in our city's historic 1920s bank building. As pictured, we inducted in our first junior member, Caleb Croslyn who is seven years old. We also installed officers with Also the outgoing President Jim Pippin and Direct at Large, Gary Miles pictured with Caleb. In another picture is Director at Large Gary Miles giving DAR members, Letta Jordan and Carol Coles SAR grave markers in memory of their departed SAR husbands. Dowling Watford, SAR member (and local chapter secretary) received the DAR Historic Preservation medal for his role in local battlefield reenactments who is pictured with DAR Regent Lonnie Kirsch.

St Lucie River Chapter

H. Hall Riediger

No report submitted.

West Central Regional Vice President

A. Parks Honeywell

No report submitted.

Clearwater Chapter

Walter B. Arnold

No report submitted.

Lakeland Chapter

Jarrell D. Burchett

No report submitted.

Maj. John DeVane Chapter

David W. Knox

No report submitted.

South Shore Chapter

William M. Adkins, Sr.

No report submitted.

St Petersburg Chapter

Brett J. McMullen

No report submitted.

Tampa Chapter

Charles E. Klug, Jr.

No report submitted.

Southeast Regional Vice President

William R Wicks III

During the period mid April 2022 to mid October 2022 SE Regional VP attended:

Color Guard Events: July 4, 2022 Celebration at the Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL attended by thousands of person for the presentation of colors; September 7, 2022, DAR Constitution week luncheon at Miami Shore Country Club, representing the Miami Chapter and S.E. Regional VP participating in Color Guard and bringing greetings.

Chapter Meetings: Five Miami Chapter Meetings Monthly Luncheons and six Monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

State Meetings: The 2022 FLSSAR Spring Meeting and BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista, in Orlando.

The Southeast Regional Meeting, combining the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach Chapters is being planned to be held January 14, 2023, at the Davie Outback Steakhouse.

Ft Lauderdale Chapter

Charles A. Adams, II

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter meets 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.

2022 new members: Seth MacCutcheon, Rick Kidder Jr, Jeffrey Watts and Joshua Watts. 2022 transfer ins: Earl Higginbotham and Daniel Kvarnberg. As of September 2022, the Chapter has four new applicants pending SAR approval, and three prospects that are completing applications that should receive approval by Dec 22/Jan 23.

By 2022 calendar year-end, active membership (including net transfers) is projected to be sixty.

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.

Website

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter launched a new website on April 16, 2022. Visit us at: www.fortlauderdale.org.

Member Awards

On May 13, 2022, Joe Motes received the FLLSAR Silver Roger Sherman Medal. The Chapter issued certificates of appreciation to all prior year officers.

Youth Recognition Programs

During 2022, the Chapter presented certificates recognizing sixteen recently approved Eagle Scouts. The Chapter awarded thirty-two Bronze JROTC Medals and certificates to JROTC cadets, and ten Good Citizenship Medals to JROTC cadets and Naval Sea Cadets. We also donated \$100 to the JROTC and \$100 to our local Boys Scout Troop 224.

Public Service Commendations

On September 17, 2022, the Chapter awarded a Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal to Detective John Curcio and awarded a Fire Safety Commendation and Medal to Captain Virginio Gallardo.

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.

Miami Chapter

William R Wicks III

The Miami Chapter has its monthly luncheon meetings at American Legion Post 98, 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida on the third Saturday of each month. We have met in person at the Post and are simultaneously using Go-To-Meetings, virtual video meetings, for compatriots who do not want to or cannot attend in person. We have had a monthly meeting every month since the Spring BOM, except for July which was canceled due to the National Congress and vacations. However, the September luncheon was combined with the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon at the Miami Shores Country Club, at which the Miami Chapter presented the Colors, brought greetings from the NSSAR and FLSSAR by Lee Popham, greeting from the SE Region and Miami Chapter by Bill Wicks, as Miami Chapter Past President and Color Guard Commander David B. Mitchell, Esq. was the guest speaker. The cost of the Miami Chapter monthly luncheon is \$20 and we use a third-party vendor to deliver the catered meals for the luncheon at the Post, which includes complimentary parking in the rear of the building. All members, guests and interested prospects are welcome to attend.

As of the end of August 2022 the Miami Chapter had 90 Compatriots. We currently have an additional 70+ persons comprising our "1776 Corps.," whose membership applications are in the process of documentation and completion.

At the FLSSAR 2022 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by Chapter Secretary, Treasurer and past State President Wm Lee Popham, Sr.; by Chapter President and SE Regional VP William Wicks accompanied by his Lady Kerry, Chapter Recording Secretary George Wysong, and Chapter JROTC and ROTC Chairman LTC Rene Jewett, Dual Member and NSSAR Treasurer General (now Secretary General) John Dodd, and a former member.

At the 2022 National Congress in Savannah, Georgia, the Miami Chapter was represented by Miami Chapter Secretary-Treasurer and Florida State 2019-2020 President Lee Popham, and Compatriot Rene Jewett. Compatriot Popham was re-elected as a National Trustee for a second term, and was appointed to membership on the NSSAR Executive Committee by President General C. Bruce Pickette. Rene Jewett attended his first Congress and participated in the ROTC/JROTC and Veterans' committees.

MEMBERSHIP:

Since our last Report of 89 members at the 2022 Spring BOM, we have welcomed two new members and removed one, bringing our total membership to 90 at 31 August 2022:

Darryl Hendricks

Secretary General John Dodd (Dual member)

We did not lose any Compatriots by death during the reporting period, but one former Compatriot was removed from our Roster.

C.A.R. Activities and Support:

Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham, Sr. is serving as a Senior Officer of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. for 2022. Junior SAR Member James E. Popham serves as Tequesta Society Registrar. SAR Miami Chapter Compatriots currently have a total of 12 children and grandchildren who are members of the Tequesta Society C.A.R.

DAR Activities and Support:

Several officers and members of the SAR Miami Chapter continue to support local DAR Societies. Compatriot President William Wicks brought greetings at the annual Constitution Week luncheon of the DAR on September 17, 2022, and participated in a color guard presentation with Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, who was also the guest speaker, Lee Popham, Will Replogle and other Chapter members. Compatriots Popham, Wicks and Replogle attended the Bells Across America ceremony in Continental Uniform and to bring greetings.

MIAMI CHAPTER LADIES AUXILIARY:

The Miami Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary is alive and well, thanks to the efforts of Kerry Wicks, Liga Replogle, Laura Zavalía, and new member Margie Thompson. Volunteer work is being performed at both the 2023 Florida Congress Committee, and at the Veterans' Rest Facility at the Miami International Airport. Our Chapter continues to support the Auxiliary with both volunteer time and donations.

VETERANS SUPPORT:

The Miami Chapter SAR donates time and money for the services to veterans provided by the Veterans' Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS), and donates to the Military Hospitality Lounge at the Miami International Airport. Compatriot Rene Jewett volunteered at the Department of Defense Warrior Games in Orlando, FL 19-28 August. The Warrior Games has several adaptive sports for injured/disabled veterans with over 300 athletes representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Special Operations Command, Canada, and Ukraine.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

ROTC, JROTC, SEA CADET MEDALS: After the last report Compatriots continued to distribute the 36 Medals for recognition throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties during the months of March, April, May, June, and August. Due to some lingering COVID restrictions, there were limited live presentations. The Miami Chapter attended 10 award presentations: 1 ROTC, 1 Sea Cadet Corps, and 8 JROTC. One new JROTC and three new U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps organizations were added for Chapter SAR award presentations: JROTC Key West HS; and U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps units at Opa-Locka, Key Biscayne, and Key West. There were two contestants who entered the Enhanced JROTC Competition Program, both from Key West HS. The Chapter winner was Cadet Sophia Felini who went on to win 1st place at FLSSAR and placed in the top 10 at the National-Level. The following awards were provided: 2 ROTC Silver Awards; 29 JROTC Bronze Awards; 5 NSCC Good Citizenship Bronze Awards; 1 JROTC Chapter Enhanced Award – Bronze Medal; 1 JROTC Chapter Enhanced Award – 2nd Place Certificate.

National Awards and Recognitions Received:

JROTC-ROTC Endowment Medal and Certificate:

The Miami Chapter recognized Compatriot Rene Jewett with the JROTC/ROTC Endowment Medal and Certificate at the Donor Recognition Breakfast held during the 2022 Georgia Congress in Savannah on 14 July 2022.

Gold Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate:

President General Davis L. Wright recognized Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham Sr. with his second Gold Roger Sherman Medal (1st Oak Leaf) and Certificate for his service as Chairman of the Budget Committee, and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Council of State Presidents – CoSP:

A plaque was presented to Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham Sr. for Outstanding Service as Registrar and Assistant Secretary to the Council of State Presidents – CoSP.

Liberty Medal and Certificate:

Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham Sr. was announced as the recipient of his second Liberty Medal (1st Oak Leaf) and Certificate for having been the Top-Line Signer on his 11th – 20th SAR New Member Applications.

Palm Beach Chapter

Donald K. Lanman

Palm Beach SAR Chapter 2022 Vision:

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

The Chapter continues its proactive membership recruiting efforts inducting 9 new Compatriots bringing its total membership to 177 with an additional 15 member applications in process.

The Chapters 2022 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 continued 2022 meetings with a focus on Veterans Services, Youth Programs, Law Enforcement and First Responder recognition awarding 6 medals to police and firefighters.

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 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. Palm Beach Chapter SAR Compatriot Raymond F. Wess was Installed SAR Inspector General for the National & International Society during the 132 nd SAR Congress in Savannah. Ray is the former Chapter President and State President, and recipient of the SAR Patriot Medal.

The SAR 40 Year Membership Pin and Certificate was presented to Compatriot & FMR Chapter President Greg Parkinson. President Lanman delivered the keynote speech at the 91 st Florida State Society of the Children of the Revolution Conference. 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. In addition, the Chapter joined the DAR in providing financial assistance to the Hindman Schools devastated by floods in KY.

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, food for homeless veterans and continuing its role 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.

Chapter Compatriots joined 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, July DAR 4 Flag Retirement Ceremony and Bells Across America program.

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

Hampton E. Allen, Jr.

The Southwest Region consists of five Chapters, Caloosa, Charlotte, Highlands, Naples, and Saramana. The period between the last BOM/Annual Meeting in May 2022 has been a time when much of the usual chapter activities have been quiet as most all of the chapters have been on their usual summer break.

During the period May thru Oct 1 st , I have attended to following:

- 10 May – Caloosa Chapter Meeting
- 12-15 May – FLSSAR BOM/Annual Meeting – Elected Vice President SW Region
- 21 May – Attended Highlands Chapter Business Meeting via ZOOM
- 7 Jun – Attended SAR Luncheon with Charlotte Chapter members
- 11 Jun – Attended Myakka DAR Chapter Celebration in Venice (Colonial Uniform)
- 28 Jun – SAR Luncheon with Charlotte Chapter President
- 4 Jul – Joined Charlotte SAR/American Legion Color Guard at 4 July Celebration-American Post 110
- 8-15 Jul – Attended 2022 Congress in Savannah – Worked both Credentials and Registration and served a member of the NSSAR Balloting Committee. Worked FLSSAR Congress Information Table
- 16 Aug – Attended the Caloosa Chapter ExCom Meeting
- 25 Aug – Recovered the FLSSAR Medals and Awards from previous Chairman
- 17 Sep – Attended Great Southwest Regent's Constitution Week Luncheon. Participated as member of the joint SAR Color Guard, presented SAR greetings, and present SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation to Connie Lizak
- 23-24 Sep – Attended DAR Fall Forum and worked SAR Information Table (Colonial)

The Caloosa Chapter continues to be a strong vibrant chapter with a lot of enthusiasm being demonstrated by both its leaders and members. The 2022-2023 meeting season of the Caloosa will commence with its first meeting on Oct 11 th , immediately after the Fall BOM, Oct 7-8.

The Charlotte Chapter continues to grow and becoming a more active chapter under the leadership of President Jonathan Hunt. During the summer break, they have selected a new meeting venue and will commence their new meeting season on Friday, Oct 14 th at the American Legion Post 110 located in Port Charlotte.

The Highlands Chapter has continued to grow and become a more active chapter and is heavy engaged with the local community. They are currently working on plans with the local historical societies to establish an annual Patriot's Day Celebration to be celebrated there in the community every April. They have also engaged with the local high schools to participate in the SAR Youth Contests.

