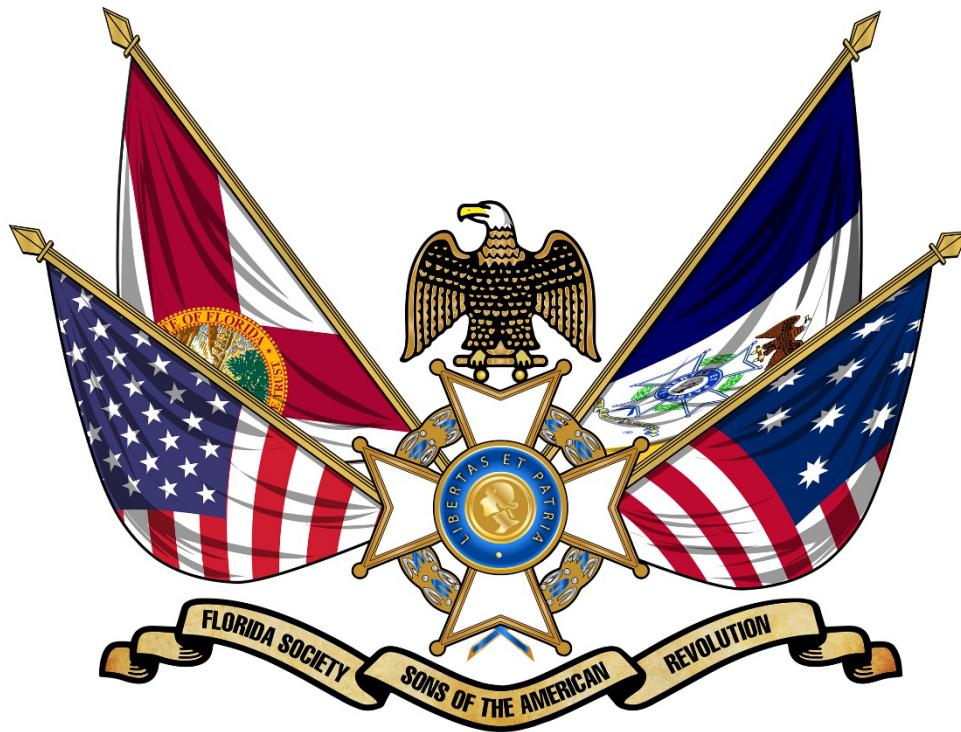


Fall Board of Management Meeting

Proceedings

Kissimmee, Florida

Oct 20 to 21, 2023



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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Proposed By-Laws amendments (**Annual Meeting**)
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Recessional / Adjournment

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Scott Breckenridge, Secretary FLSSAR

Board of Management Meeting

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Meeting Called to Order by **President Earl Mathews** at 12:00pm.

Quorum requirement met.

MOTION – Steve Fields moved to recess until tomorrow. **SECOND** David Thomas. **PASSED**

President Earl Mathews recessed the meeting at 12:01pm.

Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Meeting reconvened by **President Earl Mathews** at 1:24pm.

Quorum requirement met.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

MOTION – David Bussone moved that the items listed in the Proceedings book be considered consent agenda. **SECOND** Steve Fields. **PASSED**

MOTION – The Finance Committee moved that unused President expenses be moved to the 2023 Congress fund. **PASSED**

MOTION – The Finance Committee moved that unused Secretary expenses be moved to the 2023 Congress fund. **PASSED**

MOTION – The Finance Committee moved that late reported SVP expenses for 2022 be moved to the 2023 budget. **PASSED**

MOTION – The Finance Committee moved that if there are unexpected Congress expenses, or budget overruns, that the Treasurer and Executive Committee members not on the Congress Planning committee be authorized to approve those expenditures.

PASSED

Compatriot Brad Marble presented a personal donation of \$2,000 to the Congress fund.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The Brevard Chapter presented its Tricorn Hat Resolution that was published in the Spring 2023 edition of The Florida Patriot magazine.

MOTION – Sam Ashdown moved that the resolution be adopted by the FLSSAR Board of Managers. **SECOND** Phil Markoe.

After discussion, it was determined that this is not the proper procedure, and should be presented to the appropriate NSSAR committee for consideration. The motion **FAILED**.

MOTION – Steve Fields moved to recess until after the Annual Meeting. **SECOND** Dick Young. **PASSED**

President Earl Mathews recessed the meeting at 2:32pm.

Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Meeting called to order by **President Earl Mathews** at 2:50pm.

Quorum requirement met.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

The By-Laws Committee presented the following proposed by-laws changes, as published in the Winter 2023 Patriot Magazine and the Proceedings Book.

Authority to hold EXCOM meetings by members other than the president will be clarified.

Article V, Committees, Section 1, Executive Committee, second paragraph, recommended change to the first sentence: "Three members shall constitute a quorum, which may or may not include the President."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Removal of FLSSAR Officers

Article III Officers: Add a new Section 9, Removal of Officers, with the following wording. "In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Article VI. - Officers and Management, paragraph (C), states that "the Board of Management shall have control over all officers and committees, and for good cause may declare any office vacant." This declaration of vacancy shall include authority to remove FLSSAR elected officers for good cause.

In accordance with Article I, Section V, Special Meeting, paragraph a., the President shall call for a Special Meeting of the BOM to consider the removal any FLSSAR elected officer below the President.

For good cause, it shall be the responsibility of Senior Vice President to hold a special BOM meeting in accordance with Article I, Section V, to vote on the President's removal.

A vote of two thirds of the BOM membership will be required for removal."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Appointment to State Positions of At-Large Members

Article III, Officers, Section 3, Additional Offices, recommended change: Add sentence that states, "No person who is a member-at-large (i.e. not a member of a chapter) shall be appointed to any FLSSAR office or committee."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

BOM Meetings

The ability to change the agenda of the BOM at the time of the meeting will be addressed.

Article II, The Board of Management, Section 3 Meetings, recommended change to first paragraph, as follows: "The currently elected President of the FLSSAR shall normally preside over the BOM meetings, but alternate officers are authorized to preside at these meetings if the President is unable to fulfill these duties for any reason."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Annual Elections

Article III, Officers, Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers, paragraph C. current wording states: "Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting."

Recommended change: "Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting by those in attendance. Electronic voting and proxies are not authorized."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Appointment of State Elected Officer Positions

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

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Public Statements Regarding FLSSAR Business Matters

The process to make or release public statements regarding FLSSAR business matters will be clarified to ensure statements are fully sanctioned

Article VIII Miscellaneous, Section 2, Authority to Speak for the FLSSAR, recommended change:

Add sentence, as follows: "Members of any FLSSAR authorized committee shall obtain approval from their respective committee chairman before releasing any report to the general membership of the FLSSAR. Due to possible legal repercussions, all reports, findings, or other written documents generated as a result of any FLSSAR committee which may adversely reflect on the organization or an officer of the FLSSAR shall be reviewed by the EXCOM for approval prior to release."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

Electioneering

By-Laws do not address electioneering. Suggested change to Article III, Section 2, Nomination and Election of Officers, paragraph A. Nominations, (2) Nominations from the Floor, to the following: Add sentence, which states: "Nominations via electronic media, mass mailings, etc. in advance of the Annual meeting to the FLSSAR membership for alternate names or an alternate slate of FLS-SAR officers shall not be allowed."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

Schedule of BOM and Annual Meetings

Article II, Section 3, Meetings, currently states, "One meeting will occur on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting."

Recommended change to the following: "One meeting will occur on the day before, or on the date fixed..." This will allow for flexibility in scheduling the BOM and annual meeting.

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

Chair Positions

Article III, Section 6, Holding Multiple Offices, currently states, " Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this Article. "

Recommended change: Add an additional sentence that states, "The currently elected President will not hold or chair any committee other than the Executive Committee."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED.**

FLSSAR Contracts

The current By-Laws require the Treasurer to hold all contracts. Over the years, the practice has evolved that the Secretary now holds contracts.

Article IV, Duties of Officers, Section 4, Secretary, paragraph g., as written, states, "Sign documents for official certification; sign checks as authorized; arrange for bonding of officers as directed by the BOM; and maintain the archives of original records of the FLSSAR; including all corporate resolutions...."

Recommended wording: "including all corporate contracts and resolutions..."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

FLSSAR Assets

The By-Laws will be updated to address who will hold FLSSAR assets.

Section 12, Sergeant-at-Arms, current wording includes the following clause, "custody of the paraphernalia belonging to the FLSSAR..."

Recommended change to include the words "other assets" after "paraphernalia."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented.

Scott Breckenridge moved to amend the wording to "and other assets". **SECOND** Doug Gibbens. **PASSED.**

Scott Breckenridge moved to amend the wording to "and other physical assets". **SECOND** Doug Gibbens. **PASSED.**

The motion **PASSED** as amended.

Number of Members Needed for New Chapter

At May BOM, the topic of number of members required for a new chapter was raised. The By-Laws will state that the number of members must be a minimum of 15.

Article I, The Society, Section 2, Chapters and Regions, recommended new paragraph, as follows:

New FLSSAR state chapters may be authorized, provided a minimum of 15 existing FLSSAR members in good standing located in the area where the new chapter intends to hold meetings agree to support and participate in the new chapter. Petitions for a new chapter will include a statement that coordination with existing chapters within the region, as defined by boundary of the applicable Regional VP, has been conducted to ensure conflicts will not exist regarding community related activities, such as JROTC, etc. (updated revision)

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **FAILED (21 nay to 20 aye).**

Transfer of Members

The By-Laws will formalize the process for transferring membership from one chapter to another so that each chapter and the FLSSAR are aware of the changes.

Article I, The Society, Section 3, Members, new paragraph c. as follows:

"c. Members may request to transfer from one FLSSAR chapter to another by submitting a written request to the current chapter Secretary. The member's current chapter Secretary will coordinate the transfer with the Secretary of the new chapter. The new chapter Secretary will ensure the transfer is noted by the FLSSAR state secretary." (updated revision)

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

NEW: Reference to Committees:

Current By-Laws has an error. Currently, Article V, Committees, Section 6, Other Committees, (a) 1, states "Statutory Committees are established by, and its mission statement is set forth in, the By-laws (see Article VIII - Section 3 below). However, Article VIII, Section 3 addresses Amendments.

Recommended change to (a) 1: "Statutory Committees are established by, and their mission statements are set forth in, the By-Laws (See Sections 1-5 above). " (new change)

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

NEW: Financial Review Committee

Article V, Section 2, Financial Review Committee wording does not mention any chairman for this committee. All other statutory committees mention a Chair, appointed by the President.

To avoid confusion, and ensure the President does not chair this committee, the following wording is submitted. Recommended change: "The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, a Financial Review Committee...."

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

Article V, Section 6

Replace all references to “mission statement” with “charter”.

MOTION – The By-Laws Committee moved that the proposed change be adopted as presented. **PASSED.**

President Matt Mathews had to leave the meeting due to health issues. SVP Steve Fields took over as Chair of the meeting.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for 2023-2024, as published in the Proceedings Book.

Chairman Dwight Elam announced that the Nominee for Recording Secretary, Len Crame, had to withdraw due to health issues.

Nominations were requested from the floor and Doug Gibbens volunteered.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

The following list of unopposed candidates were elected by acclamation:

President – Steven R. Fields

Senior Vice President – James Y. Gaskins

Treasurer – W. Richard Young, Sr

Secretary – M. Scott Breckenridge

ExCom Member-at-Large – Robert W. McGuire, Jr

Recording Secretary – W. Douglas Gibbens

Registrar – Raymond C. Lantz

Sgt. At Arms – Jeffrey F. Brunelle

Chaplain – Dwight D. Elam

Chancellor – Thomas J. Thompson

Genealogist – J. Gray Chandler

Historian – Joel A. Etherton

Editor The Florida Patriot – Jeffrey L. Sizemore

Webmaster – E. Scott Bushnell

NE RVP – Charles R. Hayes

NW RVP – Christopher E. Washler

NC RVP – David C. Thomas

EC RVP – Jeffrey L. Sizemore

WC RVP – A. Parks Honeywell

SW RVP – Hampton E. Allen

SE RVP – William R. Wicks III

Dwight Elam, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented its nominees for National Trustee and Alternate Trustee for 2023-2024, as published in the Proceedings Book.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

The following candidates were approved as our nominees to the 2023 Congress:

National Trustee – Earl F. (Matt) Mathews

Alternate Trustee – Steven R. Fields

The Secretary was directed to report the results to National.

President-Elect Steve Fields adjourned the Annual Meeting at 4:25pm.

Board of Management Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Location: Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL

Meeting reconvened by **President-Elect Steve Fields** at 4:25pm.

President-Elect Steve Fields presented his nominees for the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024.

The following candidates were elected as the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024:

Brian Jensen

Dale Bottom

Tom Thompson

Matt Mathews

Hamp Allen

President-Elect Steve Fields adjourned the BOM Meeting at 4:25pm.

Endorsement of National Candidates

The Florida Society Board of Managers voted to endorse the following candidates for contested national offices.

Treasurer General - Lee Popham

Registrar General - Brooks Lyles

Secretary Scott Breckenridge reported the results to the chairman of the National Nominating Committee.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Earl F. :Matt” Mathews, Trustee

Steven R. Fields, Alternate Trustee

Nothing to report.