The Naples Chapter having one of the nicest meeting venues in the area continues to attract new members and under the very capable leadership of their dedicated members and officers continues to thrive and recover from the effects of the past pandemic.

The Saramana Chapter has been on vacation this summer and will be starting their meeting season back up very soon at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota.

Caloosa Chapter

Hampton E. Allen, Jr.

May.
10 May – Caloosa Chapter Meeting – Mark Barie, Highlands Chapter, guest speaker. Presented Compatriot Barie SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR 250th Anniversary Challenge Coin.
12-15 May – Several members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the BOM/Annual Meeting in Kissimmee.
June.
7 Jun – Several members joined the Charlotte Chapter for a luncheon at the American Legion Post 110 in Port Charlotte
July.
4 Jul – Combined Caloosa/Charlotte Color Guard joined the American Legion Post 110 Honor Guard to post the Colors for their annual July 4th celebration
August.
8-15 Jul – Members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the 2022 Congress in Savannah
16 Aug – Meeting of the Caloosa ExCom
September.
17 Sep – Caloosa Color Guard participated in joint Color Guard to post the Colors for the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon
23-24 Sep – Caloosa Color Guard members worked the SAR Information Table and joined with the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Color Guard to post the Colors for the Sat Fall Forum Banquet

Charlotte Chapter

Jonathan D. Hunt

The Charlotte Chapter is excited to announce that it's moving to a new location. Effective Oct 14, 2022 we will be meeting at the American Legion Post 110 in Port Charlotte. Physical address: 3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952. The Post Kitchen will be offering a lunch meal for a reasonable price. The facility can host up to 75 people so this will give the chapter room for growth into the future.

Sadly, I announced that we lost Robert Haff on July 31 st . He was a senior member of NSSAR and FLSSAR and the most senior member of the Color Guard at age 98.

We will be working with local DAR Chapters in the area and have events planned into mid-2023.

Highlands Chapter

James T. Dean

4 Jul – Members of the Highlands Chapter joined the Historical Society in colonial uniform for their July 4th Celebration

The Highlands Chapter is actively working with the historical societies in Sebring, Avon Park, Lake Placid and Okeechobee to establish an annual Patriot's Day Celebration to be held annually at the Pierce Lockett Homestead-Fort Basinger to be celebrated every April. This is the site of the 2019 Liberty Tree Dedication as well. The Okeechobee SAR Color Guard has joined with the Highlands Chapter in the past to celebrate their Patriot's Day Celebration that they hope will become an annual events involving the DAR, SAR, and the local historical societies.

Naples Chapter

Philip R. Thieler

The Naples Chapter while on their summer break have been actively planning for their 50th Anniversary Celebration which is currently scheduled for 9 March 2022 at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, FL. Guest speaker will be SWR Vice President Hampton (Hamp) Allen.

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 May 12, 2022 President Philip R. Thieler, COL, USA (Ret.) presided over the monthly meeting which consisted of the following key events:

On May 12 2022, the Naples Chapter of the Florida Society SAR held a Flag Certificate Award Ceremony to honor two organizations that have contributed so much to Southwest Florida. They have been recognized for proudly and prominently flying the flag on a regular basis.

The first honoree for the Naples Chapter Flag Certificate Award was Golden Paws Assistance Dogs which is an organization that encourages independence for Combat Wounded Veterans and children with life-altering disabilities through a partnership with skilled assistance dogs. Representing Golden Paws was Craig Layton CSM, USA (Ret.) with his support dog Palmer. The Chapter also gave a donation of \$200.00 to Golden Paws.

The second honoree for the Naples Chapter Flag Certificate Award was the Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples. Receiving the Chapter Flag Certificate on behalf of the Ritz-Carlton was Mr. Kevin Donahue, Director of Sales, and Marketing for Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples. Kevin is also a former Eagle Scout and is highly active in the Naples area Eagle Scout programs. The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples has been an outstanding partner of SAR Naples Chapter by prominently displaying the flag at their locations as well as providing space for the Chapter's monthly meetings.

As part of the Naples Chapter outreach program, the Chapter invited Wreaths Across America of Florida to provide its members with an overview of the organization's goals and activities in Southwest Florida. Representing Wreaths Across America was Ms. Kristina Schira. Kristina has been serving as the location coordinator for three years for WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Lee County currently supporting five Cemeteries in Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, Fort Myers, and Bonita Springs. She has been volunteering with WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Lee County for the last six years. This patriotic group coordinates wreath laying ceremonies at more than 2,500 locations across the United States honoring Veterans from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts. Following Kristina's presentation, The Naples Chapter elected to collaborate with the Wreaths Across America Lee County in 2022. On behalf of Wreaths Across America, Ms. Shira accepted the Naples Chapter Certificate of Appreciation and a \$200.00 donation.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Chapter President Philip R. Thieler gave a presentation on the origins of the Southern Campaign 1780-81 beginning with a discussion of the siege and surrender of Charleston, SC, and the Battle of Monck's Corner.

On May 30, 2022, Naples Chapter Color Guardsmen Leonard Crame and John McCullough participated in the Color Guard of All Wars at Memorial Day ceremonies sponsored by the Collier County Veterans Council at Hodges Memorial Gardens in Naples.

On July 4, 2022, compatriots Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl, Brian Bennett, and John McCullough participated in the Naples Independence Day Parade in colonial attire. The Naples Chapter parade vehicle was positioned next to the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR and after the parade several DAR and SAR participants met for lunch.

On August 23, 2022, the Naples Chapter election volunteer team operated a Florida Primary Election adopted precinct in Collier County, FL as a continuing fundraiser for the Chapter. Team Members included James Meerpohl (Clerk), Acey Edgemon, Leonard Crame, Madonna Crame (Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR) and John McCullough.

On September 17, 2022 Naples Chapter 1st VP CSM Doug Gibbens, USA (ret.) and Immediate Past President Leonard Crame will attend the Great Southwest Florida Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon hosted by the Estero Island Chapter NSDAR at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers, FL. Compatriot Crame will also participate in the SWFL Regional SAR Color Guard.

Saramana Chapter

Timothy P. Milligan

Nothing to report. The Saramana Chapter has truly been on vacation

Secretary

M. Scott Breckenridge

- **FLSSAR membership** total (as of 9/16/2022) is 2,374, including Youth, Memorial, and Dual members. The Annual Report rosters and instructions have been sent to the chapters. The Annual Reports are due to me by December 15, 2022.
- **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, 2022.
If you choose to enter your chapter in the Chapter Challenge contest, please submit your scoresheet (using the standard NSSAR Americanism Contest scoresheet) to me, no later than Feb 15th, 2023, for inclusion in the Florida Society contest, and so that I can include your events in the Florida Society's submission to the National contest.
Chapters are also encouraged to submit their entries to the National contest. Instructions are included in the scoresheet.

Treasurer

W. Richard "Dick" Young

Since our May BOM, your Treasurer was in Savannah at the time of the 2022 National Congress, but not as a registered delegate. I was in a series of meetings, along with other Florida Society compatriots off and on all day on Sunday July 10. On Monday, I assisted at the Florida Society 2023 Congress table. With Lee Popham's help we started taking credit card charges for sales of Congress related merchandise and donations.

I also participated in Tampa Chapter Color Guard events on Memorial Day, June 14 at an Honor Flight Welcome Home, Independence Day and August 25 Tampa Bay Rays game at Tropicana Field.

Scott Breckenridge and I hope to figure out a way to take credit cards for check-in at the October BOM Registration table as well as Congress related merchandise sales.
Donations are always welcome.

You can find the usual Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements Reports elsewhere in the Proceedings Book. They are discussed in the Finance Committee report.

Registrar

Ray C. Lantz

FLSSAR Application Stats 03 Apr 2022 – 02 Sep 2022

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	104	43	4	13	164
Approved* By NSSAR	122	27	2	14	165
Pended* By NSSAR	10	1	0	2	13
Pended By FSSAR	23	2	0	0	25
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date		2021 = 54 and 2022 = 42			

* 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:

- 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.”
- 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.
- 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.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- New requirement for submission of NSSAR application checklist either long or abbreviated checklist can be submitted
- 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/FLSSAR/Docs/Fees_and_Dues_List.pdf all chapter registrars should download and/or print this document for to ensure correct fees and dues are submitted with applications.

Chaplain

Dwight D. Elam

No report submitted.

Recording Secretary

Leonard W. Crame

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

Chancellor

Thomas J. Thompson

Nothing to report.

Genealogist

J Gray Chandler

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- Any questions, please address them to me.

Sergeant at Arms

Jeff F. Brunnelle

Phil Markoe has accepted the position of Assistant Sergeant at Arms for the FLSSAR. Phil will be able to cover for me and assist with the equipment at BOM. I thank Phil for accepting this position.

The inventory of the locker is up to date. A new lock has been installed on the locker. Keys have been distributed to those that need them. If anyone needs access to the locker, please contact me.

Historian

Jonathan D. Hunt

The Spring BOM was one that will go down in the history books. Historically high turnout from across the State. It was also the first time in the history of the Society that the Board of Management used Robert's Rules of Order Rule 62 to remove the Chair.

Special thanks to Jeffrey Brunelle for delivering all of the historical documents that were in storage in Orlando. This office will be digitally archiving FLSSAR documents. The completion date for this project is February 2023.

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:

Fall 2022 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = September 25, 2022
Winter 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = December 15, 2022
Spring 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = March 5, 2023
Summer 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = June 15, 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.

Webmaster

E. Scott Bushnell

There have been no major changes made during this period.

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews, Chairman

The Executive Committee has met the following times since the last BOM.

- 6/7/2022
 - Discussion of application for transgender individual
 - Review of 2023 Congress planning.
 - The By-Laws committee is in place and looking at proposed changes.
 - Response to anonymous letter to the membership.
- 7/1/2022
 - Reviewed report from Ethics committee.
 - Reviewed and approved Emeritus-2 requests from the chapters.
- 7/29/2022
 - Discussion on Ethics committee members.
 - Discussion on proposed by-laws changes for Ethics policy.
- 8/22/2022
 - Appointment of Scott Breckenridge as Executive Administrator.
- 9/1/2022
 - Review and approval of Emeritus-3 request for 2023.
- 9/2/2022
 - Review and approval of Gold Good Citizenship Medal for Senator Rick Scott.

Finance Committee

W. Richard "Dick" Young, Chairman

Attached to the end of the Proceedings book (Appendix D) are the following:

- Cash Receipts Jan 1 to Sep 15 with Proposed Budget for 2023
- Cash Disbursements Jan 1 to Sep 15 with Proposed 2023 Budget (page #1)
- Cash Disbursements Jan 1 to Sep 15 with Proposed 2023 Budget (page #2)
- Cash Balances by Fund for each of the past three years and 2022 to date

On September 15, your Florida Society had almost \$218,000 in the bank as shown on the Fund Balances Report. That Report also shows a reconciliation of the two bank accounts to the three fund balances within \$53. Following are comments on 2022 cash activity and the 2023 Proposed Budget, in no particular order of significance.

1. For the past two years I have budgeted Dues at \$105,000 and neither year did we make it. For 2023, I reduced the budget to \$100,000. Meaning there has been no real growth in membership, which is not just a budget concern.