President

Steven R. Fields

Congratulations you Florida Sons of the American Revolution. Due to your hard work and dedication, our Society is the talk of the SAR. The 133rd Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution was held in Orlando this year – as you may have heard. From day one of that event all the way to this afternoons commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, SAR members from around the country have come up to me to congratulate Florida for having “the best Congress ever”. This has come from attendees, general officers, and regular members who have seen and heard what we were able to accomplish. To all of you Florida Sons, I salute you, your dedication to our patriotic, historic, and educational goals, your spirit of service, and the outstandingly positive and comradely spirit through these challenging past few years. Congress was a huge challenge. Without the support of hundreds of our members, we could not have accomplished this daunting enterprise let alone this triumph. Be proud of your efforts. You have shown the SAR-at-large that the Florida Society and its members are true descendants of our patriot ancestors. Thank you all.

So, to the real report –

June saw many chapters and color guard units participate in Flag Day activities. I was able to attend the Sara De Soto Regents Council combined DAR/CAR/SAR luncheon and celebration. I was proud to participate in the posting of the colors by the Saramana Chapter and their Camp Nathaniel Green Color Guard.

In July, Patriot Sunday meant compatriots of all faiths attending religious services on the Sabbath closest to Independence Day. Many wore colonial attire or participated in observances to celebrate the founding of our nation - recognizing that our patriot ancestors were men and women of faith. If you’ve never had the opportunity, I encourage you to coordinate with your own place of worship and encourage them to renew this hundreds of years old tradition.

Independence Day was celebrated across the state with many chapters submitting letters to the editors of their local papers reminding readers of just how daunting the struggle for freedom was. SAR members across the state were instrumental in obtaining proclamations from local, county and even state governments celebrating this momentous event in America’s history. Parades were held, solemn ceremonies seen at cemeteries were held, BBQ gatherings were hosted, and of course there were the fireworks. I hope that your 4th was as joyful and inspiring as mine.

Just days later the Florida Society hosted the 133rd Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. Hundreds of compatriots and spouses descended on Orlando and were greeted with all the cheer and hospitality that could be hoped for. Special appreciation goes out to the dozens and dozens of volunteers that made this event a real success. The 2023 Congress planning Committee and their team of volunteer leaders created a team that worked hard, stayed positive, and accomplished every task put to them.

In July I also had the opportunity to sit down with the Excom of the Lakeland Chapter along with many of their committee chairs and learned how they are working to overcome the challenges that many chapters are facing – slower growth than recent years, difficulties in engaging with the public schools in a meaningful way, and how to get more engagement with their communities. They have a plan, great leaders, and the drive to do great things. I encourage all of your chapters to develop plans in these and other areas to focus your precious resources, time, and treasure to grow your chapters and be more impactful in your communities.

The Excom has had numerous email discussions and a few votes on administrative matters over the summer months. Our final zoom meeting will be the Sunday prior to this coming Board of Management meeting. A report on these activities and the results of that meeting will be given at the BoM.

As usual, September saw the SAR supporting DAR sponsored celebrations of Constitution Week across the state. The Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard (the FLSSAR state color guard) posted the colors for the Florida State DAR Fall Forum. Over a dozen marched, while many more attended the multi-day event. SAR compatriots volunteered at an information table to educate people on the SAR as well as gather information on prospective members. The leads generated at that event have been disseminated to chapters closest to where the prospect lives. With follow up, these prospects can become part of our next generation of compatriots, program chairmen, and even chapter or state leaders. Don't let these leads go cold. Former President Matt Mathews now heads the Membership Promotion and Retention Committee. If you need help generating leads, developing them into real prospects, or finding help with membership in general, he can connect you with the resources and assistance to accomplish these things. He is also a great resource in reconnecting with members that have dropped in recent years to encourage them to return and support the SAR mission. Show them what we have and are going to accomplish and that enthusiasm gets people to want to be part of something positive in our communities and our nation.

Supporting and recognizing the service and sacrifice of our veterans is a big part of how the SAR engages with the community. FLSSAR leadership got notice late on a Saturday in September that a recently identified WWII soldier was being returned from his anonymous grave in Europe to the South Florida National Cemetery. By the start time of the morning ceremony the following Tuesday, a dozen SAR compatriots and guardsmen from four chapters along with three members of the Ladies Auxiliary were in attendance. The ceremony for PFC Roy Searle, who died in the hectic fighting during the Battle of the Bulge, was held with full military honors and the solemnity appropriate for a fallen soldier. The Florida Society has now coordinated with the agencies that are involved with the return of recently identified soldier remains from all American conflict eras. When notice comes down, chapter presidents, color guard commanders, and veterans committee chairmen will all receive the information. It is my desire that this information be disseminated to all their chapter compatriots and the ladies of our local DAR chapters so that when the opportunity arises in their area, they too can support these solemn occasions as they can. If they don't hear about these events, how can they support them? First Lady Jill and I made a nearly eight hour round trip to honor PFC Searle's sacrifice. It was worth every minute.

The Florida Society was well represented at the Fall Leadership meetings at headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Your Trustee, President, Vice President, and other past and present Florida leaders were in attendance. We participated in many committee meetings including veterans, color guard, the Council of State Presidents, medals and awards, historic sites and celebrations, trustees, excom, and even the national officers candidate forum. Even with our large delegation, we couldn't cover everything. Any SAR member may attend leadership and participate. I encourage anyone interested to visit the www.sar.org website and examine the information on the spring meeting found in the events section. National provides the resources and support for everything from the museum and library to genealogy and registration to youth awards and even online training for chapter offices and leaders. What you learn at just one of these leadership weekends will give you new skills and new energy to bring home to your chapters for the benefit of all.

The South Atlantic District Meeting was held in Gaffney, South Carolina this weekend. Vice President Gaskins and I were there to present Florida's report and participate with our partner societies of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The President General and several other national officers were also in attendance as were many of the candidates for national office this coming year. I am proud to report that Florida compatriot Lee Popham was endorsed by vote for the office of Treasurer General. Long time supporter of the Florida Society and the Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard, Brooks Lyles was also voted the endorsement of the South Atlantic District for his candidacy for the office of Registrar General. A vote will be held at the upcoming Board of Management Meeting of what candidates if any the Florida Society will endorse. Candidates have been encouraged to attend, send proxy speakers, and or submit candidate information flyers for the benefit of those coming to the BoM. Please consider carefully the information you get at the BoM. The endorsement of a state the size of Florida carries much weight. We shape the future of our society by the leaders we choose.

As I finish this report, I am looking out my hotel window over the beautiful North Carolina countryside. We returned just a few hours ago from the commemoration of the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Vice President Jim Gaskins and I participated in the color guard activities and I also brought greetings during the ceremony. It gave me an opportunity to recount the service of my sixth great grandfather John Fields who survived three bullet wounds suffered in the battle. Every time we hold a commemoration like this – or Thomas Creek, or Pensacola, or the Last Naval Battle – we honor the service and sacrifice of our patriot ancestors. This December marks the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. I would encourage all of you to look ahead to this coming year to see which events you will attend. You will be educated by the program and energized by the comradery. Lady Jill and I will be travelling all over the state this year and these commemorations will be some of the high points. We hope to see you there and at the Board of Management Meeting October 20 and 21.

Senior Vice President

James Y. Gaskins

The Florida Society has demonstrated the ability to measure up to any challenge in the last year. Our Mission Statement directs us to honor the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors by “promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.” A review of Chapter inputs from our Spring BOM Proceedings documents that the Florida Society is active and focused on member involvement in our stated mission goals.

Most spectacularly in 2023 the Florida Society sponsored the 133rd SAR National Congress in Orlando in July. Kudos to the FLSSAR Congress Committee (Compatriots Brock, Elam, Fields, Matthews and Young) for picking up the torch and leading all of us to a clearly most successful event. It was inspiring to witness and be a part of the teamwork that made it happen. Clearly, the Florida Society demonstrated that harmony is the strength of all societies, especially ours.

The 134th Congress will be sponsored by the PASSAR in Lancaster, PA.

The 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States will be the capstone of NSSAR efforts over the next two years. PG Dodd said, “On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States...” Pease, go to the America 250 link ([HTTPS://america250sar.org/](https://america250sar.org/)) and see where we are, where we’re going and how we’re going to get there.

Compatriots, I’m honored to have been nominated for and elected to the position of your Senior VP and, in addition to the Oath of Office I took commit to you to do my best to serve the Society.

A selection of activities participated this year:

NE Region RVP Meeting – via ZOOM
Flag Retirement Ceremony – Mandarin, FL
NSSAR Spring Leadership – Louisville, KY
Daytona-Ormond Chapter Installation – Daytona Beach, FL
Jacksonville Chapter ExCom and Chapter meetings – Jacksonville, FL
D-Day Veteran Grave ceremony – St Augustine National Cemetery
FLSSAR Spring BOM – Kissimmee, FL
133rd NSSAR Congress Kennedy Space Center Tour Coordinator – Orlando, FL
246th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek – Jacksonville, FL
Tolomato Cemetery Commemoration with St. Augustine FL DAR
Battle of Alligator Bridge – Callahan, FL
NSSAR Fall Leadership – Louisville, KY

Member-at-Large Executive Committee

Robert W. McGuire

Nothing to report.

Northwest Regional Vice President

Christopher E. Washler

Unfortunately, I have not been able to be as involved with Regional activities as much over the past few months due to family obligations that required my time this summer. However, plans are underway for visits to all of the chapters in the NW Region as well as a NW Region Meeting to be held in the early spring. The region is also looking forward to being the host region for the 2024 Spring BOM. Additional information will be sent to Region chapters in the coming months regarding the spring meeting.

Emerald Coast Chapter

Leslie P. Matheson

The Emerald Coast chapter has continued to meet on the second Saturday of each month. During the current reporting period, we have added three new compatriots.

Panama City Chapter

DeCody Brad Marble

Membership Total 25: Member Composition - {4 Life, 1 Dual (AL), 2 Emeritus & 16 Regular & 2 Transfers}

The FLSSAR Panama City Chapter Membership received a long summer break, while Officer Marble proceeded to accomplish chapter, state and national volunteer tasks. Most of these are listed in the Color Guard section of the 2023 October, FLSSAR Fall BOM, Annual Meeting, Proceedings Book. The last quarterly meeting held during the Spring Quarter was on 24 April 2023.

May 2023: Panama City President Marble attended the FLSSAR Spring BOM in Orlando. The chapter also inducted a new dual member out of necessity for the survival and continued growth of the chapter. The new dual member is the newly appointed chapter Genealogist/Registrar, Harry L. Rinker. {THANK YOU HARRY!} – dbm

July 2023: Two transfers to the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter from the Tennessee Society SAR (TNSSAR) are living in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida. The father and son are Walter Lamb Woodrick and Mason Lewis Woodrick. Chapter President Marble attended the NSSAR 133rd Congress and served as a volunteer as well as a member of the Color Guard.

September 2023: FLSSAR Panama City Chapter Officer, Secretary/Treasurer/Chaplain, a dual member from Alabama, James “Jim” Franklin Haynes has returned to his secondary or winter home in Panama City Beach. The Chapter’s 50th Anniversary was in September, but the Anniversary Luncheon date has been reset to Saturday, 18 November 2023 and possibly will change the location to the new Harrison Restaurant built on the Panama City Pier across from the Civic Center. Chapter President DeCody Brad Marble attended the St. Andrew Bay Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution 2023 Celebration of the Constitution.

Pensacola Chapter

Christopher E. Washler

On May 8th, the chapter hosted the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration as part of Pensacola’s Galvez Day celebrations. This year, the color guard had compatriots from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama participating. FLSSAR President, Earl Mathews brought greetings on behalf of the State Society.

The chapter continued regular meetings through the summer months and enjoyed programs on the Gadsden Flag, the America 250 program, and a presentation from a local graphic designer on his “Lost Pensacola” project. The chapter also launched our redesigned website this summer.

As we prepared for the new school year, the chapter has begun an effort to actively publicize the SAR Youth contests to our two local school districts in the hope of having greater participation in all of the contests this year. We’re also continuing our “250 by the 250th” flag recognition program. Our September meeting featured our annual First Responders awards where we awarded the SAR Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement Commendation, and Fire Safety Commendation to local first responders. The meeting also featured a presentation from Pensacola Fire Chief, Ginny Cranor, who is the first female fire chief in the history of Pensacola.

Tallahassee Chapter

“Bill” J. Gladwin Jr

The Tallahassee chapter awarded six JROTC medals (one each) to the following units in May 2023: Liberty County Army JROTC, Lincoln Navy JROTC, Wakulla County Navy JROTC, Leon Marine JROTC, Rickards Army JROTC, and Godby Air Force JROTC

The chapter did not meet in May or July. We met in June, August, and September. Our meetings centered on trying to get with Florida State University to dedicate a Liberty Tree, obtaining mugs and shirts, and working to obtain speakers at future meetings. We are planning to have a speaker at our next meeting, tentatively scheduled on October 17 at 6pm at Georgio's Restaurant based on meeting room availability (checking tomorrow). Chris Kimball asked for a return engagement due to illness and will be our speaker at our George Washington Celebration on February 25, 2024, starting at 3pm at Wakulla Springs State Park Lodge.

William Dunaway Chapter

Thomas M. Rankin

The William Dunaway Chapter (WDC) did not have regular meetings June - August giving members a summer break. Our chapter’s board met during August to prepare for the remainder of the year. The chapter will initiate its Wreaths Across America campaign during September and has scheduled with the Chipola DAR Chapter a joint Constitution Day event at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in

Marianna. The Chapter will work with three JROTC units, providing educational information to students and encouraging their participation in the JROTC essay and oration contests. WDC continues to partner with the Chester Sims State of Florida Nursing Home in Panama City. Chapter volunteers have rebuilt one flower bed and plan to refurbish it this Fall and also refurbish a second bed. Also, the chapter will work with the Nursing Home to assist their residents with Christmas needs. The WDC and Chipola DAR Chapter participated in the Jackson County Memorial Day Program and placed a wreath at the courthouse square as a part of the ceremony. Although small in number, the WDC Outpost Color Guard Unit has continued to participate in all FLSSAR sponsored events. Since the spring B.O.M. the WDC post participated with the SAR Color Guard at Galvez Day, Battle of Pensacola, the commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Bridge in Callahan, FL. and at the National Congress in Orlando. Four new members have joined WDC with three new inductees and one transfer. Currently three applications for membership are being reviewed at National. Lionel Young, Jr., a charter member and past president, passed away on July 20, 2023. The chapter will honor his life with a memorial service during our October regular meeting.

We are continuing to present, as part of the 250th Anniversary, patriot biographies during monthly meetings to honor patriot ancestors. During April and May three patriot biographies were presented. During the April monthly meeting the chapter viewed the SAR Compatriot Training Videos providing information pertaining to the SAR history, goals and organizational structure. During the May monthly meeting Cadet Destiny Gregory, from the Vernon High School Unit, presented her Enhanced JROTC Essay. She was the local essay winner and placed 4th in the FLSSAR Contest statewide.

North Central Regional Vice President

David C. Thomas

On June 5th I attended Lake Sumpter chapter meeting and swore in new officers. New officers will be listed under Lake Sumpter. On June 10th I attended a flag retirement with daughter, Dawn Rhodes DAR, and three of my grandchildren CAR, Sophia Miller, Elliott Rhodes, and Julian Rhodes at the Jacob Roberts Brown CAR June 10th meeting. Cathy and I were finally able to get five of our grandchildren into the CAR with help from our friends in the DAR and SAR, still waiting for the 6th to be approved. On September 20th I attended the Ocala chapter meeting and swore in new officers. New officers will be listed under Ocala.

Gainesville Chapter

David C. Thomas

Nothing new chapter was on break, we just went back to meetings on September 19th.

Lake City Chapter

Joseph W. Carroll

The Lake City Chapter broke for Summer Vacation, resuming September 11th. However, Lake City has continued with some activities with more planned in the coming months.

Lake City conducted a grave marking ceremony for PVT Theophilus Weeks. PVT Weeks is buried in Columbia County in what has become a surprisingly significant veterans cemetery with veterans from nearly every American War to date. I'm attempting to get the Price Creek Cemetery listed on the National Registry due to this significance. Price Creek has been managed by a single, local family over the past generations out of their good grace.

Lake City Chapter attended the National SAR Congress in July. As such, we participated in the National Color Guard Presentations and in the Last Naval Battle Ceremony with Bench Dedication, representing the Lake City Chapter.

Hurricane Idalia - Lake City Chapter recognized 7 local officials including the city of Live Oak, Mayor Davis, City Police Chief, Suwannee County Sherrieff, and Fire Chiefs for their coordinated disaster management efforts resulting in only a single storm related fatality, a heart attack. Hurricane Idalia devastated the region, adversely affecting nearly a half million families in the region. Suwannee County stepped up and took massively positive steps in assisting families during this disaster, providing food and tree removal wherever possible. At least 20 states delivered aid to the region along with the National Guard. Lost power was restored in less than a week due to the thousands of crews swarming to the rescue.

And finally, the Lake City Chapter participated in September with the Edward Rutledge Chapter DAR in the Constitution Week Proclamation signing with four different City Councils and Mayors. The Proclamation signing was an important DAR event, representing America's values and dedication to the Constitution.

Lake-Sumter Chapter

Tim Donihi

New officers elected

President	Burleson (Tim) Donihi
1st VP	Mark Mann
2d VP	Gary Hensley
Secretary	Ron Grove
Treasurer	Bill Overbay
Chaplain	Allan Lane
Registrar	John Moore
Member at large	George Chafee
Member at large	Jim Carl

The lake Sumter Chapter will start its new year with a lunch meeting on Saturday October 7th, after being off for the Summer. This speaker will be Ena Dupree carried over from the June meeting.

September 14th, Compatriot Allan Lane and President Tim Donihi visited Compatriot Bill Hayes in the Lake Port Assisted living facility. Bill mentioned he was having trouble obtaining a new Veteran's ID card. President Donihi offered to help. The next day Tim returned with the correct phone numbers. He will pick up Bill Hayes on Thursday the 5th and take him to receive his new card.

September 17th compatriot Stewart Dunaway and President and Mrs. Donihi attended the DAR bell ringing program to Celebrate the signing of the Constitution.

Ocala Chapter

Claude Grubbs

New officers elected

President	Claude Grubbs
VP	Brian Voge
Treasurer	Wayne Curtis

Nothing to report.

The Villages Chapter

Jerry P. Byers

On April 20, the Villages SAR participated in the dedication of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Wildwood. It was built by students from The Villages Charter High School's Youth Construction Academy. In speaking with one of the students, we learned that a company came in and poured the foundation, but the students did all the rest. The dedication ceremony was quite moving. SAR was there to present a US flag, pole, and mounting bracket to the Duket family.

At our May 13 meeting, Mr. John Stewart portrayed our third US President Thomas Jefferson. He told how a Virginia lad, who lost his father at age 14, came to write the Declaration of Independence and went on to become President. He also commented on our US Constitution and some of the thinking behind it. In addition to the excellent program, we took in five new members.

In mid-May, for the third year in a row, The Villages SAR presented Citizenship awards to students in the 5th, 8th, and 12th grades at The Villages Charter Schools. Each winner received a certificate and a check. It is fun to be at the award ceremonies and get to meet the award winners, which are chosen by their teachers and counselors. It is also an opportunity to get the word out about SAR.

On Sunday, May 28, a contingent of The Villages SAR members and spouses was joined by a few Wings of Gold (a Naval Aviation group in the Villages) members and their families to place Memorial Day flags in section 402 of the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

On Saturday, June 10, our guest speaker was Betsy Ross, as portrayed by DAR member Tracy Suarez. Ms. Suarez is a member of the Ponce de Leon Chapter of DAR in Winter Haven. Ross, a young widow, attended Christ Church in Philadelphia along with the George and Martha Washington, and sat in the pew next to theirs. Washington wanted one flag to unite the colonies. Up until then, every colony and every militia group had their own flag! The design Washington proposed had six-pointed stars, but Betsy insisted on a five-pointed star which is easier to cut out using four folds of a cloth square and making just one cut. The timing of this program was excellent since Flag Day is June 14.

The Villages SAR had an excellent meeting today on July 8, 2023, with 66 people in attendance. Perhaps the most exciting part was awarding the SAR Life Saving Medal to Villages Charter School student, 14 year old Annabelle Miller. Annabelle saved another girl's life on the evening of June 3 while standing in line at the concession stand of a drive-in movie! The girl fell face down on the

pavement, hitting her head, and was bleeding. Annabelle rushed to her side, and without concern for the blood, turned her over, and began CPR compressions until she began breathing again. Annabelle was a true hero that day and we wanted to recognize her heroism. We also took in one new member today, Mr. Danny Felt.

The main program was from seven members of Project Appleseed, who told the events of April 19, 1775, that led to the start of the bloody eight-year American Revolutionary War. British troops learned that day that the American militia groups may have been simple farmers but they knew how to fight! The Appleseed Project strives to promote teaching of American History and marksmanship.

Chapter Past President Dr. Donald Wyman gave the program at our August 12 meeting about the CIA Museum. Our attendance to hear the program was 56. The CIA Museum is in the heart of the Langley, Virginia CIA Headquarters Building, which is not open to the public. Don retired from the CIA after a 22 year career there, and his program resulted from two private tours he was given. His most recent tour was in September 2022 on the 75th Anniversary of the agency, at which Don was an honored guest. Don's program had to be approved by the CIA Director and the Office of Security.

The CIA was established on September 18, 1947 by President Harry Truman, but prior to that on June 13, 1942, President Roosevelt formed the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). The purpose of both agencies was to gather information internationally to help protect the US. Don had a lot of interesting stories about the activities of these agencies during WW2 and the "Cold War".

After his presentation, President Jerry Byers awarded Don with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of all that he continues to do for The Villages SAR.

We also took in two new members: James Barr and Bruce Smith.

The Villages Chapter of SAR held its September 9, 2023 meeting with 60 people in attendance. We took in three new members plus one member who transferred in from another chapter.

Our speaker was retired Navy Captain Don Fraser. Don was a Naval flight officer, Purple Heart recipient, with three Meritorious Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for combat, and various campaign ribbons, and was an instructor in the Naval Academy. He spoke about various aspects of the Army Air Force during World War II and some of its better known heroes. The Boeing B-17 bomber, known as the "Flying Fortress", dropped more bombs than any other US aircraft during the Second World War. Many of these aircraft flew out of bases in East Anglia, Great Britain. More than 300,000 Americans settled into that area during the war. The B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine, heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC). It was a fast aircraft that flew as high as six miles above the earth – quite remarkable for a bomber of its era.

Some of the famous aviators of that war include "Lucky" Luckadoo (at age 101, he is the last living pilot of the Flying Fortress), "Rosie" Rosenthal, who flew 52 missions at a time when you could leave the service after 25, Chuck Yeager, and screen actors Clark Gable and Jimmy Stewart (who was a Brigadier General when the war ended).

We announced with sadness the death of member Greg Young, who passed away on August 26, and we circulated a sympathy card for signatures. We also asked prayers for one of our youngest members, 5 year old Ryland Kautz, who is being treated for stage four brain stem cancer.

Our program in October will be Ms. Judy Goby-Oxtoby, who will present the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Ms. Goby-Oxtoby is the Honorary Chapter Regent of the Big Cypress DAR chapter in Naples, Florida.

Withlacoochee Chapter

David F. Hitchcock

May 13th events

Our monthly meeting held on May 13th 2023 was attended by 25 Members and 2 guest unfortunately we had no inductions. Mark Barie gave a inspiring talk on his newest book Love and Terror in Havana

Compatriot Bill Stone gave a 6-minute talk On the Value of The George Washinton Endowment Fund. Before the close of the meeting, we had 9 members committing to join,

6 Compatriots from our Chapter joined member of the Fort cooper DAR placing Flags on veterans' graves at Bushnell National Cemetery we were assigned section 600 Sunday May 28th

Monday May 29th 4 member of or color guard participated in the Memorial service help in Floral City Fl

In July we had several members volunteering at the 133rd Congress, Compatriots Jim Payton, Tom Bowen, David Hitchcock, Steve Hohman and his wife Jena Compatriot Callahan from NSSAR awarded Jena Hohman the bronze Samuel Adams Award for outstanding service.

Color guard Commander Bob Thomas, John Carey, Steve Hohman participated in the 133rd Congress opening Ceremonies, and Compatriot Hohman participated in the merit Island Dedication ceremony.

September 9th 2023 meeting

Edward Lee was inducted into the Chapter by President Hitchcock in the presence of his wife Judy. He was pinned by his wife with the SAR rosette, and he gave a short speech. The President gave a prayer and then asked for a silent prayer for our brave soldiers that are in harm's way.

The President introduced Bill Stone who gave a short presentation of the George Washington Fund and how we are about to induct 10 Fellows into the GWF. Bill complemented our chapter for being an outstanding chapter. He then called up President Hitchcock and had 1st Vice President Steve Hohman pin him with the George Washington Fund Pin. Bill Stone then called up the 8 members present, and they were awarded their certificate and Pin. The following 8 Chapter members were pinned and presented with their certificate: David Hitchcock, Stephen Hohman, John Carey, Mark Johnson, John "Tom" Hellem, Thomas Bowen, Chauncey Reich, and Richard Bailey. These certificates were signed by the President General and the Chancellor General. Two other members who could not be present also became George Washington Fellows: Nelson Peters and Charles Wilson.

President Hitchcock introduced Dr. Fred Oliver on the video screen from the National Headquarters who is the National SAR librarian General who announced the donations of Chauncey Wright. Chauncey, a longtime member of our chapter donated 20+ documents from the revolutionary war era to the national archives of the SAR. Dr. Oliver complimented the chapter and called us the leading chapter in Florida. President Hitchcock asked Chauncey to step forward and presented to him a letter of gratitude from the President General.

President Hitchcock then introduced Jim Griffith NSSAR Chairman of the Education committee and Jim Maples NSSAR Chairperson of the GWEF fund raising Committee on a video presentation. Both speakers have a long history as members of the SAR and held various offices including President of the Alabama SAR and many other SAR offices. They are both working on Podcasts about little known events of the Revolutionary war titled Revolutionary War Rarities. They gave a short history of podcasts. Permission was received from the National SAR to proceed with a program of podcasts about little known facts of the American Revolution. The first episode was released in July of 2022, and they currently have 29 episodes on Season 1. They want to reach the younger generation and make history fun. This is an approved education program for the SAR, and they are hoping to spread the name of the SAR around to the general public. All their material is vetted by a committee of 6 with two of these committee members with PHD degrees in history. There are an average of 675 views per episode and they have a private Facebook on their podcasts. Members are encouraged to join the private Facebook. Jim and Jim played one of their podcasts including some very entertaining trivia questions. Jim and Jim gave a shoutout to our chapter for signing up an extensive amount of GW Fellows. President Hitchcock thanked Jim and Jim for their very good presentation. Prior to the lunch break Bill Teater, Tom Barnette, Mr. Burk a recruit and became a George Washington Fellow and was pinned. Bringing our Chapter to a total of 13 GWEF fellows

President General John Dodd appointing 1VP compatriot Steve Hohman to the following Committees.