2. The May BOM was better attended than most in recent years. I doubt we have that kind of attendance again; nevertheless, I increased the budget for 2023. As usual, I have budgeted BOM expenses to equal to BOM receipts. We seldom are that fortunate.
3. I have not shown the budget for the 2023 Congress. It will be shared at the 2023 Congress Planning Committee meeting at the BOM.
4. NSSAR dues have been budgeted at 62% of Dues collections, comparable to 2022.
5. The Executive Administrator in 2021 was Hall Riediger. He resigned that position as of December 31. No replacement was appointed until the last week of August. He will be compensated for the time he has and will serve in that position.
6. Please note that the Secretary has not requested any reimbursement for expenses incurred in his duties as Secretary during 2022.
7. The BOM approved carry over of \$3,000 of 2021 Budget for Presidents expenses not previously reimbursed. I reviewed all his receipts, sorted them by calendar year and budget category. He was reimbursed \$3,000 for 2021 expenses as approved by the BOM even though his receipts exceeded that amount. He was reimbursed \$1,667 for 2022 expenses which was his 2022 budget limit even though his receipts exceeded that amount. He also had receipts for BOM related expenses and Congress related postage expenses which were also reimbursed. The postage reimbursement came from the Congress Fund.
8. I budgeted \$500 for the Educational Outreach Committee in anticipation of the continuation of making videos for the Florida Department of Education. That has not occurred. I continued the budget into 2023. We will discuss the need for this budget at the BOM.
9. In May, the BOM approved a carryover of \$500 of the 2021 Budget Excess to 2022 for a donation to the Florida Veterans Council. After some discussion, it was approved that the donation be increased to \$1,000. That donation has not yet been funded, but will be during 2022. The Florida Society has been asked to expand on this donation and become a \$3,000 Sponsor of the Foundation by making three \$1,000 annual donations. This donation has been included in the 2023 budget. Don Lanman will be asked to discuss what a "Sponsorship" means to the Florida Society.
10. A few years ago, the BOM approved spending to improve our website. A website taskforce was formed. No expenditures have been made. The budget has been continued.
11. The payment to the History Teacher of the Year exceed budget, due to an agreement I made with the Committee Chair, but failed to budget.
12. The Oration Committee is well under budget, as we had one only contestant and he was not invited to the National Final Competition. In 2023, Congress will be in Orlando. Even if invited to the Final Competition, travel expenses will be minimal.
13. Medals and Awards is hard to budget. Committee Chairs order medals and certificates as they believe are needed from year to year
14. When we first rented the storage unit., we paid \$133/month. That has increased over time to \$251/month, effective in September.
15. The interfund transfers from the Operating Fund to the Congress Fund were approved by the BOM.
16. Some of the smaller committees had no activity, or at least did not request any expense reimbursement.
 - o The History Fair Committee used to provide sponsorship of a State History Fair.
 - o Some years ago, we made a \$100 donation to the Highland Games and had SAR representative for recruiting purposes on hand.

We will discuss some of these budget line items to determine if we need to continue to provide a budget.

Please note that this Proposed Budget is a deficit budget. While it does not hurt to occasionally operate at a deficit, it is not a practice we want to continue.

MOTION - The Finance Committee moved to have the 2023 budget approved with minor adjustments as discussed. NO SECOND REQUIRED. PASSED

(the amended/approved budget is shown in Appendix G)

Financial Review Committee

David E. Bussone, Chairman

Nothing to report.

Medals and Awards Committee

Hampton E. Allen, Jr., Chairman

We are proud to announce that the NSSAR Grave Marking Committee has approved the award of the Patriot Grave Marking Medal to Earl F. "Matt" Matthews. Medal will be presented at the Fall BOM.

Nominating Committee

Dwight D. Elam, Chairman

No report submitted.

Patriot Medal Committee

Patrick J. Niemann, Chairman

The FLSSAR can select up to four members for the Patriot Medal. All nominations are to be forwarded to Chairman Pat Niemann not later than January 31, 2023. The nominees will be judged and selected by members of the Patriot Medal Committee and reviewed by the Executive Director, NSSAR.

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. A representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal.

NSSAR Affairs

SAR Education Center and Museum Committee

Chairman - none

National Society Library Committee

Chairman - none

FLSSAR Affairs

2023 Congress Planning Committee

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews, Chairman

The FLSSAR will be hosting the 2023 NSSAR Congress in Orlando, July 13-20, 2023. The Congress will take place at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819.

The 2023 Florida Congress website has been activated and can be accessed at the following web address:

<https://sar2023floridacongress.org>

The website can also be reached from the Congress Tab that is located on the FLSSAR website as well at: www.flssar.org. Also some of the Congress events have not been finalized yet pending a site visit from NSSAR, there is a lot of valuable information there about the Congress and the area surrounding the Rosen Plaza Hotel.

ROSEN HOTEL RESERVATIONS: If you are planning to attend the 2023 Congress, you can now make your reservations with the Rosen Plaza at the following web address

<https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=ORLRZ&group=GRPNSSAR2023&arrivalDate=07-12-2023&departureDate=07-21-2023>

You can also make your reservations by calling the Rosen Plaza toll free at 1-800-627-8258. The group code is NSSAR2023. If you use the link be sure to change your arrival date and departure dates. The 12 July date for arrival was for the advance party only.

Negotiations are still ongoing for a number of the Congress events to include the location of the Congress Host Reception, the Memorial Service, and the Ladies Luncheon and the First Lady's Tea. These decisions will be finalized during the NSSAR site visit which is currently scheduled to for October after the FLSSAR BOM.

The Congress Planning Committee had elected to have the Long Tour at the Kennedy Space Center with a short tour to be conducted to the Last Naval Battle site at Merritt Island. The long tour will take place on Saturday, July 15th with the short tour on Wednesday, July 19th.

Archives Committee

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews, Chairman

Nothing to report.

By-Laws Committee

Steven R. Fields, Chairman

Executive Committee is working on proposed changes to the FLSSAR by-laws that will be published in the Florida Patriot magazine at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting to be voted on by members.

Education Outreach Committee

Chairman – none

Ethics Committee

Jonathan D. Hunt, Chairman

No report submitted.

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Meeting Arrangements-BOM Committee

Steven R. Fields, Chairman

Senior VP Steve Fields reported the hotel contract for October 2023 and May 2024 BOM meetings was still in progress and not ready for approval.

Membership Promotion and Retention Committee

Christopher E. Washler, Chairman

No report submitted.

New Chapter Development Committee

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

The committee has updated the preliminary new chapter form and will be having it uploaded onto the members only FLSSAR website.

Newsletters and Periodicals Committee

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

The stated deadline each year for the National Newsletter and FLSSAR State Society Contest is December 15 , 2022. Please consider submitting your chapter newsletters.

Strategic Planning Committee

Wm Lee Popham, Chairman

The FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee will meet at the 2022 FLSSAR Fall BOM on Friday, 7 October 2022, from 2:30pm – 3:30pm in the Cypress Meeting Room at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South hotel.

During this meeting, two very important topics will be presented and discussed:

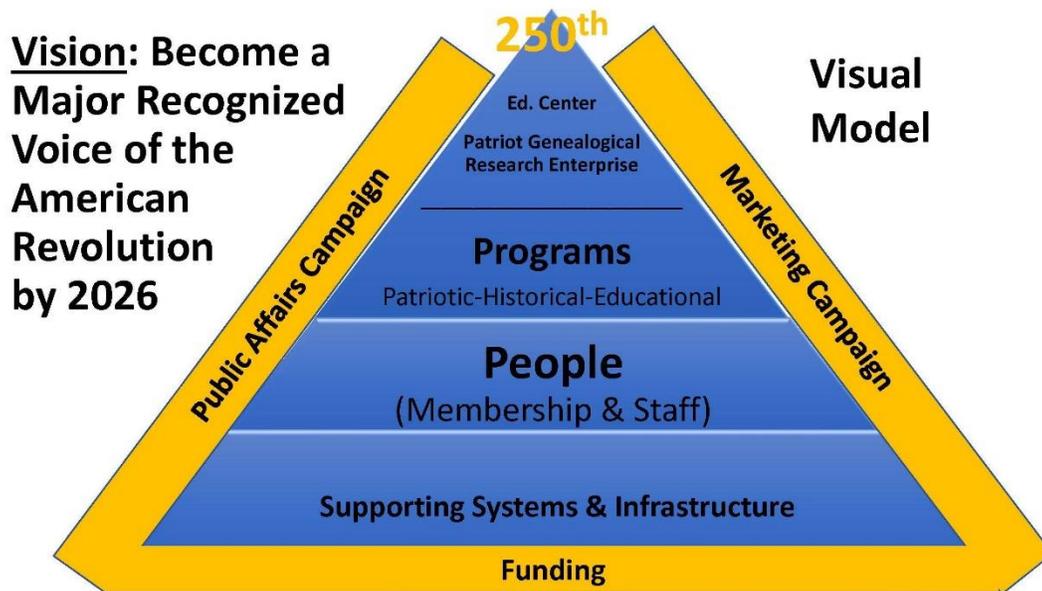
I. THE AMERICA 250 NSSAR 5-YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN

The NSSAR Executive Committee APPROVED the 5-Year Operational Plan through 2026 at the 3 March 2022 meeting during the 2022 Spring Leadership conference in Louisville KY.

Presentations followed to the Trustees, the SAR Foundation Board members, and the CoSP.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. FIVE-YEAR UPDATE – OPERATIONAL PLAN THROUGH 2026



a.

- b. The 5-year Operational Update through 2026 was presented to the President General, the Executive Director, and the Executive Committee during the 2022 Spring Leadership Conferences in Louisville KY. This Update outlined several Goals and Objectives to be Implemented by the end of 2026, and a recommended Timeline for Implementation. Leadership responsibilities were also recommended and approved.

The five-year operational plan through 2026 will be presented, together with the goals and objectives. Suggested Timelines for Implementation, with examples of suggested Implementation Guidelines, will be discussed during our Fall BOM meeting.

II. ONLINE DUES BILLING & COLLECTIONS; AUTOMATIC DUES RENEWALS

One of the stated Goals and Objectives of the 5-year Operational Plan is the streamlining of the Dues Billing and Collection process, and the reduction of Membership Non-Renewals that may be caused by a lack of organized follow-up, or the inability to make Online payments for annual Dues, Fees, Events, and Donations.

FLSSAR and a few Chapters have elected to serve as Beta Testers for a potential Statewide canned software system that will allow Online Dues Billing & Collection on a statewide basis. Once fully-implemented on a Voluntary basis, this system could very well be extended to the NSSAR, for a Nationwide Dues Billing & Collection system.

- c. National Dues Billing and Collection from HQ – Online Payment Capability – Automatic annual dues renewals – online payments to Society and Chapter of their portions of dues collected.- elimination of manual reconciliation process.
- d. Other non-profits of similar size and structure have reduced their membership retention “Drops” from 16% per year to 6%-8% by moving to a national billing process.

If you believe your Chapter can benefit from Online Payments and an automatic Dues Billing & Collection process, please be sure to attend this Strategic Planning Committee meeting! – It’s open to everyone!

Technology Advisory Committee

Christopher E. Washler, Chairman

No report submitted.

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Steve Fields – Commander

Scott Breckenridge – Vice-Commander

Jeff Brunelle – Adjutant

Commander’s report

Summers in Florida are sometimes slow for SAR activities. This has not been the case this year. From Memorial Day to Flag Day to Honor Flights to Congress to Constitution Week to opening ceremonies for the Tampa Bay Rays, color guard detachments from all over Florida have braved the weather to keep the face of the SAR up front and in the public eye. Some guardsmen have travelled to national historic commemorations, grave markings, and even been presenters at summer camps for youth.

Many of these events have been used as opportunities to fly the America 250 SAR Flag and spread the word about the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Charlotte and Saramana chapters have already qualified for the 250 Celebration Streamer from national. I know many other chapters have begun activities to promote and celebrate the 250th. We should have many more color guard units and their chapters earn this streamer in the coming months. If you need information on how to qualify or how to apply, please contact me.

Also over the summer, several of our guardsmen have completed their requirements for the Bronze and or Silver Color Guard Medals. These awards recognize three years of service to the color guard at the local, state and national levels. Individual guardsmen should be keeping track of their outings and unit commanders should be tracking participation so that guardsmen can get the recognition that they deserve. See the national and state color guard manuals for more information and download the awards nomination forms. Nominating a guardsman is easy with the fillable PDF forms.

Here are quite a few color guard opportunities coming in the next few months:

FLSDAR Fall Forum (September 25) – Orlando, FL (State Event)

NSSAR Fall Leadership (September 30 – October 1) – Louisville, KY (250th) (National Event)

FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting (October 7-8) – Kissimmee, FL (250th) (State Event)

Honor Flight – (October 8) – RSW Airport Ft. Myers, FL

Point Pleasant Battle Days - Point Pleasant, WV

Battle of Chestnut Neck - Little Egg Harbor, NJ

Battle of Kings Mountain - Blacksburg, SC

Battle of Saratoga - Stillwater, NY

Yorktown Days - Yorktown, VA

Battle of Red Bank - Fort Mercer, NJ

Sarasota Veterans Day Parade (November 11) – Sarasota, FL (250th) (National Event)
Battle of Great Bridge - Norfolk, VA
Wreaths Across America Sarasota National Cemetery (December 17) – Sarasota, FL (National Event)
Ten Crucial Days - Princeton/Trenton, NJ

I've attended a few color guard events myself this summer. Some are:

FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers and Annual meetings – Kissimmee, FL (250th) (National Event)
Sarasota Memorial Day Parade - - Sarasota, FL (250th) (National Event)
Flag Day - Manasota DAR Regents Council Luncheon – Venice, FL (State Event)
Patriot Sunday Church Event (National Event)
Kiwanis Independence Day Celebration Luncheon – Bradenton, FL (250th) (National Event)
Constitution Week Celebration Manasota DAR Regents Council – Sarasota, FL (State Event)
Rotary Constitution Luncheon – Bradenton, FL
FLSDAR Fall Forum – Orlando, FL (State Event)
NSSAR Fall Leadership– Louisville, KY (250th) (National Event)

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

Most summer activity for the Color Guard is somewhat infrequent and 2022 was no exception. The SAR Jacksonville Chapter however were able to participate in 11 events as described below. All events were an important function of our Color Guard but in our view at least four of these events were notable as marked by * in below list. We are looking forward to a busy an event filled schedule for the 2022/2023 season.

On August 22, 2022, (Chuck), Claude S Farmer our long time Compatriot, Past Color Guard Commander, Past President, Past Vice President, Mentor, and most important our Dear Friend passed from this life due to illness. One of his last wishes was a request for SAR Color Guard participation in his last rites and memorial to be held at his and wife's church, Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Fernandina Beach, Florida. The family will request permission from authorities to allow a Color Guard Firing Salute to Chuck. The date and actual details of this event are yet to be determined and will be communicated throughout our organization when received from the family. We expect and encourage participation by Color Guard Membership and other SAR Members. May his legacy of Exemplary Character, Family Dedication, Dedication to Country, Dedication to SAR, Positive Participation in SAR to the extent possible, Compatriot Mentoring and Education, Founders and Patriot Reverence, may these traits be carried on and practiced by us that follow. We know that he now resides in his well-deserved Heavenly Home and is enjoying the bagpipe hymns of his Scottish Heritage played by those Scottish Ancestors and Patriots that he loved and revered.

Color Guard Event Participation:

05/05/22 History of Flag--Lindisfarne Hall School Fernandina Bch. Chuck Farmer & Paul Tucker

05/13/2022, FLSSAR BOM Awards Ceremony Orlando, Fl. Participants: Ken Norwood & Scott Breckenridge

05/19/2022 May end of season Jax. Chapter Meeting Colors presentation Darryl Ingle-David Ramseur-Josh Jolly-Paul Tucker

*05/30/22 Memorial Day 2 locations VFW Beaches add Downtown Jax.Beaches- Chuck Farmer-Jim Gaskins-Dick Cardell-Ken Norwood-Paul Tucker. Downtown Jacksonville Veterans Wall-Darryl Ingle-Barney Thornton-David Ramseur-Rick Saunders-Bill Ziegenfuss-Scott Breckenridge

*04:30AM 05/21/2022 Jax Airport Veterans Honor Flight Greet with Color Presentation

Chuck Farmer-Josh Jolly-Darryl Ingle-Barney Thornton-

06/04/2022 Ramsour's Mill 242 nd Anniversary participation and Representation of Jacksonville SAR Chapter Wreath Presentation. Participants David Ramseur and Mills Ramseur.

*06/24/2022 Alligator Bridge Dedication and Commemoration

Dick Cardell-Fred Emery-Darryl Ingle-Ken Norwood-Barney Thornton-Mills Ramseur-David Ramseur-Scott Breckenridge-Earl Matthews

*08/03/2022 MOWW Jacksonville Annual Banquet Color Presentation- Darryl Ingle-Ken

Norwood-Barney Thornton-David Ramseur-Paul Tucker

09/15/2022 Color Presentation SAR Jacksonville Chapter Begin 2022-2023 meeting schedule Orange Park Holiday Inn new meeting location Orange Park, Fl.

09/17/2022 DAR Constitution Luncheon Color Presentation 10:30 AM The Plantation 220 Plantation Circle Ponte Vedra, Fl.

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

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

May

2022 Florida Vietnam and All Veterans reunion May 02-08, 2022. Compatriots Jensen & Hicks participated in opening ceremonies and wreath presentation in period attire. Jensen also attended the closing ceremonies in period attire.

May 21 meeting: Bisset, Jensen and Mihora attended in period attire.

June 11 Combined Flag Day observance was held Brevard's 7 DAR Chapters. Compatriots Jensen & Mihora posted Colors in period attire.

July 04 Brevard Chapter, Brevard DAR, and Captain John Barry C.A.R. participated in the Merritt Island 4th of July Parade. SAR-DAR-CAR float was placed just behind the Wreaths Across America/Cape Canaveral Cemetery float and followed by a military jeep. Compatriots Hicks, Jensen and Mihora were in period attire. President Etherton, Past Presidents Eller and Ward were in Class A attire.

August 08 Compatriots Bonnett & Jensen represented Brevard Chapter at the Brevard Genealogical Society Workshop on America's Revolutionary Lineage Societies. Past President Bonnett discussed application requirements; Compatriot Jensen presented the Patriot Research System. Jensen attended in Period attire.

September

05 September: Brevard Chapter lost Past President and Color Guard Member Carl Randall Green. Obituary report has been initially submitted, final arrangements will be made at a latter date (as of 19 September, 2022).

September 10 Jensen attended the Rufus Fairbanks DAR meeting and spoke on Brevard's Captain John Barry C.A.R. in Period attire.

September 17 Brevard Chapter hosted Brevard's annual Constitution Luncheon with the 7 Brevard DAR chapters. Compatriots Jensen & Mihora posted Colors in period attire.

September 17 Jensen attended DAR Cape Canaveral Chapter "Ringing of the Bells" at the intersection of A1A and SR520 in period attire.

4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter – James Gibson, Commander
No Report Submitted.

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

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

The only event I have is the Micanopy Florida 4th of July parade on 7/4/22. An hour long parade.

Attended by Dave Thomas, Gainesville chapter president and regional vice president, Gene Page iv, long time chapter member, and myself, Sean Tonnelier, color guard commander and first vice president. All in uniform.

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

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

Even in Florida's "sleepy summer", the color guard here has been active. We are also adapting more and more of our events to support and promote the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration. We now have indoor and outdoor versions of the 250th Flag for this effort.

As always, the Nathaniel Green Camp color guard invites any guardsman (and their lady) to participate with us at any event. Contact Commander Steve Fields at 941-228-6123 or by email at sarasotasteve@hotmail.com.

Events:

May:

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Sarasota Memorial Day Parade - - Sarasota, FL (250th) (National Event)

June:

Flag Day - Manasota DAR Regents Council Luncheon – Venice, FL (State Event)

July:

Kiwanis Independence Day Celebration Luncheon – Bradenton, FL (250th) (National Event)

Upcoming Events:

Constitution Week Celebration (September) Manasota DAR Regents Council – Sarasota, FL (State Event)

Rotary Constitution Luncheon (September) – Bradenton, FL

FLSDAR Fall Forum (September) – Orlando, FL (State Event)

NSSAR Fall Leadership (September) – Louisville, KY (250th) (National Event)

FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting (October) – Kissimmee, FL (250th) (State Event)

Sarasota Veterans Day Parade (November) – Sarasota, FL (250th) (National Event)

Wreaths Across America Sarasota National Cemetery (December) – Sarasota, FL (National Event)

Thank you to all our guardsmen (and their Ladies) for their efforts during and since the Covid challenge. (Adams, Fields, Fitzpatrick, Garsnett, Goulet, Goulet Jr., Hunt, Paige, Perkins, Robinson, Smith) Also, welcome to our new guardsmen – Chris Romine and Randy Randolph)

The camp continues its recruiting. We currently have 10 available uniforms in our quartermaster stores.

9. Thomas Paine Camp #9, Miami Chapter – David Mitchel, Commander
No Report Submitted.
10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10, Central Florida Chapter – Inactive
11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Withlacoochee Chapter – Russ Gibson, Commander
The Withlacoochee Chapter participated in “Flags In” at the Florida National Cemetery along with the DAR from the Ft. Cooper Chapter on May 29th.
On Memorial Day, May 30th, the color guard participated in a Memorial Day ceremony in Floral City. The color guard with Commander Russ Gibson leading the way presented a wreath.
On June 4th the chapter color guard members Bob Thomas, Doug Brock, Dave Hitchcock, John Carey and Commander Russ Gibson participated in “Flags Out” at the Florida National Cemetery.
On August 3rd Chapter President Dave Hitchcock and Color Guard Commander Russ Gibson presented the colors at the Citrus County School Department “Welcome Back” program with approximately 1400 teachers attending.
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 participated in the FLSSAR Brigade color guard at the May 13-14, 2022 BOM and NSSAR South Atlantic District meetings in Kissimmee, FL.
The Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13 color guard, led by Commander Donald Cahill, presented the colors to open the Naples Chapter meeting on May 12, 2022 at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida. Color guardsmen Leonard Crame, Michael Garey, James Meerpohl and John McCullough participated.
On May 30, 2022 color guardsmen Leonard Crame and John McCullough participated in the All American Wars color guard (representing the Revolutionary War) at the Memorial Day Celebration at Hodges Memorial Gardens in Naples, Florida. The annual event was organized by the Collier County Veterans Council.
On July 4, 2022 color guardsman Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl, John McCullough and Brian Bennett participated in the annual Naples Independence Day Parade.
On September 17, 2022 color guardsman Leonard Crame will participate in the SWFL regional SAR color guard at the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon sponsored by the Estero Island Chapter NSDAR at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers, FL.
On September 24, 2022 color guardsman Leonard Crame will participate in the FLSSAR Brigade color guard at the DAR Fall Forum at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld hotel.
14. Hillsborough River Camp #14, Tampa Chapter – Dick Young, Commander
Even though the chapter took its summer recess, your chapter Color Guard was busy.
 - May 7 - Matt Balencie and Dick Young Color Guardsmen from Florida, Alabama and Georgia to Present the Colors at the Galvez Day Celebration in Pensacola.
 - May 30 – The Tampa Chapter Color Guard Presented the Colors at the American Legion Post #5 Memorial Day Service. Also in attendance representing the SAR was Compatriot Terry Doan (also representing the American Legion), Compatriot Will Wagner-Hart who presented a wreath on behalf of the Tampa Chapter and prospect (now a new member) Nicholas Jewett and son Henry. The Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. was also present.
 - June 14 (Flag Day) - We were once again at the St Petersburg/Clearwater airport to welcome home West Central Florida Honor Flight Mission #42. Many other patriotic organizations were present.
 - July 4 (Independence Day) - We joined the local military vehicle preservation group and led them in the Safety Harbor 4th of July parade.
 - August 25 - We Presented the Colors at the opening of the baseball game between the Tampa Bay Ray and the Los Angeles Angels at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg.

The following Color Guardsmen participated in at least two of these events: Matthew Balencie, David Bryant, Terry Doan, Rob Moore (Clearwater), Robbie Robinson, Bill Swain, Dick Young.

15. General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp #15, Caloosa Chapter – Mike Buff, Commander
The Caloosa Color Guard took part in two events this summer;
 1. April 30, 2022 Honor Flight at Southwest Florida International Airport. This was a joint Color Guard consisting of several Chapters: 1. Caloosa, Color Guard Commander Mike Buff, Robert McGuire, Jeffery Brunelle. 2. Charlotte Chapter, Jonathan Hunt, 3. Naples Chapter, Len Crame 4. Saramana Chapter, Steve Fields (FLSSAR CG Commander).

2. July 4th, 2022 American Legion Post #110 Port Charlotte, Independence Day, Joint Color Guard
 1. Caloosa Chapter Color Guard Commander Mike Buff, Hamp Allen, 2. Charlotte Chapter Jonathan Hunt.

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. No activities. Three of the five members are too old and the other two have been too busy. There are no younger members who have been interested in participating in the color guard.
Moving to an inactive status.

19. USS Alliance Camp #19, Charlotte Chapter – Jonathan Hunt, Commander
Camp #19 has been active and is working closely with the American Legion Post #110 Color Guard in Port Charlotte. The Unit (Jonathan Hunt and Hampton Allen) participated with their Color Guard on June 14, 2022 (Flag Day) which made the Port Charlotte Sun Newspaper -
https://www.yoursun.com/charlotte/multimedia/flag-day-ceremony-at-american-legion-post-110/article_7915efc2-ec16-11ec-a956-efbdc3d2d89.html

June 28, 2022 – Commander Hunt (in Regimental Attire) attended the History Academy Camp at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, FL . He was the keynote speaker for 27 - 4th – 9th graders in attendance. Topic of instruction was “Spies of the American Revolution”.