1 IT Committee

2, Education

3 History

4. GWEF Fund raising

5 NSSAR Library and archive

1st VP Steve Hohman, and his wife are attending NSSAR leadership in Kentucky September 21st, 2023, Fall Leadership Meeting

September 17th 6 Compatriots attended Bells Across America Celebrating our Constitution at the Brooksville City Hall at 4 PM
Sponsored by the Winding Waters Chapter DAR of Brooksville FL

September 18th 1st VP Compatriot Steve Hohman gave a talk to the Annuttaliga Chapter DAR also of Brooksville FL

September 19th

Installation & Dedication Ceremony DAR America 250! Patriot Marker, Inverness City Hall, Government Center Plaza Inverness, Florida

Our Color guard Presented and retired the colors for this event. 7 Chapter members attended this event 4 Color Guard and Three Compatriots

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Charles R. Hayes

Attended Daytona Beach Chapter Meeting May 27. Conducted meeting (president was in Hospital), inducted a new member, Assisted J Gaskins Senior FLSSAR VP with medal presentations of two Roger Sherman's. to chapter members.

Memorial Day Flags at Espanola Cemetery Flagler Co FL. Total of 222 veterans. Grave sites had US Flags placed Flagler Chapter and other organizations (DAR). Sat May 27. Flagler Chapter had 7 members present.

Memorial Day Service At Flagler County Veterans Memorial. I presented Flagler Chapter SAR Memorial Wreath during the ceremony. May 29. I was in uniform with total of 5 members of Flagler Chapter present at Memorial Day Service.

Attended Flagler Chapter meeting 17 May. 10 compatriots were in attendance.

133rd SAR National Congress July 2023 attended as FLSSAR delegate was in uniform and presented flags as part of National Color Guard during banquets.

Jacksonville Chapter

Paul M. Tucker

Highlights of the May 2023 Jacksonville Chapter Dinner Meeting:

The SAR Jacksonville Chapter was invited to facilitate patriotic presentations at St. Michaels Academy May 18, 2023, in Fernandina Beach, Florida by School Administrator Natalie Tasso for their Annual Colonial Days Celebration. SAR Members taking part were Darryl Ingle and wife Laura, Josh Jolly, and Paul Tucker. The day started at St. Michaels at 7:45 AM with the raising of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance followed by information on the day's events, announcements, and introductions. Afterwards the whole student body and we and other visitors and guests were treated to the fourth-grade presentation of a Maypole Celebration and dancing to period and patriotic music. Our presentations were geared toward Pre -K through Eighth Grade level. The presenters subject to the St. Michaels students was THE HISTORY OF THE FLAG Presentation adjusted for grade level. In addition, Laura Ingle conducted a review of many Traveling Trunk items to include questions, answers, and discussion sessions. A day well spent interacting with these great students and likely the future leaders of our communities and our country. Announcement made about the May 29, 2023, 7:30 AM muster time for our Color Guard participation in The Memorial Day Activities at the Memorial Wall Stadium Downtown. Simultaneous limited participation will be done at the Beaches American Legion Memorial Day Observance at Mayport. The June 17 Special Meeting and Alligator Bridge Commemoration Event at the Callahan Depot Museum announced by President Kurt Driscoll The West Nassau Historical Society, our host, has agreed to expand the hospitality to include space for the catered luncheon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

The SAR May dinner opened with a Memorial Service for our recently departed members. Compatriots Chuck Farmer, Michael May, & Roger O'Bryan. The bell was rung as each name was read aloud and Chaplain Rev Bob Hale then gave the Benediction.

PRESENTATION:

CAR President Sydney Wagnstrom gave a presentation from her C.A.R., (Children of the American Revolution), oration presentation.

AWARDS:

The chapter brought forward Mrs. Baumgarten who introduced all the great work her late Husband and Jacksonville Chapter Member, Dr Baumgarten was engaged in during his membership. Much of his work was to promote the remembrance of the 29th Infantry Division during WWII. She has continued her husband's work at educating today's youth to not forgetting what our Veterans did on D-Day and entirety of WWII. SAR Regional NE VP, Jim Gaskins had the honor of presenting her the Martha Washington Medal on behalf of the Jacksonville Chapter and was also a close family Friend.

Our next award went to Jocelyn Scott wife of Compatriot Frederick Scott the Chapter Treasurer, for her tireless work as greeter and hostess at our meetings. Jocelyn received the Martha Washington Medal.

The Awards continue with David McCuistion being presented with the SAR War Service Medal for his time served in Vietnam. Other Certificates of Appreciation for work done to support SAR.

Our out-going Sgt-at-Arms Josh Jolly was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his work with the Color Guard and our incoming President Paul Tucker was presented with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal for all his work as 1st VP and Color Guard Commander.

Installation of Chapter Officers:

The installation of the newly elected Chapter officers was conducted by Past Chapter, State, and National President Lindsey Brock. The Officers as follows:

President and Color Guard Commander Paul M. Tucker-1st VP Roy Weiland-2nd VP Barney Thornton-Secretary Darryl Ingle-Treasurer Frederick Scott-Registrar Gray Chandler-Chaplin Rev. William Ziegenfuss-Genealogist Michael Conway-Historian Gregory McBeth- and Sergeant at Arms David McCuistion

The official turn-over of the Presidents gavel from Kurt Driscoll to Paul Tucker. Compatriot Brock explained The historical significance of this gavel is that it's made from actual wood from America's oldest commissioned ship, the USS Constitution.

June 2024 Special Meeting:

The Jacksonville Chapter held a special meeting at Callahan, FL on June 17, 2023, to commemorate the Battle of Alligator Bridge that occurred on June 30, 1778, under the Patriot Command of Colonel Elijah Clarke. The incursion into Florida was part of the effort to support George Washington's vision of Florida becoming the 14th, Colony. The effort failed as Patriot forces were outmanned and outgunned. 13 Patriot lives were sacrificed in the effort and Co, Clarke was himself wounded and many more lives were lost during the retreat due to sickness and hunger as this part of Florida at that time was dense wilderness. Many THANKS to the city of Callahan, FL and the West Nassau County, Florida Historical Society for hosting the event. This State Event was well attended by our Chapter Compatriots, DAR, SAR, Colonial Dames, CAR and local dignitaries with many presenting wreaths. Past NASSAR President Lindsey Brock was in attendance as was Past President FLSSAR Earl Matthews and many others. The Chapter Color Guard conducted a three-volley firing salute commanded by the Florida State Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge followed by taps played by our Compatriot Fred Emery. The location was at the West Nassau Historical Society Museum and Callahan, FL Community Center just three blocks from the SAR 1936 erected Commemorative sign along Highway 301. The sign was refurbished recently by the Jacksonville Chapter and stands very close to the Battle location. This was the 2nd annual commemoration, and the Jacksonville Chapter is looking forward to organizing a bigger and better event in 2024 and working toward evolving Alligator Bridge into a National Event.

Guest speakers for the special meeting were Lindsey Brock Past President General NSSAR, Jim Gaskins Sr VP FLSSAR, & John Hendricks of The West Nassau County Historical Society.

George Washington Camp 1 Color Guard:

The Jacksonville Chapter Color Guard participated May through September 2023 as follows:

Monthly Naturalization Ceremony at Federal Courthouse in conjunction with Colonial Dames, DAR, and various Civil Authority Representatives. Many poses for photos with newly sworn in Citizens.

May 29, 2023, Memorial day Events American Legion Mayport/Beeches unit and Jacksonville City sponsored Memorial Wall downtown stadium location.

St. Michaels Academy Fernandina, FL. Colonial Days Flag History and traveling trunk presentations.

June 17, 2023, The Battle of Alligator Bridge Commemoration.

July 13 through July 20, 2023, Various CG Events Orlando, FL. National Congress.

September 09, 2023, DAR Fall Forum Orlando, FL.

September 16, 2023, Veteran's Honor Flight Airport Flag Line and Salute.

September 16, NE Regional DAR Constitution Week Colors Presentation Luncheon.

September 21, 2023, September Chapter Meeting kick off 2023-2024 Scheduled Meetings Colors presentation.

At the September 21, 2023, Jacksonville Chapter Meeting we were privileged to induct 13 new members to the SAR and Jacksonville Chapter. We have five more approved new members not present, and hopes are they will be inducted at the October Meeting. These new inductees are on average much younger than are the general chapter population which presents opportunities to recruit the new members for Color Guard and other active programs and chapter vacant positions that our SAR Organization and chapter are engaged in. We had Lesa Moore, the principal of moorealterations.com, on hand to offer the opportunity to new members specifically and veteran members for uniform fitting and measure to help facilitate chapter active involvement. Multiple members were measured for new period uniforms.

The Color Guard was invited and slated to participate in The Starke, FL. July 4, 2023, Splash bash Independence day Parade and celebration. The parade being 3 miles in length with the July temperatures and time of day created reluctance from our generally older members. We were unable to acquire adequate volunteers to make this a successful event for our Color Guard Participation. In discussions with The Starke, FL. Splash Bash Administrators advised that 2024 adjustments may be made to better accommodate our older membership participation and attendance.

St Augustine Chapter

Jerry M. Hanchett

No report submitted.

Flagler Chapter

Randall G. Conway

03 MAY 2023 – AT MATANZAS HIGH SCHOOL IN PALM COAST, FLORIDA, C/MSG FIONN DALY WAS PRESENTED THE SAR BORNZE JROTC MEDAL SET BY PRESIDENT RANDY CONWAY.

14 MAY 2023 – FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA RESIDENT JACK HASS WAS PRESENTED THE SAR FLAG CERTIFICATE BY 1ST VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FEIND.

17 MAY 2023 – AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLAGLER CHAPTER, PRESIDENT RANDY CONWAY WELCOMED COMPATRIOT JOE STAFFORD A TRANSFER FROM THE INDIANA SOCIETY. COMPATRIOTS JACK PETRI, JAY MILLS AND ERICK KULESKI WERE PRESENTED THEIR FLSSAR VETERANS BATTALION CERTIFICATES. IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE FLAGLER CHAPTER, COMPATRIOTS JAY MILLS, TOM HOWARD, JOHN FEIND, JEFF SCHALLER AND FLYNN EDMONSON RECEIVED THE BRONZE ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL SET.

19-20 MAY 2023 – THE FLSSAR SPRING BOM MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY COMPATRIOTS RANDY CONWAY, CHARLIE HAYES, JOHN FEIND, DAVE BULL AND RANDALL MORRIS. COMPATRIOT HAYES WAS ELECTED NE REGIONAL VP.

25 MAY 2023 – AT THE IMAGINE SCHOOL IN PALM COAST, FLORIDA, STUDENTS DALTON MITCHELL AND ETHAN FLINN WERE AWARDED THE SAR BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL SET BY PRESIDENT RANDY CONWAY.

27 MAY 2023 – IN PREPARATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES, US FLAGS WERE PLACED AT THE GRAVES OF 223 VETERANS BY COMPATRIOTS JACK PETRI, JOE STAFFORD, DAVID KELSEY, CHARLIE HAYES, JOHN FEIND AND RANDALL MORRIS. ALSO, COMPATRIOTS JOE STAFFORD AND JACK PETRI PLACED A US FLAG AT THE GRAVE OF FLAGLER CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBER DAVID HAROLD EMERY.

29 MAY 2023 – AT THE FLAGLER COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMPLEX, BUNNELL, FLORIDA, COMPATRIOT CHARLIE HAYES PRESENTED THE FLAGLER CHAPTER WREATH IN HONOR OF OUR AMERICAN VETERANS.

01 JUN 2023 – AT THE SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL IN PALM COAST, FLORIDA, STUDENTS BETH STOBLE AND NANCY KILHOFFER WERE PRESENTED THE SAR BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL SET BY PRESIDENT RANDY CONWAY.

13-20 JUL 2023 – THE 133RD ANNUAL SAR CONGRESS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA WAS ATTENDED BY COMPATRIOTS RANDY CONWAY, CHARLIE HAYES AND DAVE BULL.

23 JUN 2023 – 1ST VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FEIND INDUCTED COMPATRIOTS CHRISTOPHER (SON) AND LUKE (GRANDSON) FEIND AS NEW MEMBERS OF THE FLAGLER CHAPTER, FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

23 SEP 2023 – AT THE PALM COAST COMMUNITY CENTER, PALM COAST, FLORIDA, THE FLAGLER CHAPTER, ALONG WITH THE PALM COAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SPONSORED FLAGLER COUNTY JUDGE ANDREA TOTTEN TO SPEAK AT THE CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION.

Daytona-Ormond Chapter

H. William Elder

No report submitted.

East Central Regional Vice President

Jeff L. Sizemore

Submitted chapter reports.