We were invited back to the American Legion in Port Charlotte for their Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2022 for a joint Color Guard Posting of the Colors. Thus making this a National event for Camp #19. Color guardsmen in attendance were – Jonathan Hunt , Hampton Allen and Mike Buff.

Sadly, on July 31, 2022 Camp #19 lost Robert Haff who quite possibly was the oldest Color guardsmen in NSSAR, Bob was 98 years old.

20. William Dunaway Chapter Outpost #20, William Dunaway Chapter – Matt Mathews, Commander
The William Dunaway Detachment has been reactivated as of September 2022.
We currently have 3 members, Earl Mathews as commander, Dale Macumber, Thomas Rankin

- 17 September , Constitution Day celebration with the local DAR/SAR/CAR providing a color guard and the carrying of the colors

The chapter is excited to be able to participate and to providing a small detachment to carry the colors at local and national events.

Liaisons

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

W. Richard “Dick” Young, Chairman

James Hamilton (an SAR compatriot) is the current State president of the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution. His Program theme for the 2022-2023 C.A.R. Year is “Helping Kids C.O.P.E.”. This year’s goal is to raise \$5,000 to fund research and support for children with cancer being treated at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Haley’s Center for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders. Pins and challenge coins will be made available at a donation to help make that goal! A second goal is C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S (Come And Recognize Everyone Serving) which encourages local societies to recognize those serving in their own community (community servants, police officers, firefighters, school administrators, teachers, DAR/SAR leaders, etc.). A third goal is to welcome home Vietnam veterans. Dog tags have been made that say “Welcome Home” for anyone to get for a donation that can be presented to any Vietnam veteran. Donations from these will go directly to Vietnam veterans via the Florida Veterans Foundation.

Each FLSSAR Chapter is encouraged to make contact with the closest local Florida C.A.R. Society.

- Invite them to your meetings, especially when your chapter is recognizing local law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS and Vietnam veterans.
- Ask them to join your chapter’s Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America and other events

- Support them by making donations and buying pins, challenge coins, and the Welcome Home dog tags for your own members.
- Make a donation now. Hand me a check payable to the FSCAR and I will make sure it gets to them.

On July 29-30, committee member David Thomas represented the SAR at the Annual FSC.A.R. Packet Meeting in Gainesville. Compatriot Thomas explained the purpose of the C.A.R./SAR/SR Relations Committee and Contest and also handed out information on the SAR Youth contests.

On September 8, committee member and FLSSAR President Matt Mathews participated in a national C.A.R. Zoom meeting on conducting local society meetings.

On September 10, committee chair Young attended the Tunnel to Towers' 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit in New Port Richey with representatives of the Fort Brooke Society.

DAR Liaison

Robert W. McGuire, Chairman

The FSDAR State Regent, Debby Duay, has appointed a new chair of their SAR-SR Liaison Committee. She is Lisette Young, WOSAR of our State Treasurer – Dick Young. She and Dick share an email account: dyoung22@aol.com .

One of the major patriotic events held each year by the DAR in Florida is the Constitution Week Luncheon generally held on a Saturday near September 17th – Constitution Day. These are organized across the state, generally on a regional basis, with their Regents Councils rotating the hosting of the event among their chapters. For a very long time, the FLSSAR has supported these events with the participation of color guard units posting colors and the attendance of other compatriots as well. These are great opportunities for SAR chapters to build and maintain positive relationships with DAR groups in their areas.

The Florida Society DAR moved their meeting location a couple of years ago for Fall Forum (held in September) and their Spring Conference (held in March) to the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. Basically their attendance had outgrown the capacity of the Florida Hotel which was the previous venue. We will be attending the Fall Forum there on September 22 to 25, 2022 and have a good number of volunteers, including most of the members of the DAR Liaison Committee, signed up to staff the information table on Friday and Saturday. In addition, our sons of Liberty Brigade will post colors at the evening banquet on Saturday.

The FSSDAR Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 2 to 3, 2023 in Orlando and so compatriots to make a note on their calendars that there will be another request for volunteers to staff the information table at that time. I would remind everyone that we in FSSAR will be seeking support from FSSDAR as we approach the time of our 134 th Congress in mid-July and we need to curry as much favor as possible with the Daughters.

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Committee

Earl F. "Matt" Mathews, Chairman

Nothing to report.

Historic Sites

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Robert W. McGuire, Chairman

The Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee did not submit a report in the Fall 2021 or the Spring 2022 BOM Proceedings Report. The committee has been reconstituted during the current administration and is engaged in supporting the several battlefield celebrations already having national recognition, expanding recognition of historic sites in Florida, and promoting activities to support the America 250! Celebration. We are seeking the approval of the BOM to expand the Mission Statement of the committee in include coordination and publicity of various 250th celebration events in Florida. We are also encouraging chapters across the state to consider holding Liberty Tree Dedication events as another way to draw attention to our Revolutionary War history and patriots.

There are important and exciting events that will be taking place in Florida between now and the July 2023 Congress that compatriots everywhere can support. Most especially in the new year these will include celebrations of Washington's Birthday on February 22nd , the last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island on March 18th , the Battle of Thomas Creek on March 25th , and the Battle of Pensacola on May 10th / 11th . In honor of Washington's Birthday this past year, the Flagler Chapter held its 8 th annual Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike, and the 9th annual hike will be scheduled for early in 2023 – after the cold weather tames the bugs and other

bitey critters. You are invited, what a great way to personally experience the challenges faced by the patriots in northern Florida during the Revolution! The Highlands Chapter that, in 2019, dedicated a huge and ancient Live Oak as a Liberty Tree will be celebrating Patriot's Day at the Pearce Lockett estate with color guard ceremonies and colonial festivities.

Battle of Pensacola – May 10/11, 2023 (date not final)

Chris Washler, Chairman Battle of Pensacola Celebration cwashler@gmail.com
President, Pensacola Chapter SAR

Last Naval Battle – March 18, 2023

James Ward, LNB Committee Chairman jw1638@gmail.com
President Brevard Chapter SAR

Thomas Creek – March 25, 2023

The 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Ceremony

David Ramseur, Chairman Battle of Thomas Creek Celebration davidramseur12@gmail.com
FLSSAR President 2011-2012

8th Annual Flagler Chapter Thomas Creek Hike

In honor of General George Washington's 290th birthday on February, 22nd, 2022, the Flagler Chapter completed the 8th Annual five mile Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike.

The purported Thomas Creek Battlefield is located within the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve, north of Jacksonville, south of the Georgia state line, and near Nassau Sound and the Atlantic Ocean.

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

Along the trail, the intrepid Flagler Compatriot hikers (David Kelsey, John Feind, President Charles Hayes, and Randall Morris) paused at a probable Patriot encampment area on several acres of high ground surrounded by swamp, dense brush, and giant Swamp Chestnut Oaks. The giant oak was dedicated to LTC John Baker, Commander of the Patriot forces. Compatriot John Feind, a recent new member, became the 10th Flagler Chapter Compatriot to complete this hike and was loaned the coveted "Hail Columbia" SAR medal for the courage and good works he has displayed and accomplished as a Flagler Chapter member. The medal and ribbon must be passed on to a non-member lineal descendant.

Compatriot David Kelsey, Flagler Chapter pcoast@mindspring.com

Patriot's Day Celebration – April 15, 16 2023

An event being organized by the Highlands Chapter as part of the Highlands County Heritage Festival – to be held at the Pearce Lockett Estate at Fort Bassinger.

James Dean, President Highlands Chapter jaguru@bellsouth.net

America 250th Celebration

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

New Business

The Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee proposes to modify its Mission Statement by adding functions to coordinate the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution within the FLSSAR, between the FLSSAR and the NSSAR, and with other patriotic and educational organizations on Florida. A proposed revised Mission Statement showing additions in italics is attached.

MOTION - The Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee moved to modify their mission statement by adding functions to coordinate the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution per their committee Appendix C attachment on page 56 of the preliminary BOM Proceedings book. **NO SECOND NEEDED. PASSED**

Battle of Pensacola Committee

Christopher E. Washler, Chairman

Plans for the 2023 Battle of Pensacola event are underway. This year's event will be a two-day event held May 7-8, 2023, in Pensacola. The events for May 7th are still being planned, but we are working on a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony in St. Michaels Cemetery in Pensacola, a Wreath Laying either at Fort George or at the Minuteman Statue in Veteran's Park, and an evening banquet to commemorate the Battle of Pensacola. Then on May 8th, the SAR has been asked to have the Color Guard open the Galvez Day Celebration that will be sponsored by the Pensacola Heritage Foundation. The Color Guard will muster at 09:30 at Fort George, and march down Palafox Street to one of the United States' largest monuments to General Bernardo de Galvez. Blocks of hotel rooms are being reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown, Sole Inn and Suites, and Hampton Inn Pensacola Airport. Full details can be found on the Pensacola Chapter website (<http://pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration>). Additionally, a flyer has been attached to this report (Appendix B).

Battle of Thomas Creek Committee

David H. Ramseur, Chairman

On Saturday 25 March 2023 our Florida Society along with other states SAR, DAR and C.A.R societies will commemorate the 246th Anniversary of the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolution, Thomas Creek. This Ceremony will be our eighth anniversary and is recognized as a SAR National Color Guard event with over 100 in attendance.

Please see and submit the enclosed flyer (Appendix A) and join us as we commemorate this battle and prepare to celebrate the coming 250th Anniversary of our great country that our ancestors fought and died for so that we may live in the land of the free and brave.

Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee

James G. Ward, Chairman

There will be two 2023 LNB observances: an annual one Saturday March 18, 2023, and one Wednesday July 19, 2023 as an NSSAR Congress tour.

President Joel Etherton chairs a Brevard Chapter LNB Committee for the March 18, 2023 LNB observance, a National SAR event which the Florida Society hosts. The FLSSAR LNB Committee supports Compatriot Etherton's team, especially by publicizing the event, inviting Compatriots and others to attend, and facilitating Color Guard participation. Joel held his first planning meeting September 17, 2022, which focused on invitations among other topics.

Chairman Ward is the NSSAR Congress '23 LNB tour lead. As such he participated in every other week Congress '23 Planning Committee meetings. Attachment #1 is the current plan.

Youth Programs

Americanism Youth Contests Committee

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

This is the poster contest for the elementary students and the brochure contest for middle school. We have 34 chapters yet over the past few years we have only had 1-3 entries for each of these. That is sad! Both of these are judged at the May BOM and the winner then goes to Congress for final judging. 3 years ago we had a third place national winner. Her town, Groveland Florida, proclaimed a day in her honor. These contests encourage students to learn more about our countries founding and hopefully might inspire some to become SAR members. These do not have to be "classroom" projects. They can be individual student efforts. And what I have found is that art teachers at both levels like this because it gives them a subject.

The cost to participate is minimal! The Endowment Trust Fund will reimburse your chapter 75% of the scholarships you award and meals for having winners attend your meetings to receive their award. A great way to reach out to your community!

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 th 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>

As always, it is my pleasure serving the SAR. I appreciate the trust placed in me by our state President Earl F. Mathews and all other former committee chairman.

History Fairs

Roger C. Smith, Chairman

No report submitted.

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Committee

Hampton E. Allen, Jr., Chairman

The 2023 Knight Essay Contest is underway. The deadline date for the Chapter winners to the FLSSAR State Chairman is 31 December 2022. This will allow the judges to finalize their evaluations of the essay and submit our State winner to the national committee by their deadline of 15 Feb, 2023. FLSSAR prizes are \$1,000/\$500/\$250. The NSSAR prizes for 2023 are 1st - \$6,000; 2nd - \$3,000; 3rd - \$2,000; 4th - \$500; and 5th - \$500. The 1st place winner will also receive a travel stipend of \$1,500 for expenses incurred attending Congress.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest Committee

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

We expect to hold our state competition at the May BOM but I have not confirmed the national deadline for submitting state winners. Last year we had only 1 week to get ours in. I expect the format to remain the same – states submit a video of their winner, national chooses the best 6 who then compete live at Congress. Two years ago our winner, Kelsey Lopp from the Ocala chapter was the national winner – what an honor! I will notify chapters when we get our dates nailed down.

ROTC / JROTC Committee

Pat J. Niemann, Chairman

Please encourage the Senior Military Instructors of the JROTC units in your chapter areas to submit a cadet for the SAR Enhanced JROTC Program. The nomination form can be obtained at the NSSAR website by going to the Education tab and then to the ROTC/JROTC & amp; Other Cadet Recognition tab. The qualification information and rules are on the nomination form.

The cadet packet (nomination forms and letters of recommendation) needs to be submitted to Chairman Pat Niemann not later than March 31, 2023.

Community Outreach

Habitat for Humanity Committee

Ronald L. Grove, Chairman

On one hand I am glad we have at least 3 chapters participating in the flags for Habitat homes. On the other hand it's sad that we have so few participating. Those 3 have presented 11 flags this year and have a few that will be presented soon. The 3 are:

Clearwater – 4 with one coming

Jacksonville – 3

Lake-Sumter – 4 with one coming

This is a very easy program for a chapter. Basically, call up your local Habitat office and let them know you would like to donate flags to the new homes they dedicate. My chapter, Lake-Sumter, has been participating for 3 years. Dedications here are usually on a weekday morning and include folks who help build the house and dignitaries. Ours usually last about 45 minutes. We present a \$20 flag kit from Lowes and a letter with information about our chapter. This is a good community outreach.

And keep in mind that the Endowment Trust Fund will reimburse your chapter for 75% of the cost of the flag.

Patriotic Activities Committee

Chairman – none

Public Service and Heroism Committee

James Y. Gaskins, Chairman

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

The **State-level PS&H Committee** exists to publicize the committee's function to the states' local chapters and to encourage their participation. Awards presented are reported to the National-level PS&H Committee and the State-level society by filling out an on-line form. All Commendations should be reported prior to June 1, to ensure inclusion in the PS&H Committee Commendation booklet for distribution at the July NSSAR Congress. The fillable on-line [Public Service & Heroism Report Form](#) PDF forms may be found on line. Some browsers use a default application to read PDF files and you may need to specify that the file be "opened" with the Adobe Reader application.

Note: Be certain to use the most current version of Adobe Reader for this form, as some web browsers have proprietary PDF readers that do not work with this form. [Save the blank PDF fillable form to a file on your computer](#). Do not fill out the blank form on the above links. After saving the blank reporting form to your computer, fill out the form completely. Use the second button-bar at the top, right-side of the form labelled "Click to Save and Email," to save the completed form to your computer and simultaneously send the completed form to the PS&H Committee. I One should also send the completed reporting form to their State PS&H chairman

This program is an excellent way to recognize deserving individuals in our community and the public sector. We do suggest that those individuals, in the public sector of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services, who are being considered for a Heroism Commendation, be previously recognized by their division head for their heroism. The presentation of NSSAR commendations is an excellent means by which our Society can receive recognition and broaden our exposure and recruitment of potential new members. This program is also an excellent vehicle for publicity. Questions about the National SAR Public Service and Heroism Committee may be directed to a state's representative or the current chairman of the Public Service and Heroism Committee.

The Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The recipients are usually recommended by their superiors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. No Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

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

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

A Heroism Commendation and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger – i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians, not in uniform, but does not exclude police, firemen, EMS and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered in the performance of one's normal duty, nor by medals for valor by the armed forces. Animals are not eligible for recognition. The medal may also be presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and the wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

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

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

Publicity Committee

Jeff L. Sizemore, Chairman

The stated deadline each year for the Marlin Publicity Contest is December 15, 2022. Please send in the form digitally and if paper proofs are needed, it will be requested thereafter. The details and form of the Marlin Publicity contest can be found on the FLSSAR website.

Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Committee

Kevin A. Yarnell , Chairman

The Florida and National Societies invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the elementary, middle school or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. The program is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The contest must be entered through an SAR chapter near the student's residence. This means we need as many chapters as possible to participate. It is not hard to do so.

The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution. Teacher candidates interested in entering the local SAR Chapter contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay of not less than 1000 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution era. The essay may also describe any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher to teach the American Revolution. The contest is aimed at identifying a teacher who is still actively teaching, has taught for at least three years, and who is in the early or middle stages of his or her career, therefore having at least 15 years of productive classroom teaching remaining.

New this year, the program will now feature a contest at each of the three educational levels so there will be a winner for the elementary school level, the middle school level and the high school level. An SAR Chapter may submit a contestant to the state from each school level. The national winner from each school level will receive potential benefits worth up to \$5,000.00 per winner.

By far the preferred method is to actively promote the program to local schools and to offer some sort of local recognition for the winners. This is not as hard as it sounds requiring, primarily, a commitment of time.

Alternatively, you can be the conduit by which a teacher who independently finds out about the program can enter. In this case, you'd accept the entry, verify that it meets the requirements and, if it is the only one you receive, send it on to the state society contest. (If you get more than one this way, you'll need to judge which is best.) We encourage some sort of recognition at a chapter meeting for any teacher that enters.

The rules and other pertinent information can be found on the National Society website under the education tab. The specific link is <https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/>

The deadline for submitting an entry is Friday, Jan. 6, 2023.
Thank you in advance for your work with this program.

Veterans Affairs Committee

Rene Jewett, Chairman

1. Steve Fields relinquished the Veteran Affairs Chairman position to Rene Jewett, May 2022 after the FLSSAR Spring BOM. Additional members of the committee include Philip Markoe, and Brad Marble. At this time the Veteran Affairs Committee (VAC) has not received any Chapter input for the USS Stark Award.
2. All chapters, please be aware that there are new forms for tracking and reporting USS Stark information available on the national website. The tracker is a great aid in maintaining a working list of service to veteran activities and participants throughout the year. It will make reporting at the end of the year a MUCH easier prospect. Florida is one of the SAR's largest member states and has a huge proportion of veteran residents and members. Even if we do not report everything, each chapter is responsible for reporting activities supporting veterans every year through the USS Stark Reporting Form. Take a few moments now to start collecting your chapter's efforts. The committee looks forward to recognizing every chapter that supports veterans – whether in the SAR or our communities at-large.
Also, chapters should survey their new members to ascertain if they are veterans. If so, it is strongly recommended that the chapter gather the information necessary for recognition of their military service. Submitting this information to the state and national societies will allow the awarding of a Certificate of Patriotism (provided at no cost to the chapter by the NSSAR). Veteran's Day is rapidly approaching and recognizing those who served is fully in line with the goals and ideals of the Sons of the American Revolution.
3. If you would like to share your chapter or regions upcoming events, please send the information to VAC Chairman Rene Jewett at jewettrene@yahoo.com.
4. The NSSAR Patriotic Outreach Committee fosters cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations such as the American Legion and the U.S.O., as well as patriotic programs such as Wreaths Across America, Blue Star Salute, etc.

Effective 1 Jun 2022, chapters and state societies should report all activity in Patriotic Outreach on The USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet

5. Partners in Patriotism
The Partners in Patriotism certificate is awarded by the Patriotic Outreach Committee to any SAR chapter or state-level society that participates in an organized program or event with another veterans' organization. In order to receive this recognition, the chapter or state-level society must submit online. Upon approval, the certificate will be handed out to a member of the state-level society at the next annual SAR Congress. The Daughters of the American Revolution is not considered a veterans' organization.
6. American Legion Boys State
The Patriotic Outreach Committee no longer reports involvement with Boys State effective 1 Jun 2022.
7. Wreaths Across America
The Patriotic Outreach Committee encourages all SAR chapters and state-level societies to participate in the Wreaths Across America program by purchasing wreaths and laying them on the graves of veterans. Chapters and state-level societies that participate in Wreaths Across America will be recognized by the Patriotic Outreach Committee with a certificate.

The list of approved veteran organizations for Partners in Patriotism Program:

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
American Ex-Prisoners of War
American G.I. Forum
American Legion
American Veterans (AMVETS)
American Veterans Committee (1943-2008)
American Veterans Committee
American Veterans for Equal Rights
Army and Navy Union of the United States of America
Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

Blinded Veterans Association
 Catholic War Veterans
 Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
 Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
 Fleet Reserve Association
 Fashion for Fighters Foundation
 Forty and Eight Veterans Organization
 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
 Iraq War Veterans Organization
 Jewish War Veterans of the USA
 Marine Corps Association
 Military Officers Association of America
 Military Order of the Carabao
 Military Order of the Cootie
 Military Order of Foreign Wars
 Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
 Military Order of the Purple Heart
 Military Order of the World Wars
 Navy League of the United States
 National Association for Black Veterans
 National Guard Association of the United States
 Navy Musicians Association
 Navy Mutual Aid Association
 Paralyzed Veterans of America
 Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
 Polish Legion of American Veterans
 Retired Enlisted Association
 Society of American Military Engineers
 State Guard Association of the United States
 Student Veterans of America
 Things We Read
 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.
 United States Submarine Veterans of World War II
 USO
 Veterans Administration
 Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy
 Veterans for Common Sense (VCS)
 Veterans for Peace
 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
 Vietnamese American Armed Forces Association
 Vietnam Veterans of America
 Wounded Warrior Project

Veteran's Recognition Committee

Donald K Lanman, Chairman

1. FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership increased by 9 to 685 members:
 - a. NE=90
 - b. NW=56
 - c. NC=94
 - d. EC=79
 - e. WC=134
 - f. SE=73
 - g. SW=159
 - h. 33% of FLSSAR membership are enrolled in the Veterans Battalion.
2. Committee Activity:
 - a. No longer 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 to ID new 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

It is very disappointing to report that for this program year – Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 – we have received only 17 requests from 8 chapters for \$4,667. The fund trustees gave us \$26,435 this year. Why leave it unspent? I feel this is really valuable to small chapters that aren't likely to have a lots of funds for these outreach programs. The ETF basically pays 100% of the cost of medals and 75% of the cost of scholarships and awardee meals. What better deal could you get? Each chapter can submit 5 requests for up to \$1,750 for the year. The ETF program year ends Oct. 31 with Nov. 15 the deadline to submit your requests. I surely hope there has been unreported activity and you will keep us busy this fall.

Below are the changes we are making for the coming year. Some primary things are raising the submission limit from \$350 to \$500 (totalling \$2,500 for the year) and greatly increasing scholarship limits.

Endowment Trust Fund Awards Proposal for 2023

B5 application limit raised from \$350 to \$500 (concern is the space on the form for a submission)

C1 addition for the state winners of the Enhanced JROTC, Eagle Scout and Essay contests, as well as entrants in the Rumbaugh competition, chapters will be reimbursed 75% of the expense for travel (\$.50/mile) to Orlando and a hotel room.

C2 youth scholarship money from \$50/25/15 to \$500/250/150. History teacher from \$100 to \$500

C3 meals raised from \$40 per award to \$100 – limited to 3 meals, recipient and parents

C4 meals raised from \$40 per award to \$100 – limited to 3 meals, recipient, significant other and superior officer

C5 meals raised from \$20 per award to \$100 – limited to 2 meals, recipient and significant other

C6 Habitat for Humanity flags raised from \$300/yr to \$500/yr

C8 addition and veterans museums

C12 History Fair support raised from \$100 to \$200. Genealogical workshops raised from \$200 to \$400

C13 Engraving of medals raised from \$10 to \$20 per medal

C15 Liberty Tree support raised from \$150 to \$500 per year

C16 Resident veteran reimbursement raised from \$100 to \$500

C17 Boy scout council support raised from \$100 to \$500

C18 JROTC unit support raised from \$100 for all units to \$100 per unit

C19 promotional documents raised from \$50 to \$100

These will be added to the submission form after Dec. 1. New submissions may start Jan. 1.

MOTION – The Endowment Trust Fund Committee moved to endorse ETF awards proposed changes for 2023 on page 52 of the preliminary BOM Proceedings book. NO SECOND REQUIRED. PASSED

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 REPORT 31 August 2022

Attendees:

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

AGENDA:

Account Balances,	<u>01 January 2022</u>	<u>31 August 2022</u>	PERFORMANCE
3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund	\$660,878.24	\$563,880.81	- 14.48%
3341 Florida SAR Operating Budget Fund	\$128,325.99	\$106,329.98	- 13.96%

Actions:

- OBT: Transferred 5% = \$4,792.47 Budgeted Distributions through 8-31-2022, 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 2022 Disbursements from the Florida SAR ETF Fund account through 31 August 2022 totaled \$1,554.50.
- 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.

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.

(See Financial Reports in Appendix E)

Dick Young will not seek reelection when his FLSSAR ETF and Operating Budget Trustee 3-year term expires December 31, 2022. Tom Thompson volunteered to replace Dick Young when his term expires. President Earl Mathews asked for vote and Tom Thompson was elected.