Brevard Chapter

Joel A. Etherton

The Brevard SAR Chapter meets at 11:00 AM on the third Saturday from Oct through May at the Tides Club at 1001 North Highway A1A South Atlantic Avenue in Satellite Beach, FL.

The September 15th meeting was the DAR/SAR Constitution Day Meeting. We had a social time with lunch being served at 11:30 AM. Our guest speaker was Clifton Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a very highly recommended speaker on the Constitution. He is a decorated Korean War veteran, very active in his community in Bartow, FL. A Docent for a museum there in Bartow, has received the highest DAR award presented to civilians, retired from telecommunications position in Washington, DC, on the Florida Governor's Commission and many other accomplishments.

The Brevard Chapter has already started the planning process for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution event that is scheduled for March 16, 2024. Please put it on your calendar to attend.

The chapter would also like to bring to everyone's attention that Brevard Veterans Memorial Center, *The Council Courier* (August 2023) mentioned in their newsletter on pages 11-12 that the SAR National Congress visited to the VMC and dedicated of a new bench.

Central Florida Chapter

Scott A. Cook

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.

At the September meeting, Compatriot Harry Rinker narrated the meeting as people showed heirlooms that meant something to them. At present, he is working with numerous new members to get their application ready to be sent to National for approval.

Okeechobee Chapter

Donald P. Hanna

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

The Okeechobee Chapter SAR provided color and honor guard for the Highlands County Heritage Day at the Pearce Estate. The Pearce Estate was settled on the banks of the Kissimmee River in 1874 by Confederate veteran John Mizell Pearce. The Okeechobee SAR color and honor guard are pictured in front of the 450 year old Liberty Tree.

St Lucie River Chapter

H. Hall Riediger

After being off for the summer, the chapter will resume with their first meeting scheduled for October 14, 2023 at Missions BBQ

West Central Regional Vice President

A. Parks Honeywell

No report submitted.

Clearwater Chapter

Walter B. Arnold

During our summer break (June – August) the following was accomplished:

- Review of job discrimination to compensate for the loss of Larry Patterson our Secretary of seven (7) years.
 - It cannot be overstated for the need of a viable succession plan for your Chapter and or a backup plan in the case of the natural cycle of life!
- Created an “Assistant Position” for most primary job duties (1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer and Secretary) with an ambitious recruiting plan to address the “Backup Plan” issue.
- Held two New Member Orientation Zoom Calls, to give New Members an “overview” of Chapter, State and National structure, terms and opportunities via a “New Member Manual, Part One”.
- Had several Senior Officer Meeting to discuss Dues Process 2024, Nomination of Officers for 2024 and New/Current Member Retention Strategies for 2023-24; in person and via Zoom when appropriate.
- Clearwater Color Guard joined the Tampa Color Guard for Honor Flights and July 4th Parade, and presenting the Colors at the Rays baseball game during the National Anthem.
- Working on the formation of a Regional Genealogy Committee to assist Current Members with their “Supplemental Application”. This Committee would remove the “heavy lifting” of the Supplement Application process from the current Chapter Genealogist/Registrar, would also when needed be a resource pool for the next Chapter Genealogist/Registrar and lastly could be a part of an overall “retention strategy” by keeping the Committee Member more “active” in their respective Chapter. All Supplement Applications generated would be on the National SAR “Online” form.
- During the summer break, the Clearwater Chapter also added six (6) New Members.
- On 18 September we had our latest BOG meeting (via Zoom) to bring all BOG Members up to speed on what has happened during summer break, as listed above.
- A few months ago, the Clearwater Chapter joined the Tampa and St Petersburg Chapter to start the planning process for a dinner/dance on George Washington Birthday, February 23, 2023. To date we have selected a location for the event, the St Petersburg Yacht Clubs, are looking at the menu and trying to find a Guest Speaker, etc. with many details to be worked out.
- Lastly on 31 August 2023, the Clearwater Chapter lost it’s most senior Member Richard N. Egbert. Compatriot Egbert joined the SAR in 1943 and was the longest living SAR Member in the Nation with almost 81 years. A service honoring his life will be held on September 30, at the Eagle’s Landing Church in New Port Richey.

Lakeland Chapter

Jarrell D. Burchett

No report submitted.

Maj. John DeVane Chapter

The chapter closed down in June 2023.

South Shore Chapter

William M. Adkins, Sr.

The South Shore Chapter continues to hold monthly meetings on the second Saturday (September through May) at the Freedom Plaza Club located at 3932 Upper Creek Drive in Sun City Center, Florida 33573. Board of Governor meetings are held via Zoom on the previous Tuesday.

Membership:

Current Chapter membership as of 9/1/2023 totals 61 Compatriots. Nine new members were added during the summer chapter recess through the efforts of Registrar Bill Barron.

Programs:

The chapter continues to support local Eagle Scout and high school JROTC programs. In April, medals and cash awards were made to ten local JROTC outstanding cadet recipients. Three Eagle Scout awards were presented to 2 male and 1 female honoree. Our close relationship with the Col. George Mercer Brooke DAR chapter was maintained by mutual attendance at meetings, support of the DAR sponsored American Flag Program and cleaning/decorating local veteran's grave sites.

Meeting Activities:

April – A total of 24 members/guests were in attendance. The SAR Military Service Medal was presented to the Compatriot Ed List. A presentation entitled “The Battle of Bunker Hill” was given by Compatriot Gerald “Robbie” Robinson, President of the Tampa SAR Chapter.

May – A total of 29 members/guests were in attendance. Four members, Past President Gordon Bassett, Vice President Ken Wavell, Secretary Ron Windsor and Joe Flack, will represent the chapter at the Community Memorial Day Celebration. Chaplain Bill Adkins, Sr. provided a program explaining the significance of the “Missing Man Table”.

No summer meetings

September – A total of 24 members/guests were welcomed by President Bill Adkins, Sr. Compatriot and U.S. Army Veteran Dick Hillyer was presented the SAR Military Service Medal. Kay Adkins, Col. George Mercer Brooke DAR Chapter Regent presented Secretary Ron Windsor with a DAR Historic Preservation Certificate. Compatriot Bill Barron provided a well documented program about his Patriot Ancestors, the Litz family, and their involvement in the 1777 defense of Kingston, New York. In addition, a three member nominating committee was appointed to select potential 2024 officers.

St Petersburg Chapter

Douglas R. Maddox, Jr

No report submitted.

Tampa Chapter

Garald K. Robinson

2023 Officers:

President: Garald K. (Robbie) Robinson

Vice President: Roger Roscoe

Recording Secretary: Robert Yarnell

Treasurer: Will Wagner-Hart

Registrar: Richard W Young

Chaplain: Matthew Balencie

Sgt At Arms: Darren Acosta

Immediate Past President: Charles Klug, Jr

Membership:

Regular: 80

Dual: 6

Junior: 6

Life: 1

Total: 93

Monthly Summaries of events/mtgs/speakers:

Meetings are held on the third Saturday on the second floor of the University Mall at 2201 Fowler Ave in Tampa, starting at 11:30am. After admin time, we break about noon for lunch, and continue our meetings at 12:30pm for our speakers' presentations.

13 May 2023 meeting: Chapter Secretary Robert Yarnell gave a presentation that proposed that the War for Independence was actually a war that avoided a true revolution.

29 Memorial Day: Our Color Guard supported the American Legion Post #5 at their veterans' cemetery.

9 June 2023: Color Guard supported the DeSoto DAR's Flag Day event.

13 June 2023: Color Guard escorted veterans during their return from an Honor Flight to Wash DC

4 July 2023: Color Guard marched in a parade at Safety Harbor. Some members later were part of the opening ceremony for the Tampa Rays baseball game.

13-20 July 2023: Four Tampa members volunteered to support the NSSAR Congress: Robbie Robinson, Dick Young, Will Wagner-Hart, and Walter Oswald. Two members supported Color Guard activities for the Memorial Service on 16 July--Robbie Robinson and Dick Young.

12 September 2023: Color Guard supported the Honor Flight ceremony at St Petersburg Airport.

16 September 2023 meeting: Chapter President Robbie Robinson gave a presentation on the various uniforms worn during the Revolutionary War.

List of any chapter medal / certificate recipients:

None awarded for this time period.

List of new members over the past year:

Dwight Hamborsky

John Black

Gary Procop

Lawrence-Martin Capuder (Dual; primary LASSAR)

Southeast Regional Vice President

William R Wicks III

During the period April 2023 to October 2023 SE Regional VP attended:

Color Guard Events: July 4, 2023 Independence Day presentation of Colors at the Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL patriot concert and fireworks; July 14 - 20, 2023, 133rd NSSAR National Congress, Orlando, FL multiple color guard events including Sunday Memorial Service and President's Installation - special Four Guardsmen Honor Guard to protect and present the George Washington Ring for the Installation Ceremony; September 16, 2023, DAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Miami Shores Country Club, FL.

Chapter Meetings: Miami Chapter attendance (Six); Miami Chapter Meetings Monthly Luncheons (Five) and Monthly Board of Directors Meetings (Six). West Palm Beach Chapter Monthly Luncheon meeting in October and Ft. Lauderdale Chapter Special Recognitions Luncheon for Joes Motes, August 5, 2023.

State Meetings: The 2023 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 in planning for January 13, 2024, at the Davie, Florida, Outback Steakhouse.

NSSAR: July 14 - 20, 2023, 133rd NSSAR National Congress, Orlando, FL.

Ft Lauderdale Chapter

Charles A. Adams, II

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter typically 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. The meeting for October 14 and November 11, 2023, has been rescheduled for the second Saturday.

The Chapter's media relations are carried out through the maintenance and updating of the Chapter website which can be found at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org. The Chapter's meeting schedule and contact information is published quarterly in the SAR magazine. Here are some other 2023 highlights that have occurred since May 2023:

- On May 13, 2023, the Chapter contributed \$350.00 to the Swamp Fox Society C.A.R. As the Society begins its 2023-24 new year, the Chapter is budgeted to contribute at least an additional \$350.00 and will attend upcoming monthly meetings starting in October 2023 to provide senior advisory support.

- On May 19, 2023, the Chapter was accepted into the Florida Society Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard and subsequently named our unit Samuel Nicholas Camp #23. Also, at the May BOM, the Chapter received the 2022 White Flight 2nd Place Chapter Challenge Certificate for a mid-sized chapter.
- Starting in June 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter initiated a recurring 250 Anniversary Recognition Program. In each monthly Chapter Newsletter, an originally composed article on a revolutionary event occurring that month between the years 1764 and 1783 is published, and the author summarizes the article at that month's chapter meeting. At its September 16, 2023, Chapter meeting, five compatriots were recognized for qualifying for the Bronze 250 Anniversary Medal and four of those members have submitted applications to FLSSAR for the award of the Silver 250 Anniversary Medal.
- On June 24, 2023, the Chapter hosted a Donut Saturday at the Alexander Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home. At this event, we delivered and assembled over \$550 in equipment that we have donated to the facility which included: a wheeled popcorn cart, an air fryer, a mobile dry erase whiteboard, and two big button TV remotes.
- On June 30, 2023, we awarded a Flag Display Certificate of Recognition to the H.S. White Corporation located in Pompano, Florida.
- On July 19, 2023, at the 133rd National Congress, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter received the Silver Level 1776 Society Certificate for the Chapter's 2023 contribution of \$1,776 to the SAR Education Center and Museum.
- On September 12, 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Executive Committee approved making a \$400.00 donation to Honor Flight South Florida to assist in funding the flights scheduled on Sept 23 and Oct 28, 2023. This, in addition, to the \$250.00 that the Chapter contributed on June 15, 2023, in memory of Compatriot M. Earl Higginbotham, a veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War who passed on June 6, 2023. Fort Lauderdale Color Guardsmen will participate at Welcome Home starting on September 23, 2023, and at future flights going forward.
- On September 13, 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter had three representatives participate with three other Florida Chapters and Society President, Steve Fields, at the reburial ceremony for WW II soldier, U.S. Army Pfc, Roy J Searle, held at the South Florida National Cemetery.
- On September 20, 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter purchased 10 wreaths for \$170 that will be used as part of the Wreaths Across America Program celebrated in Broward County on December 16, 2023, at the Forest Lawn North Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach, Florida.
- For 2023 as of August 31, 2023, the Chapter awarded 59 medals and/or certificates to participants in the various youth programs it supports. The breakdown: eight (8) Sea Cadets were awarded the Bronze Good Citizens Medal; thirty-two (32) JROTC Cadets were awarded the Bronze Medal; and nineteen (19) certificates were presented to 2023 approved Eagle Scouts residing in Broward County.
- For 2023, as of September 16, 2023, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter has supported veterans and veteran programs accumulating 2,851 points towards the 2023 U.S. Stark Awards Program.
- For 2023, as of September 30, 2023, the Chapter received approval on eleven (11) new member applications with three additional applicants in the pipeline pending SAR approval. We also received approval on two supplemental applications and one memorial application.

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter membership to date has grown 29% -- from 59 as of January 1, 2023, to 76 as of October 1, 2023. At the close of this reporting period, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter, as all others, is collecting 2024 membership dues and has already raised from some seventeen contributors its 2024 contribution of \$1,776 that will be donated in January 2024 to the SAR Education Center and Museum Project.