New Business

Secretary Scott Breckenridge reported Charlotte Chapter President Jonathan Hunt's home was destroyed by Hurricane Ian and the Charlotte Chapter secretary and treasurer have resigned. The small Charlotte Chapter is in no position to collect dues at this time as communications with members is very difficult. The Charlotte Chapter may fold without help from the FLSSAR.

MOTION - Steve Fields moved to have the FLSSAR not require the Charlotte Chapter pay State dues for the upcoming year 2023.
SECOND David Hitchcock. **PASSED**

MOTION - Steve Fields moved that the Florida Society pay the 2023 National dues of all currently active primary members of the Charlotte Chapter. **SECOND** Dale Bottom **PASSED**

MOTION - Scott Breckenridge moved that the Veterans Recognition Committee be discontinued with its responsibilities transferred to the existing Veterans Affairs Committee. **SECOND** James Ward. **PASSED**

MOTION - Steve Fields moved that the Board of Managers grant authority to the Executive Committee of the FLSSAR to pay the 2023 National dues of any active primary member of the FLSSAR if the EXCOM determines there is financial need due to Hurricane Ian. **SECOND** Ron Grove. **PASSED**

Appendix A –Battle of Thomas Creek

246th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday 10:00 AM, March 25, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 246th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 24th at one of the Airport Hotels, as we have done in the past. (waiting on confirmation from two hotels for the best rates). Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and our Patriotic Choral Group “Let Freedom Sing” plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General from NC, George Strunk (SMSgt USAF Ret.) We are again honored to have our FLSSAR President Matt Mathews bringing greeting and Florida DAR Vice Regent Cindy Addison bringing greeting from FL State Regent Debbie Duay. To assure your organization’s recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2023 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name (s): _____

Title (s) (if applicable) _____

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members from your group: _____ : In Uniform /Militia or
Colonial Attire _____



The Pensacola Chapter
Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution



Invites your group to the

**2023 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and
Galvez Day Celebration**

This two-day event will take place on
Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8, 2023

Planned events for May 7 include:

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

Wreath Laying

Evening Banquet to commemorate the Battle of Pensacola

On May 8, the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will once again present the opening procession for the Galvez Day Celebration sponsored by the Pensacola Heritage Foundation.

The Color Guard will muster at 09:30 AM at Fort George and march down Palafox Street to one of the largest monuments in the United States to General Bernardo de Galvez as the opening ceremony of Pensacola's Galvez Day celebration.

All Color Guard Units will receive a **BATTLE OF PENSACOLA FLAG STREAMER**.

Times and all events are still being finalized. Additional information (including information on blocks of hotel rooms) can be found at

www.pensacolasar.org/index.php/events/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration

Please visit the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration page to register your participation in the events. Color guard unit position will be based on the order in which reservations are received. **For questions email:** battle@pensacolasar.org

Appendix C – HS&C New Mission Statement

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Proposed New Mission Statement

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Status: Standing

Purpose: To preserve, mark, and interpret historic sites and buildings and to monitor special historic celebration events and encourage FLSSAR participation.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6. b.

Members: A Chairman, usually the State Historian and such other Members as may be necessary, to be appointed by the President, Florida Society and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Functions:

To discover and define Revolutionary War sites in Florida that may be of sufficient significance that can be considered for status of Commemorative Site.

To develop the history and background of such sites as may be proposed especially its importance to the Revolutionary War, local significance, extent of the “battle”, numbers of combatants, personalities involved and general interest of the site.

To document the site, reference to authorities, bibliography and other evidence.

To prepare the documentation to be presented to the determining body at the National Level.

To support the activities of the three established battlefield commemoration committees (Battle of Pensacola, Battle of Thomas Creek, and Last Naval Battle) and to provide a state-wide forum for encouraging participation in celebration events and for sharing best practices for these events.

To support existing historic celebration events such as Liberty Tree dedications and Constitution Week celebrations and to assist Chapters desiring to develop additional events that may have local or national significance. Examples of the latter include marking of Patriot graves or celebrations of lives of Revolutionary War patriots whose exploits had significant Florida connections.

To coordinate celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution within the FLSSAR, between the FLSSAR and the NSSAR, and with other patriotic and educational organizations in Florida. The committee will invite participation by representatives of other cognizant FLSSAR committees and maintain communications with those committees to promote coordination and publicity of 250th celebration events. Through the Senior Vice president and Regional Vice Presidents, the committee will support and engage Chapters in conducting events and providing recognition to members whose efforts contribute to the public knowledge of the founding of America during the period from the Stamp Act to the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War.

Action by the Board of Management

Approved: July 31, 1993

Amended: October 27, 2006, May 19, 2018

Appendix D – Finance Committee Reports

Florida Society Budget Comparison

For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

As of September 15, 2022

And Proposed Budget for 2023

	2022				2023 Proposed Budget
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget	
	Meeks	Congress			
Cash Receipts					
Annual Dues			105,000	5,297	100,000
Prepaid Dues from December		67,845			
2022 Dues Collections		31,858			
Patriot Magazine Subscription		-		-	
Prepaid in December		-	-	-	
2022 Collections		48		(48)	
OBTF distribution		4,743	3,000	(1,743)	5,000
Registrar Receipts		9,970	12,000	2,030	12,000
Secretary Receipts		1,320	1,000	(320)	1,500
Other Income		-		-	
BOM Receipts		-		-	
Registration		12,543	12,000	(543)	15,000
50/50		-		-	
Hospitality Room		-		-	
Donations		-		-	
ETF		-		-	
Meeks Fund	100	-		-	
Other		-		-	
National Awards		-		-	
LNB Medal Sales		525		(525)	
Patriot Mag Ad Income		-		-	
2023 Congress Income		-		-	
Medal Sales		2,155		-	
Musket Raffle		3,095		-	
Sculpture Raffle		2,325		-	
250th Pins Sales		90		-	
LNB Medal Sales		425		-	
Cash Donations		3,284		-	
PayPal Fees		(33)		-	
Reallocate ETF Donation		2,000		-	
Reallocate Meeks Fund Donation		2,000		-	
Reallocate Secretary 2021 budget		1,000		-	
Carry Over From Prior Year			4,700	4,700	-
Total	100	16,341	133,552	137,700	133,500

Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022
As of September 15, 2022
And Proposed Budget for 2023

	2022				2023 Proposed Budget
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget	
	Meeks	Congress			
Cash Disbursements					
NSSAR Dues		61,525	66,150	4,625	62,000
Dues Refunds		-	-	-	
Reinstatement Dues		1,160	1,500	340	1,200
Registrar Stipend		3,600	4,800	1,200	4,800
Secretary Stipend		3,600	4,800	1,200	4,800
Exec Admin Stipend		-	4,800	4,800	4,800
Presidents Expenses - 2023					5,000
Presidents Expenses - 2022		3,891	5,000	1,109	-
Presidents Expenses - 2021		3,000	3,000	-	-
Sr VP Expenses		833	2,500	1,667	2,500
Secretary Expenses		-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Treasurer Expenses		-	100	100	100
Registrar Expenses		479	600	121	600
BOM Expenses		-		-	
Hotel (Meals)		12,950	10,700	(2,250)	13,700
Rooms		560		(560)	-
BOM Refunds		-		-	-
Hospitality Room		-	500	500	500
Printing, A/V & Other		888	500	(388)	500
PG Room		-	300	300	300
Hotel Deposits		(500)		500	-
Americanism/Chapter Challenge		-	100	100	100
C.A.R. Committee		33	100	67	100
Educational Outreach Committee		-	500	500	500
Florida Veterans Foundation			1,000	1,000	1,000
Good Citizenship Comm		-	200	200	200
Historical Sites Committee		-	250	250	200
History Fair Comm		-	500	500	500
Internet/Computer Expense		449	600	151	500
Medals & Awards Comm		2,019	1,200	(819)	1,500
New Chapter Dev Comm		-	600	600	600
Newsletters & Period Comm		495	500	5	500
Other Committee Cost		-	100	100	200
Patriot Medal Comm		375	500	125	500
Patriotic Education		-	-	-	-
Publicity Comm		500	500	-	500
Technology Comm		-	100	100	-
Veterans Battalion		70	100	30	100
Website Taskforce		-	1,000	1,000	1,000
American His Teacher Comm		1,200	750	(450)	1,200

Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ending December 31, 2022
As of September 15, 2022
And Proposed Budget for 2023

	2022				2023 Proposed Budget	
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget		
	Meeks	Congress				
Americanism Brochure Contest			266	350	84	350
Americanism Poster Contest			324	350	26	350
Eagle Scout Contest			1,766	2,000	234	2,000
JROTC Contest			2,000	2,200	200	2,000
Knight Essay Contest			1,861	2,000	139	2,000
Rumbaugh Oration Contest			1,000	4,500	3,500	3,000
FSCAR Donation			1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Highland Games Donation (DAR)			-	100	100	100
NSSAR Library			300	300	-	300
SAR Museum & Learning Center			1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Battle of Pensacola			-	300	300	500
Battle of Thomas Creek			456	500	44	500
Last Naval Battle			500	500	-	500
Bank Charges/Fees			31	100	69	100
D&O/Liability Insurance			-	2,500	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous Costs			237	250	13	300
Other Postage/Delivery			39	-	(39)	-
Patriot Mag Cost			2,223	4,000	1,777	4,500
Storage Fees			2,182	1,950	(232)	3,000
2023 Congress Expenses			-	-	-	
Musket Raffle		1,120		-	-	
Medals		73		-	-	
Other		100		-	-	
2023 Congress Fund Transfers			-	-	-	
Reallocate from ETF Donation			2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Reallocate from Meeks Fund			2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Reallocate from Sec 2021 Budget			1,000	1,000		-
Carry Over to Future Years			-			
Total		1,293	117,313	143,750	26,437	139,000
Net Cash Surplus	100	15,048	16,239	(6,050)	(22,289)	(5,500)

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
Cash Balances By Fund
At December 31, 2019, 2020, 2021 & September 15, 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	61,007	100	11,341	72,448
Disbursements	112,313	-	1,293	113,607
Fund Transfer	(5,000)	-	5,000	-
Sep 15, 2022	121,438	37,098	59,135	217,671

Checking	153,322
MMA	64,402
Total	217,724
Difference	(53)

Appendix E – Trust Fund Reports

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

Income:	Cumulative March	April	May	June	Cumulative June	July	August	Cumulative 2022	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 128,325.99	\$ 120,276.92	\$ 113,588.98	\$ 114,239.78	\$ 128,325.99	\$ 104,668.17	\$ 109,542.76	\$ 128,325.99	
Income Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ 422.69	\$ 64.43	\$ 64.31	\$ 110.89	\$ 1,063.32	\$ 116.06	\$ 87.26	\$ 1,286.94	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Comptrol Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Income:	\$ 422.69	\$ 65.43	\$ 64.31	\$ 510.89	\$ 1,063.32	\$ 116.06	\$ 87.56	\$ 1,266.94	1.03%
Disbursements:									
Asset Management Fees	\$ 418.08	\$ 139.33	\$ 127.92	\$ 128.24	\$ 808.67	\$ 117.79	\$ 123.24	\$ 1,048.66	
Distributions	\$ 1,951.85	\$ 135.33	\$ 127.92	\$ 3,336.54	\$ 5,551.64	\$ 117.75	\$ 123.24	\$ 5,792.63	
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,951.85	\$ 135.33	\$ 127.92	\$ 3,336.54	\$ 5,551.64	\$ 117.75	\$ 123.24	\$ 5,792.63	-0.85%
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 126,796.83	\$ 120,207.02	\$ 113,625.37	\$ 111,414.13	\$ 123,837.67	\$ 104,666.48	\$ 109,507.08	\$ 123,800.30	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ (6,519.91)	\$ (6,518.04)	\$ 614.41	\$ (6,745.96)	\$ (19,169.50)	\$ 4,876.28	\$ (3,177.10)	\$ (17,470.32)	-14.14%
Net Assets, End of Period	\$ 120,276.92	\$ 113,688.98	\$ 114,239.78	\$ 104,668.17	\$ 104,668.17	\$ 109,542.76	\$ 106,329.98	\$ 106,329.98	-13.96%