Miami Chapter

George K. Wysong

The Miami Chapter has its monthly luncheon meetings at American Legion Post 98, 303 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida on the last Saturday of each month. We have met in person at the Post, and just recently discontinued simultaneously using Go-To-Meetings, virtual video meetings. 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 FLSSAR SouthEast Region and Miami Chapter by RVP Bill Wicks. The cost of the Miami Chapter monthly luncheon is \$20 and we

use a third-party vendor to deliver the catered hot 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 2023 the Miami Chapter had 94 Compatriots. We currently have an additional 70+ persons comprising our "1776 Corps.," whose membership applications are in the process of documentation and completion.

Florida SAR 2023 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting:

At the FLSSAR 2023 Spring BOM and Annual Meeting held 19-21 May in Orlando, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by Chapter Secretary-Treasurer and past State President Wm Lee Popham, Sr. and his Lady Laura Zavalia; by Chapter President George K. and Brenda Wysong III; and by SE Regional VP and Immediate Past President William R. and Kerry Wicks.

The following Awards and Recognitions were received by the Miami Chapter and Compatriots during the Friday Awards Banquet: Miami Chapter – First Place Award for the Americanism and Chapter Challenge Contest

William R Wicks III -	Silver Roger Sherman Medal
	Silver Color Guard Medal
	Certificate of Appreciation
Benjamin E Groff -	Youth Education Medal
Matthew S Bunch -	Youth Education Medal
	Silver Outstanding Young Member Medal
Wm Lee Popham -	Certificate of Appreciation
Rene Jewett -	Certificate of Appreciation

NSSAR 133rd Annual Congress in Orlando Florida:

At the 2023 National Congress at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida, the Miami Chapter was represented by five Delegates: Miami Chapter President George K and Brenda Wysong III; Immediate Past President and SouthEast Regional VP William R and Kerry Wicks III; Secretary-Treasurer, National Trustee, and Florida SAR 2019-2020 President Lee Popham; 1st Vice President Rene Jewett; and Historian William S Replogle. Compatriot Popham was appointed to membership on the NSSAR Executive Committee for a second term by President General and Miami Chapter Dual Member John L. Dodd. George and Brenda Wysong served as Congress Volunteers on the Kennedy Space Center tour, and Rene Jewett participated several times as a Day Captain during the Congress.

The following Awards and Recognitions were received by Miami Chapter Compatriots during the Orlando Congress:

John L. Dodd (Dual) -	Elected National SAR President General 2023-2024
	Gold Meritorious Service Medal
	(probably a bunch of other stuff, too)
Wm Lee Popham -	Minuteman – Class of 2023
	National Distinguished Service Medal
	Silver Sam Adams Congress Medal
	National SAR Executive Committee Member 2023-2024

MEMBERSHIP:

At 31 August 2023, the Miami Chapter had 94 Compatriots, down from 96 reported at 01 January 2023. We currently have 70+ persons comprising our "1776 Corps.," whose membership applications are in process of documentation and completion.

96 Members at 15 April 2023

(1) Member Transferred Out

(1) Member Deceased

94 Members at 31 August 2023

We hope to be able to reinstate several of our non-renewals and inactive Compatriots from prior years. We have recently purchased and installed the Club Express membership database software, and we are testing it on behalf of the Florida Society Chapters. We believe it will have a significant impact on our future Reinstatements, and also help to reduce the number of Non-Renewals.

We mourn the recent death of **55-year Compatriot** and Past President **COL John "Jack" Thomson**. Compatriot **Earl Higginbotham** transferred his membership to Fort Lauderdale earlier this year, and then passed away in August.

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 2023. 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. SouthEast RVP and Immediate Past President William Wicks brought greetings at the annual Constitution Week luncheon of the DAR on September 17, 2023, and participated in a color guard presentation with Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, and Compatriot William Replogle.

MIAMI CHAPTER LADIES AUXILIARY:

The Miami Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary is alive and well, thanks to the efforts of Kerry Wicks, Liga Replogle, Laura Zavalia, and Margie Thompson. Volunteer work was 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 William Replogle delivered a \$500.00 donation to the Miami VA Hospital charities during this reporting period.

Compatriot James Popham was invited by the Mayor of the Town of Davie to deliver the Memorial Day address following the Memorial Day Parade. During his address, Popham quoted from the proclamation of SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette, referring to our Patriot Ancestors as America's First Veterans, whose memories should always be preserved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNITION

South Miami Police Chief Rene Landa was honored with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal during his televised retirement ceremony in front of the South Miami City Commission, in recognition of his many years of service to the Miami-Dade County community. **Compatriots James and Lee Popham** made the presentation.

COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

Thomas Payne Company Color Guard Commander David Mitchell commanded a contingent of Miami Chapter Compatriots at the Independence Day ceremony and fireworks display at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Each year, former Coral Gables Mayor Compatriot Donald Slesnick invites our Thomas Payne Company to conduct the opening flag ceremony for the event, in front of several thousand spectators and local news cameras from all networks. **Compatriots Mitchell, Wicks, Replogle, Jewett, and Popham Sr.** all participated in this Color Guard event.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

ROTC, JROTC, and Sea Cadet Programs: After the last report Compatriots continued to distribute Medals for recognition throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. There were three contestants who entered the Enhanced JROTC Competition Program.

Eagle Scout Recognitions: Miami **Compatriot James Popham** was the Chapter Winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship competition, and also was selected as the Florida SAR winner. Compatriot James Popham also served as the Master of Ceremonies at the South Florida Council BSA Eagle Recognition Banquet, as the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's Honorary Society) O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief. All 155 Eagle Scouts within the Council were recognized and congratulated by Miami Chapter SAR Compatriots James and Lee Popham at the Eagle Banquet.

Knight Essay Contest: A total of five Essays were submitted for the Knight Essay Contest, all of which came from Mast Academy on Key Biscayne – where **Compatriot Matthew Bunch** is their American History and Civics instructor.

American History Teacher of the Year: **Compatriot Matthew Bunch** was selected as the Miami Chapter entry for the American History Teacher of the Year recognition, and he was selected as the Florida SAR State Winner as well. Compatriot Bunch received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from the Miami Chapter in recognition of this achievement.

Palm Beach Chapter

David D. Bird

Palm Beach SAR Chapter 2023 Vision:

The Chapter continues its focus on *Membership Development/Mentoring/Retention, Youth/Scholarship/JROTC programs, Veterans' services, Police/First Responder recognition.*

The Chapter continues its proactive membership recruiting efforts inducting **10** new Compatriots bringing its total membership to **184** with an additional **19** members in the application process.

Chapters 2024 officers have been nominated to include; *President, Peter Johnston, Vice President, TK Krumenacker, Secretary, Bob Boggs, Treasurer, Peter Johnston, Registrar, Bob Boggs, Chaplain Ben Tidwell, Historian Donald Lanman, Sgt. @ Arms, Greg Parkinson, Officers @ Large.*

The Chapter completed its annual financial audit and started the process of updating of its By-Laws.

Chapter Activities & Events:

Chapter continues its 2023 meetings with a focus on Veterans Services, Youth Programs, Law Enforcement/First Responder recognition awarding **6** medals to Police and Firefighters.

The Chapter presented **8 JROTC** medals, **1 Knight Essay Contest** medal and **1 Eagle Scout medal**. The Chapter expanded its commitment to youth higher education with its annual **Compatriot Alex Dreyfoos History Scholarship** donating \$2,000 to the *Palm Beach Atlantic University "History Major"* program. The 2023 scholarship represents over 20 years and \$20,000 in scholarships from the Palm Beach Chapter.

Chapter Compatriots with local *DAR Daughters* expanded its dedication to patriotic and civic service by attending **7** Patriotic events including the *Missing in America Project* where we inurned, with full military honors, the unclaimed remains of 17 Veterans of WW 2, Korea.

Compatriots were also represented the funeral of WW 2 Army Veteran Roy J. Searle. Pvt. Searle was laid to rest, with full military Honors, at the *South Florida National Cemetery*. As Florida Veterans Foundation Ambassadors, the Chapter delivered a \$1,900 Grant to the Faith, Hope, Love Charity "Stand Down" program to feed homeless female Veterans and children.

FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Committee Chairman Lanman inducted Chapter *Vietnam Veteran David Harden* into the Veterans Battalion raising the total number of chapter VB members to 23%.

Compatriots, in RW uniforms, and working with local *DAR Daughters* delivered a brief *History of Bunker Hill* program and presented **30 American Flags** to the 2nd grade students at the Lantana elementary school for Memorial Day.

The Chapter honored deceased *Compatriots James Blackburn & Alexander Dreyfoos* during special Chapter Memorial Services. These esteemed *Compatriots* were remembered as devoted Husbands, Fathers, Grandfathers, Veterans, Professionals, Civic Volunteers, Philanthropists and SAR Patriots.

Chapter *Compatriots* were represented at Patriotic events including *Flags 4 Fallen Vets* placing American Flags at 200 Veteran Tombstones, *Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Memorial Day* Wreath laying and *DAR Regents American Flag Retirement Ceremony*.

Chapter Fundraising:

Compatriot/Author/Philanthropist & SAR Gold Citizenship Medal winner *Alex Dreyfoos* offered 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. While most of the Chapters within the Southwest Region have been in recess over the summer break they have continues to be very active in participating in various events and activities. All five chapters were very well represented at the 133rd National SAR Congress in Orlando this year with numerous compatriots and their spouses actively volunteering and working in various capacities all during the Congress where we had a very successful Congress at the Rosen Plaza Hotel.

Since the Spring BOM in May 2023, I have continued to serve as the Secretary for the 2023 FLSSAR Congress Planning Committee attending their bimonthly ZOOM meeting as plans came together for the 133rd National Congress.

May 29th – I attended the Memorial Celebration conducted at the William R. Gaines Veterans Memorial Park in Port Charlotte, FL.

July 6th – My wife (Debi) and I were invited to do a presentation of the American Revolution during the Charlotte County History Week Program sponsored by the Charlotte County Board of Education. We presented a short program on Colonial Uniforms and I presented a program about Revolutionary War Patriot, Peter Francisco (aka "The Virginia Giant"). The students enjoyed examining the musket and uniform display.

July 12-20 – My wife and I attended the 133rd Congress in Orlando where I served as the SAR Credentials Chairman and she volunteered in the Hospitality Room during the Congress.

Aug 19 – I attended a joint DAR/SAR Luncheon sponsored by the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR.

Sept 7-10 – I attended the FSSDAR Fall Forum where I worked at the SAR Information Table on both Friday and Sat and served as a member of the FL Sons Of Liberty Color Guard in the presentation of Colors at their evening banquet of Sat night, 9 Sept.

Sept 16th – I attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for BSA Troop 351 where I presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition and the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to their new Eagle Scout.

The Caloosa Chapter continues to be a strong and vibrant chapter with a lot of enthusiasm being demonstrated by President Tom Thompson and the members of the Caloosa Chapter. They are currently planning their 50th Anniversary Gala which is scheduled for Saturday, 4 November.

The Charlotte Chapter continues to grow with 4 new member application currently in the works. I am looking forward to the chapter becoming more a more active chapter under the leadership of President Jonathan Hunt with the increased membership.

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 a local historical to celebrate their annual Patriot's Day Celebration to be celebrated April 2024.

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 continue to recover from the effects of the past pandemic.

The Saramana Chapter has been very active and continues to grow and be involved with their local community.

Caloosa Chapter

Thomas J. Thompson

Since our last semi-annual report to the Board of Management the Caloosa Chapter has been on summer break from June through September. However, many of our members have been very active in SAR activities throughout the summer. The Caloosa Chapter was well-represented by both attendees and volunteers that supported the very successful National SAR Congress that was held in Orlando in July.

Members have also been planning for our 50th Anniversary Gala to be held on November 4th at the Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers. All proceeds will support Home and Hearts for Veterans.

The Lighthorse Harry Lee Color Guard has also been active. The unit has provided a color guard for the Charlotte Chapter DAR Constitution Day banquet as well as for a Patriot Day celebration in Ft. Myers.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 year as we continue to grow as a chapter and carry out the mission of the SAR.

Charlotte Chapter

Jonathan D. Hunt

Since our last semi-annual report to the Board of Management the Charlotte Chapter has been on summer break from June through September. However, some of our members have been active in SAR activities throughout the summer. We continue to grow with a total of four (4) new member applications currently in progress. The Charlotte Chapter was well-represented by both attendees and volunteers that supported the very successful National SAR Congress that was held in Orlando in July.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 year as we continue to grow as a chapter and carry out the mission of the SAR.

Highlands Chapter

James T. Dean

The Highlands Chapter has continued to conduct our chapter meetings over the summer. We continue our cooperation with the Highlands County Heritage Association and the Sebring Historical Society and the Thompson Family is planning our annual Patriot's Day Celebration at the Pearce Lockett Estate in Sebring, FL. This annual event continues to grow in participation every year with increased attendance by members of the SAR, DAR, CAR and other local historical agencies and we are looking forward to another great event in April 2024. The Chapter also participates in the annual 9-11 Celebration at the St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Lake Placid where we conduct an annual Flag Retirement Ceremony and present the SAR Flag Certificate to the Church. The Highlands Chapter was represented at the 133 Congress by Compatriot Mark Barie and his spouse who volunteered and supported the very successful National SAR Congress that was held in Orlando in July.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 year as we as a chapter carry out the mission of the SAR.