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

Income:	Cumulative March	April	May	June	Cumulative June	July	August	Cumulative 2022	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 660,878.24	\$ 622,035.10	\$ 586,114.32	\$ 587,244.80	\$ 660,878.24	\$ 555,432.06	\$ 581,787.77	\$ 660,878.24	
Income Receipts	\$ 1,928.83	\$ 483.68	\$ 203.17	\$ 1,794.95	\$ 4,602.73	\$ 727.01	\$ 802.93	\$ 3,962.67	
Capital Gains Distributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148.00	
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers - Savings and Investments; Comptrol Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Income:	\$ 1,858.83	\$ 485.68	\$ 503.27	\$ 1,899.95	\$ 4,747.73	\$ 757.01	\$ 602.93	\$ 6,107.67	0.93%
Disbursements:									
Asset Management Fees	\$ 2,152.23	\$ 699.87	\$ 639.43	\$ 680.78	\$ 4,171.28	\$ 824.88	\$ 824.93	\$ 3,451.69	
Distributions	\$ -	\$ 823.80	\$ -	\$ 138.00	\$ 959.00	\$ -	\$ 997.50	\$ 1,954.50	
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,152.23	\$ 1,522.87	\$ 659.45	\$ 796.73	\$ 5,131.28	\$ 624.88	\$ 1,250.03	\$ 7,006.19	-0.83%
Transactions Balance, End of Month	\$ 660,584.84	\$ 620,997.91	\$ 585,958.14	\$ 588,348.02	\$ 660,494.69	\$ 555,564.19	\$ 581,140.67	\$ 659,979.72	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ (38,549.74)	\$ (34,883.59)	\$ 1,286.66	\$ (32,915.96)	\$ (105,062.63)	\$ 26,223.58	\$ (17,259.86)	\$ (96,098.91)	-14.58%
Net Assets, End of Period	\$ 622,035.10	\$ 586,114.32	\$ 587,244.80	\$ 555,432.06	\$ 555,432.06	\$ 581,787.77	\$ 563,880.81	\$ 563,880.81	-14.48%

Appendix F – LNB Tour for 2023 Congress

Congress Wednesday 19 July 2023 Last Naval Battle-Veterans Memorial Center Tour (as of 9/19/22)

- I. Overview: National Society of the Sons of the Revolution (NSSAR) members are in Congress at Rosen Plaza Hotel (RPH), Orlando Thursday July 13, 2023 (with a handful meeting 7/12/23), departing Thursday July 20, 2023. The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) is the host of this NSSAR event. Attendees may choose to participate in either or both tours offered: a Saturday (no morning meetings, therefore a “long”) tour to Kennedy Space Center, and/or a Wednesday (morning meetings, therefore a “short”) tour in observance of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War (LNB) at Veterans Memorial Center (VMC), Merritt Island.
- II. Transportation: NSSAR will contract and pay for bus transportation. Buses load and depart RPH 10:30 a.m. Wednesday July 19, 2023, for a :55 minute to an hour-and-twenty-minute drive to VMC, arriving 11:25 to 11:50 a.m. One to two buses holding 50 passengers each, including a bus captain (volunteer) who also acts as a docent during the drive. Actual passenger count will not be known until departure and is expected to be between 70 and 98. Bus captains will alert VMC of actual count upon departure. Bus captains may “pass the hat” for a driver gratuity.
- III. Light lunch: FLSSAR will arrange for box lunches from an appropriate source, to be onboard the buses by departure from RPH. Box lunches will be eaten enroute. Water will be included.
- IV. Arrival at VMC: three docents will greet disembarking Compatriots, dividing them into three groups. One begins with a tour of the plaza, the second with a tour of the museum, the third with a tour of the library. They rotate so all experience all sections. VMC is well experienced with this, though with one busload rather than two. Buses unload 20 yards from the VMC Museum/Library/Gray Hall (GH).
- V. The plaza is a few steps in front of the VMC building which is air conditioned and has bathrooms. There are two floors, but all activity will be on the ground floor of a single building set in the 80-acre Veterans Memorial Park.
- VI. VMC Museum and Library will be exclusively available to Congress’23 tour attendees until 1 p.m. Compatriots may return after the Gray Hall presentation when the museum and library will be open to both the public and to Compatriots. The grounds are a public park and therefore open to the public, however there are no other scheduled events, and this time of day and year suggests few other visitors are likely.
- VII. An NSSAR/FLSSAR/BC SAR Color Guard is scheduled. A Marine Corps League Color Guard may be scheduled by June 2023 if desired.
- VIII. A speaker will give an LNB presentation in GH using a podium, microphone, and speaker. GH will have sufficient round tables and chairs. An appropriate ceremony will follow.
- IX. Cookies, cupcakes, and beverages will be available after the presentation
- X. Schedule

10:00 a.m.	Compatriots board buses at RPH
10:30-11:25 to 11:50 a.m.	-RPH to VMC -box lunches enroute
11:25 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	-disembark from buses at VMC -VMC Plaza tour (outside) -VMC Museum and Store tour (inside) -VMC Library tour (inside)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	-Color Guard (inside) -LNB presentation (inside) -VMC comments (inside) -Brevard County comments (inside)
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	-VMC Plaza (outside) -VMC Museum and Store (Inside) -VMC Library (inside)
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Board buses at VMC
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	VMC to RPH

XI. Funding
 A. Components

NSSAR	pending
VMC	\$350
Brevard Chapter (BC)	\$350

B. Expense responsibility (NSSAR will fund a VMC fee, and reimburse BC)

RPH Bus transport to, at, from VMC	NSSAR
Bus Captains box lunches	NSSAR
Box lunches with beverages	NSSAR
VMC set up	VMC
Electric cart (two)	VMC
Veterans Plaza and docents	VMC
Veterans Museum and Store and docents	VMC
Veterans Library and docents	VMC
Gray Hall	VMC
Tables, chairs, table clothes, serving tables	VMC
Refrigerator	VMC
Podium, microphone, and speaker(s)	VMC
Water	BC
Speaker(s), master of ceremonies	BC
Cookies, cupcakes, beverages	BC
Photography, videography, audio recording	BC

XII. Action schedule

September 18, 2022	Congress Planning Committee	
September 29, 2022	2022 Fall Leadership Meeting	
October 7-8, 2022	FLSSAR BOM	
December 2022	Final commitments	
March 2, 2023	2023 Spring Leadership Meeting	
March 18, 2023	2023 Last Naval Battle	
March 2023	Final cost projections to Callanan	
May 2023	FLSSAR BOM	
June 2023	MCL Color Guard request	
July (12) 13-20, 2023	2023 Congress	
July 19, 2023	Last Naval Battle/VMC Tour	

XIII. Congress'23 LNB/VMC Directory

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Appendix G – Approved 2023 Budget

Florida Society Budget Comparison
 For the Year Ending December 31, 2022
 As of September 15, 2022
 And Proposed Budget for 2023

	2022				2023 Approved Budget
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget	
	Meeks	Congress			
Cash Receipts					
Annual Dues			105,000	5,297	100,000
Prepaid Dues from December					
2022 Dues Collections			67,845		
2022 Dues Collections			31,858		
Patriot Magazine Subscription			-	-	
Prepaid in December			-	-	
2022 Collections			48	(48)	
OBTF distribution			4,743	3,000	5,000
Registrar Receipts			9,970	12,000	12,000
Secretary Receipts			1,320	1,000	1,500
Other Income			-	-	
BOM Receipts			-	-	
Registration			12,543	12,000	15,000
50/50			-	-	
Hospitality Room			-	-	
Donations			-	-	
ETF			-	-	
Meeks Fund	100		-	-	
Other			-	-	
National Awards			-	-	
LNB Medal Sales			525	(525)	
Patriot Mag Ad Income			-	-	
2023 Congress Income			-	-	
Medal Sales		2,155	-	-	
Musket Raffle		3,095	-	-	
Sculpture Raffle		2,325	-	-	
250th Pins Sales		90	-	-	
LNB Medal Sales		425	-	-	
Cash Donations		3,284	-	-	
PayPal Fees		(33)	-	-	
Reallocate ETF Donation		2,000	-	-	
Reallocate Meeks Fund Donation		2,000	-	-	
Reallocate Secretary 2021 budget		1,000	-	-	
Carry Over From Prior Year			4,700	4,700	-
Total	100	16,341	133,552	137,700	133,500

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	Meeks	Congress				
Cash Disbursements						
NSSAR Dues			61,525	66,150	4,625	62,000
Dues Refunds			-	-	-	
Reinstatement Dues			1,160	1,500	340	1,200
Registrar Stipend			3,600	4,800	1,200	4,800
Secretarty Stipend			3,600	4,800	1,200	4,800
Exec Admin Stipend			-	4,800	4,800	4,800
Presidents Expenses - 2023						5,000
Presidents Expenses - 2022			3,891	5,000	1,109	-
Presidents Expenses - 2021			3,000	3,000	-	-
Sr VP Expenses			833	2,500	1,667	2,500
Secretary Expenses			-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Treasurer Expenses			-	100	100	100
Registrar Expenses			479	600	121	600
BOM Expenses			-		-	
Hotel (Meals)			12,950	10,700	(2,250)	13,700
Rooms			560		(560)	-
BOM Refunds			-		-	-
Hospitality Room			-	500	500	500
Printing, A/V & Other			888	500	(388)	500
PG Room			-	300	300	300
Hotel Deposits			(500)		500	-
Americanism/Chapter Challenge			-	100	100	100
C.A.R. Committee			33	100	67	100
Educational Outreach Committee			-	500	500	500
Florida Veterans Foundation				1,000	1,000	1,000
Good Citizenship Comm			-	200	200	-
Historical Sites Committee			-	250	250	200
History Fair Comm			-	500	500	500
Internet/Computer Expense			449	600	151	500
Medals & Awards Comm			2,019	1,200	(819)	1,500
New Chapter Dev Comm			-	600	600	600
Newsletters & Period Comm			495	500	5	500
Other Committee Cost			-	100	100	200
Patriot Medal Comm			375	500	125	500
Patriotic Education			-	-	-	-
Publicity Comm			500	500	-	500
Technology Comm			-	100	100	-
Veterans Battalion			70	100	30	100
Website Taskforce			-	1,000	1,000	-

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	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget		
	Meeks	Congress				
American His Teacher Comm			1,200	750	(450)	1,200
Americanism Brochure Contest			266	350	84	350
Americanism Poster Contest			324	350	26	350
Eagle Scout Contest			1,766	2,000	234	2,000
JROTC Contest			2,000	2,200	200	2,000
Knight Essay Contest			1,861	2,000	139	2,000
Rumbaugh Oration Contest			1,000	4,500	3,500	3,000
FSCAR Donation			1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Highland Games Donation (DAR)			-	100	100	-
NSSAR Library			300	300	-	300
SAR Museum & Learning Center			1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Battle of Pensacola			-	300	300	500
Battle of Thomas Creek			456	500	44	500
Last Naval Battle			500	500	-	500
Bank Charges/Fees			31	100	69	100
D&O/Liability Insurance			-	2,500	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous Costs			237	250	13	300
Other Postage/Delivery			39	-	(39)	-
Patriot Mag Cost			2,223	4,000	1,777	4,500
Storage Fees			2,182	1,950	(232)	3,000
2023 Congress Expenses			-	-	-	
Musket Raffle		1,120		-	-	
Medals		73		-	-	
Other		100		-	-	
2023 Congress Fund Transfers			-	-	-	
Reallocate from ETF Donation			2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Reallocate from Meeks Fund			2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Reallocate from Sec 2021 Budget			1,000	1,000		-
Carry Over to Future Years			-			
Total		1,293	117,313	143,750	26,437	137,700
Net Cash Surplus	100	15,048	16,239	(6,050)	(22,289)	(4,200)

Oct 7-8, 2022					
FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
	Mtg Room	Banquet Room	Center Hallway	Mtg Room	Banquet Room
8:00-8:30			REGISTRATION		
8:30-9:00					
9:00-9:30	Historic Sites & Celebrations			Youth Contests	
9:30-10:00				ETF Training	
10:00-10:30	Registrar / Genealogist Trng			Congress Planning	
10:30-11:00					
11:00-11:30	RVP Meeting				
11:30-Noon					
Noon-1:00	Lunch on your own	First Ladies Lunch			Lunch on your own
1:00-1:30	War of 1812				BOM Meeting (includes National Candidates Forum)
1:30-2:00					
2:00-2:30					
2:30-3:00	Strategic Planning				
3:00-3:30					
3:30-4:00					
4:00-4:30					
4:30-5:00	Chapter / Regional Dinners				
5:00-5:30					Reception
5:30-6:00					Banquet
6:00-6:30					
6:30-7:00					
7:00-7:30					
7:30-8:00					
Hospitality Room 107 9:30am - 11:00am and after Banquet					