Naples Chapter

W. Douglas Gibbens

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 11 May 2023, President Douglas Gibbens called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. There were 34 members and guests present for the luncheon/meeting. President Gibbens welcomed NSDAR Big Cypress Chapter Officers and members, SAR Compatriots, Applicants and Guests including from Springfield Illinois, SAR member Steven G. Nash and DAR member Katherine F. Nash. The Nash's were present to see their son Timothy S. Nash be inducted into the Naples Chapter, SAR. The chapter, led by Treasurer and Flag Chairman Anthony "Jim" Meerpohl, made an American Flag award to Cypress Lodge #295, D & AM. Accepting for Cypress Lodge was their Senior Warden Louis Kenyon. Two Years of Service were presented. Chancellor Michael E. Garey was honored for 15 years of service. COL (Ret) Robert N. Burhans, US Marine Corps, was honored for 5 years of service. COL Burhans was also presented with a Vietnam Veteran recognition pin, as he served in World War 2, Korea, and Vietnam. The chapter is a Commemorative Partner for the Vietnam Veterans Recognition program. Timothy S. Nash was then inducted into our chapter. His rosette was pinned on him by his mother, DAR member Katherine F. Nash, accompanied by his father Compatriot Steven G. Nash. Compatriot Tom Woodruff will be Tim's mentor. The guest speaker was Mr. Dale Mullin, assisted by his wife Marie Elaina Mullin. Dale is the founder and CEO of Wounded Warriors of Collier County, a not for profit that now has 4 homes housing previous homeless Veterans. The chapter presented a check for \$500 to Mr. Mullins to be used in finishing the 4 th home. President Gibbens then gave the benediction and Compatriot Tim West gave the SAR Recessional.

On 19-20 May, the chapter was represented at the Florida Society Board of Management meeting held in Kissimmee, by President Douglas Gibbens. Gibbens participated in all activities of the weekend, including the Youth Luncheon on Saturday noon, and the Installation Banquet on Saturday evening.

On 4 July 2023, the chapter had an entry in the Naples 4th of July parade. At least 3 Compatriots participated, including Past President John McCullough, Treasurer Anthony "Jim" Meerpohl, and Compatriot Brian Bennett. Also, the Regent of the Big Cypress Chapter, DAR, rode in our convertible during the parade.

On 14-20 July 2023, the chapter was represented at the National SAR Congress in Orlando Florida by chapter president Douglas Gibbens. While present, Gibbens was a volunteer with the Credentials Committee. He also participated in the Sunday Memorial Service and all business sessions of the Congress. He participated in the Youth Awards luncheon on Monday and the formal banquets on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Also, chapter Board of Directors members Compatriots Brian Bennett and Robert Stiles attended the Sunday evening Youth Rumbaugh Oration finals and the Monday Opening Session of the Congress. Work commitments kept them from attending any further sessions.

On 7 August 2023, the chapter held a Board of Directors meeting via Zoom. Eight of the 9 Board members were in attendance. The Board discussed committee appointments, filling vacancies in these assignments, as well as a discussion on our meeting location for the coming year. 2nd Vice President Tim West announced that the chapter would be visiting Golden Paws on November 2nd , along with an optional lunch to follow. After a short discussion, it was approved to invite the Big Cypress DAR Board members and their spouses to accompany us.

On 28 September 2023, the chapter Board of Directors will meet in order to finalize plans for our October 12th luncheon meeting.

Saramana Chapter

S. Preston Adams, III

The Saramana Chapter Executive Board meets at the Church of the Redeemer, 25 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236. The Saramana Chapter has its monthly luncheon meetings at the Der Dutchman Restaurant, 3713 Baha Vista Street, Sarasota, FL 34232 on the 4th Saturday of each month.

We have recently moved our luncheon meetings from the 3rd Saturday to the 4th Saturday due to conflicting schedules with the DAR members and Regents who wish to attend our meetings. The cost of our Saramana monthly luncheon is \$20.00 for the Buffet meal. Parking is free and all members, guests and interested prospects are welcome to attend. Along with the presentations of Certificates and Medals we strive to have interesting speakers attend to address our meetings.

Membership

At September 11, 2023, with the addition of 19 new members the Saramana Chapter had 99 Compatriots up from 80 at January 1, 2023.

- (0) Member(s) Transferred Out
- (2) Members Non-Renewed on January 1, 2023
- (75) Members as of January 1, 2023
- (1) Member Deceased (2023)
- (2) Members seeking dual membership since January 1, 2023
- (2) Members reinstated since January 1, 2023
- (2) Members transferred in since January 1, 2023
- (20) New members since January 1, 2023

(99) Members as of September 2023

We hope to be able to reinstate several of our non-renewal and inactive Compatriots from prior years.

We mourn the death of one Compatriots during 2023 as follows:

Harold Burton Crapo, Jr. 2/01/23

20 New Members since January, 1, 2023

John Edward Quinn, Jr., Timothy Charles Deforest, Robert Kent Boxley, Warren Dewhurst Finn, Benedict Truman Finn, Daniel Dewhurst Hargreaves, Benedict Harrigan Evaston, Matthew William Moore, Benjamin Jack Moore, Bradley Ross Piver, Bradley Trey Piver, Kevin Lee Kalmbach, Clayton Thomas Taylor, Christopher Royce Boll, Vincent Boll Miller, Henry Rittenhouse Miller, Michael S. Boll, John Phillip Rau, Gabriel Thorogood Miller, Finnan Rouke Miller

Present Officer as of September 11, 2023

President	Samuel P. "Preston" Adams, III
Vice President	Howard William "Randy" Randolph, Jr.
Secretary	Howard William "Randy" Randolph, Jr.
Treasurer	John Harrigan Boll
Genealogist	Steven Ray Fields
Historian	Richard Kenneth Mahaffey
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jeffery Allen Robbins
Governor (2021)	Jeffery Allen Robbins
Governor (2021)	John Leland Fitzpatrick
Governor (2021)	Steven Sanford Estes, Jr.
Governor (2022)	Dr. David Carter Purviance
Governor (2022)	John Henry Heyer
Governor (2022)	Waldemar Melvin Goulet, Jr
Chaplain	Timothy Charles Deforest was appointed Chaplain.

The following Medals and Recognitions were awarded:

<u>MEDAL/CERTIFICATE</u>	<u>NAME OF RECIPIENT</u>
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Chapter Distinguished Service Medal	Timothy Milligan
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Bronze Roger Sherman	John Fitzpatrick
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At our April 30, 2023, Luncheon Meeting We recognized **3** local Fire Departments and First Responder personnel for their community service.

At our May 23, 2023 Luncheon Meeting we recognized **7** local Police, Sheriffs and Highway Patrol personnel for their community service.

Color Guard Opportunities:

Our Saramana Color Guard Participated in the Sarasota County Memorial Day Parade. We also presented the Colors at the DAR's Luncheon meeting on June 10, and will again on September 16th.

The color guard is the public face of the Sons of the American Revolution. Nothing is more iconic than the image of a soldier of the American Revolution. Our chapter continuously urges our Compatriots to join the Chapter's color guard. We are fortunate to have several uniforms that have been donated to be available for sign-out to those interested. Our color guard participates in many SAR and DAR events and marches in the Memorial Day and veterans Day parade on Main Street in Downtown Sarasota,

Our Saramana Chapter had a booth at the Sarasota County's "History Day at the Park" on March 25th wherein we had an opportunity to publicize the Sons of the American Revolution. We were there in full uniform and had weapons and other historical items on display.

CAR Activities and Support:

We continue our support to the CAR through our monthly newsletter "The Quill and Bugle". Our Chapter officers attend the CAR functions on a regular basis.

DAR Activities and Support:

We continue to support the DAR by inviting them to all of our luncheons and promoting them through our monthly newsletter "The Quill & Bugle". Our Chapter Officers attend the DAR functions on a regular basis. On March 25th we joined the DAR and CAR officers and members at the "History Day in the Park" event with adjoining booths promoting the SAR, DAR and CAR.

Saramana Chapter Ladies Auxiliary:

The Saramana Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary is alive and well, thanks to the efforts of Sharon Milligan, Jill Fields and Sherry Erb. Through a monthly 50/50 drawing they raise funds to create goodie baskets to be auctioned off at state events, centerpieces, etc. for the BoM meetings and volunteering their service where needed.

JROTC/TOTC Recognitions:

The Saramana Chapter is in the process of distributing the Enhanced JROTC Awards shortly. We presently have no JROTC Chairman due to a recent resignation. We are presently searching for a candidate to fulfill this responsibility.

Secretary

M. Scott Breckenridge

- **FLSSAR membership** total (as of 10/6/2023) is 2,506, 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, 2023.
- **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, 2023.
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, 2024, for inclusion in the Florida Society contest. Chapters are also encouraged to submit their entries to the National contest. Instructions are included in the scoresheet.
- A word about **BOM members:**
Not everyone that attends a Board of Management Meeting is entitled to vote. I've reprinted the relevant section from the FLSSAR By-Laws here.

Section 1 Membership

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

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

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote. Members of the FLSSAR who are not members of the BOM may attend and participate in debate but may not vote.

Treasurer

W. Richard "Dick" Young

At September 30, your Florida Society has approximately \$190,000 in the bank. In round numbers that is...

Operating Fund	\$118,000
Meeks Fund	\$ 37,000
Congress Fund	\$ 35,000

Shortly after the last BOM, I put \$50,000 of our cash in 4.25% CD which matures later this month. I plan to roll that over into another CD or a high interest savings account and probably add more to it. Since the last BOM I have attended the Florida C.A.R. Summer Packet meeting in Clearwater and the National Congress in Orlando where I served as a volunteer and participated in two National Color Guard events. I also participated in five Color Guard events as part of the Tampa Chapter.

You should also read the Finance Committee Report and review the cash reports in Appendix F.

Registrar

Ray C. Lantz

FLSSAR Application Stats 21 Apr 2023 – 24 Sep 2023

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	154	34	0	19	207
Approved* By NSSAR	125	7	1	16	149
254Pended* By NSSAR	9	1	0	0	10
Pended By FSSAR	32	17	0	3	52
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date		2022 = 55 and 2023 = 40			

* 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.
- Unproven/unaccepted information used on application from a previous SAR, DAR and/or CAR application record copy.
- Service reference section contains wrong information.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- 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.

Notes of Interest:

- NSSAR acceptance policies very recently changed significantly DNA Evidence please be certain you have fully read the new guidelines and have complied with the same to the fullest extent prior to submitting DNA proof evidence!
- **New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals**
New versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.

Chaplain

Dwight D. Elam

No report submitted.

Recording Secretary

W. Douglas Gibbens

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

Chancellor

Thomas J. Thompson

Nothing to report.

Genealogist

J Gray Chandler

No report submitted.

Sergeant at Arms

Jeff F. Brunnelle

Nothing to report.

Historian

Joel A. Etherton

Nothing to report.

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 Breckenridge (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:

Winter 2023 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= December 15, 2023
Spring 2024 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 15, 2024
Summer 2024 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 15, 2024
Fall 2024 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= September 15, 2024

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

Nothing to report.

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Steven R. Fields, Chairman

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

- 7/21-24/2022
 - Reviewed and approved meal prices for the Oct 2023 BOM.
- 7/29-30/2023
 - Reviewed and approved Emeritus-2 requests from the chapters.
- 9/1/2023
 - Reviewed and approved Emeritus-3 requests from the chapters.
- 10/5/2023
 - Reviewed and approved Emeritus-3 requests from the chapters.

Finance Committee

W. Richard “Dick” Young, Chairman

Attached to the Proceedings Book are summaries of cash receipts and cash disbursements for the nine months ended September 30, compared to budget and including the proposed budget for 2024. (see Appendix F)

2023 Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Operations - There are no great surprises in the summaries of cash receipts and disbursements for the first nine months of 2023.

- Dues collections were on budget.
- The contribution from the Operating Budget Trust Fund has still not been transferred.
- BOM registrations and receipts were above expectations in May, but that also means related disbursements will also exceed budget.
- Registrar receipts are up, new member applications seem to be running ahead of budget.
- There have been no significant contributions, other than Congress related contributions.
- The amount of National Dues passed to Louisville was slightly more than budget.
- As approved by the BOM in May, the SVP Expenses budget for the last eight months of 2022 was carried over to 2023 and funded to then SVP Steve Fields
- Once again the approved budgets for the Educational Outreach Committee, Historical Sites Committee, New Chapter Development Committee and History Fair Committee have not been used.
- There was SAR involvement in the Galvez Day/Battle of Pensacola Commemoration in May; however, no request for reimbursement has been submitted.
- The Brevard Chapter has made a request for reimbursement for the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle in March, which has not yet been funded.
- I have not yet found Liability insurance coverage that is reasonably priced; however, I may have finally been pointed toward a contact that may be helpful. I hope to have more to report by BOM weekend.
- Our Oration contest winner was not selected as a National finalist, so we were able to save the budgeted amount for travel expenses.
- The approved budget is a deficit budget; however, I expect the Society will finish with a budget excess due to saving from not funding a liability policy, savings on the Oration Contest expenses and saving on other committee budgets not utilized.

Congress – The BOM approved Congress budget anticipated raising \$90,000 and spending \$80,000 leaving a \$10,000 cushion. Due to your generosity, a small grant from the George Washington Endowment Fund, the diligence of the Congress Committee and the many volunteers who helped put it together and the advice from National Congress Planning Committee Chair, Paul Callanan, we were able to raise over \$95,000 while spending only \$60,000 leaving \$35,000 in the Congress Fund.

Proposed 2024 Budget

There is little change from budgets of prior years other than estimating the effect of the National dues increase on collections and the annual payment to National. The proposed budget is again a proposed deficit.

- The budget again includes \$2500 for liability insurance, though I hope to do better as discussed above.
- The Oration Contest budget was increased to allow for travel expenses to Pennsylvania, based on the assumption we have at least one contestant and they are included in the National finals.
- The budget includes our third and last \$1,000 contribution the BOM committed to the Florida Veterans Foundation. However, I believe we should continue to support this organization.
- Medals and Awards are difficult to budget as we always do what we need to do to recognize our most active compatriots each year.
- Several committees see a small increase in budget as their costs continue to increase more due to inflation than excess spending.
- The aforementioned committees that did not utilize their 2023 budget were again budgeted for 2024.

The Strategic Planning Committee's 2023 Report included recommendations to add stipends for more Executive Committee members, increase the expense allowance for the President and SVP, hire a contract webmaster and more. For the last few years, others have asked to increase the budgets for the Youth programs which have been the same for at least the last 10 years. None of this is possible at this time. As noted above, we are already budgeting a small deficit.

MOTION - Dick Young moved to open two accounts for Certificates of Deposit at Wells Fargo Bank, as follows:

- \$50,000 in the Wells Fargo special 11 month CD.
- \$25,000 in the Wells Fargo special 3 month CD.

SECOND Jeff Brunelle. **PASSED**

MOTION - The Finance Committee moved to reverse the allocation of \$4,000 to the Congress Fund back to the original allocation of \$2,000 each to the Meeks and ETF funds. **NO SECOND REQUIRED.**

Ray Wess moved to amend the motion to have all \$4,000 allocated to the Meeks fund. **SECOND** Jeff Brunelle. **PASSED.**
The original motion **PASSED** as amended.

MOTION - The Finance Committee moved to have the 2024 budget approved as presented. **NO SECOND REQUIRED. PASSED**

MOTION - Scott Breckenridge moved to allocate the proceeds from sales of excess congress bags to a new Color Guard Fund.

SECOND Harry Rinker. **PASSED**

Financial Review Committee

David Bussone, Chairman

Nothing to report.

Medals and Awards Committee

Hamp Allen, Chairman

The NSSAR Official Handbook Vol 5: Individual Medals, Awards and Certificates was revised and updated effective April 24, 2023. The Medals Order of Precedence for wearing of the medals was completely revised. The Medals and Awards Committee would like to remind our compatriots to review the handbook to ensure that you are in compliance with the new guidelines. Additional several new medals were added to the handbook which will allow us to recognize our members for their contributions in the education of our young generations about our American History and the American Revolution.

1. **Henry Knox Achievement Medal:** This medal can be awarded by either the State (Silver) or the Chapter (Bronze). This medal may be presented to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that State Society or Chapter.
2. **Outstanding Young Member Medal:** This medal can be awarded by either the State (Silver) or the Chapter (Bronze). This medal is awarded to a member of the SAR who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued exemplary service to the Society at the State or Chapter level, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.

3. **Youth Education Medal:** This medal can only be awarded at the State level and recognizes sustained education of our youth by members of the SAR. The Compatriot presenting should develop and submit Presenter Sheets to the National Education Committee. Please refer to the NSSAR Handbook Vol V dated April 24, 2023 for further guidance on the requirements for this award.
4. **Youth Color Guard Medal:** This medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Recommendation for all State level medals and awards should be sent to the Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee as early as possible so we can ensure approval and availability of the requested medals prior to the Spring BOM/Annual meeting in May 2024.

Nominating Committee

Brian L. Jensen, Chairman

The Nominating Committee of the Florida Society is seeking nominations from Compatriots for the Florida Society SAR officer positions for the 2024-2025 term.

Officer positions consist of: President, Senior Vice President, Regional Vice President (EC, NC, NW, SE, ED, WC, and SW), Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Editor, Webmaster, Member-at-Large, National Trustee, and Alternate National Trustee.

Compatriots considering nomination for any officer position plus current officers seeking re-election are asked to review the Bylaws of the Florida Society Governing Documents for specific qualifications and duties of the respective offices (Articles III and IV). The Florida Governing Documents (FLSSAR State Documents) are located on the Florida Society "Members-Home" section of the website (www.flssar.org) under the "Information" navigation bar.

All officer candidates, including those seeking re-election must complete the appropriate nomination form which can be found in the "Members Home" section of the website-in the "Forms" option under the "Reporting" navigation bar. Both the "Officer Nomination Form" and the "Officer Re-nomination Form" are PDF fillable forms and are to be submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

All Nominations/Re-nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman by 01 February 2024.

Brian L. Jensen, Chairman: Committee members; Hampton "Hamp" E Allen, Dale C Bottom, Earl "Matt" F Mathews, and Thomas J Thompson

Patriot Medal Committee

Pat Niemann, Chairman

All nominations must be sent to me NLT 31 January 2024.

NSSAR Affairs

SAR Education Center and Museum Committee

Chairman - none

National Society Library Committee

Dick Young, Chairman

No report submitted.

FLSSAR Affairs

2023 Congress Planning Committee

Matt Mathews, Chairman

One word... SUCCESS.

Archives Committee

Matt Mathews, Chairman

No report submitted.

By-Laws Committee

Robbie Robinson, Chairman

September Report: The committee members are reviewing four previously proposed changes to the By-Laws for reconsideration after receiving inputs from FLSSAR elected officers. Recommended changes will be submitted to the FLSSAR Chancellor for his review and then forwarded to the FLSSAR President before being proposed to the membership.

Education Outreach Committee

Kevin Shurte, Chairman

The Education Outreach Committee is recommencing and seeking four motivated committee members to assist with planning and reorganization. In the coming months, the committee intends to collaborate with NSSAR committee chair, Roger Williams, to align FLSSAR efforts with those of the national society. The committee also seeks to identify and report on methods to help local chapters gain access to public and private schools in their areas to introduce and expand on existing programs such as Patriot Chest 100 and the Elementary, Middle, and High School poster, brochure, essay, and oration contests, as well as promoting the recently piloted Youth Video Contest. Additionally, the committee will consider the development of a state speakers' bureau by collecting presenter data sheets on compatriots throughout the state who are available to make educational and historical presentations in public and private schools and for various youth organizations in their areas.

Ethics Committee

Jonathan D. Hunt, Chairman

No report submitted.

Genealogy Committee

Gray Chandler, Chairman

No report submitted.

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

Chairman - none

MOTION - Scott Breckenridge moved that the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 BOM meetings be held at the current location (Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista) on Oct 11-13, 2024 and May 16-18, 2025.

SECOND Steve Hohman. **PASSED**

Membership Promotion & Retention

Matt Mathews, Chairman

No report submitted.

New Chapter Development Committee

Jeff Sizemore, Chairman

At the present, the committee is working on a By-Law wording to submit to the Documents Committee. The other committee documentation is also being reviewed by the committee members. No inquiries have come in this summer for a possible new chapter.

Newsletters & Periodicals Committee

Jeff Sizemore, Chairman

At the present time, the committee is reviewing this year's submittal for the Newsletter Contest. The winners for this past year will be announced at the Spring BOM/Annual meeting. It is interesting to note that we have had some submittals from chapters that have not participated in this contest. Note that the winners will receive a monetary award.

The stated deadline each year for the National Newsletter and FLSSAR State Society Contest is December 15, 2023. To enter, please send a pdf version of year newsletter to the committee.

Strategic Planning Committee

Lee Popham, Chairman

The FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee will meet online prior to the 2023 FLSSAR Fall BOM on Tuesday, 10 October 2023, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

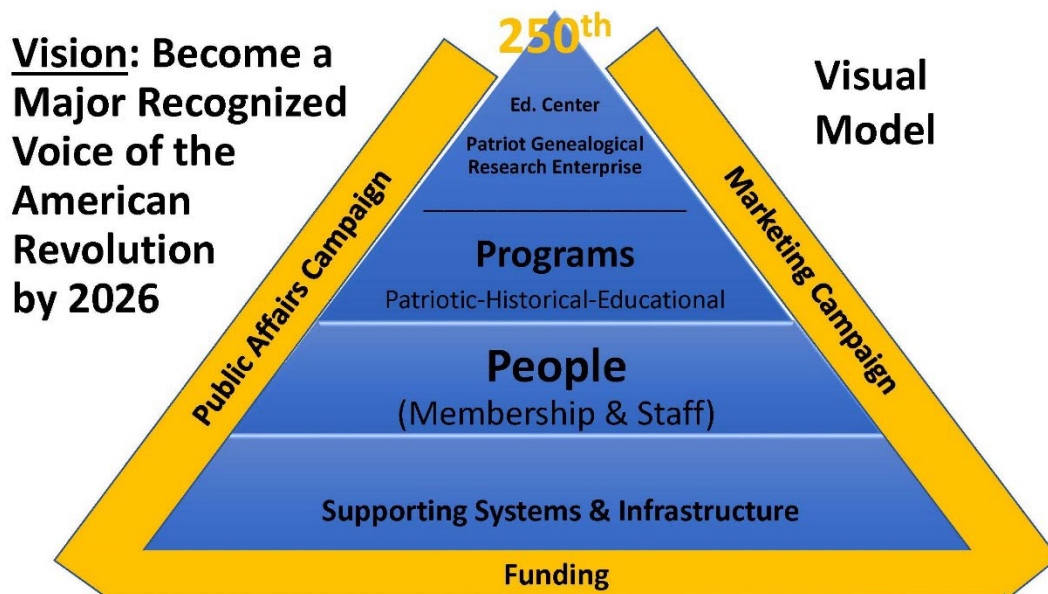
During this meeting, two very important topics will be presented and discussed:

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.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. FIVE-YEAR UPDATE – OPERATIONAL PLAN THROUGH 2026



Goal #1 of the five-year operational plan through 2026 is to OPEN THE SAR EDUCATION CENTER AND MUSEUM during the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. A video presentation of the SAR Education Center and Museum will be viewed during the meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL:

The ETF Disbursement Committee and the ETF Trustees should consider recommending reimbursements to all Florida SAR Chapters that contribute to the Education Center and Museum, on a pro-rata basis, up to the undistributed amount available on November 15 of each year, after taking all prior Chapter reimbursements into account.

For the past several years, the Endowment Trust Fund has provided for distributions to Chapters in the range of \$25,000 to \$31,000, with less than half of that amount actually being disbursed to the Chapters. For 2023, the maximum allowable reimbursements to all Chapters is \$27,327.43; yet only \$3,564.04 has been requested and reimbursed as of 31 August. Total reimbursements in prior years have ranged from \$8,000 to \$13,000.

The income from the Endowment Trust Fund (ETF) is intended to be used to support Chapter philanthropic activities, and the Education Center and Museum will be our gift to America on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. This action will allow the collective Chapters of the Florida SAR to make a significant Pledge in the \$100,000 range, payable over the next several years.

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 **CLUB EXPRESS**, 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.

- a. 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.
- b. 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! It will also be live online during the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Several other recommendations have been made to the FLSSAR Executive Committee, which are under consideration. We will summarize any approved recommendations during the online meeting.

Technology Advisory Committee

Lee Popham, Chairman

No report submitted.

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

Scott Breckenridge – Commander

Jeff Brunelle – Vice-Commander

Harry Rinker – Adjutant

Commander’s report

It is my honor to have been given command of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. I want to thank the two previous Commanders that I have worked with, Dick Young and Steve Fields, for their mentorship and their friendship. I hope that I do as good a job as they did. I also want to thank Vice-Commander Jeff Brunelle and Adjutant Harry Rinker for their dedication and assistance.

We had a great showing at the 133rd Congress in July. We participated in 8 color guard events during the week, and our presence did not go unnoticed.

We also presented the Colors at the DAR Fall Forum on Sept 9. The DAR ladies really enjoy having us there, and our mutual support of each other makes both of our societies stronger.

My thanks to all who showed up and participated in these events.

Keep up the good work. Our presence supports our society's goals of history, education, and patriotism.

M. Scott Breckenridge, Commander

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

The Jacksonville Chapter George Washington Camp 1 Color Guard activity after our regular scheduled May 2023 Chapter meeting was somewhat infrequent over the summer months. The Chapter did have a special meeting at Callahan Florida in concert with The West Nassau County Historical Society in June. The meeting purpose was to Commemorate The Battle of Alligator Bridge, a State Event beginning this year. Previous Alligator Bridge Events had been designated Chapter Events. This event was well attended at approximately 70 attendees with DAR Regents and Members, CAR President and Members, Past State President M. Matthews, Past State and National President Lindsey Brock, Florida Senior Vice President James Gaskins, and State Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge. There were several Chapter Guest Members to include the West Nassau County Historical Society President Baumgartner, WNCHS Board of Director & Treasurer J. Hendricks, and Widow of Past Jacksonville Chapter President Chuck Farmer who was the recipient of the Martha Washington Award and Medal. Wreath Presentations were numerous, and a Black Powder Firing Salute was commanded by our Compatriot Member and State Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge. Our Compatriot Member Fred Emery presented Taps after the Firing Event. A BBQ Dinner was enjoyed after the event. We are anticipating additional attendance by our neighboring State & National Compatriots in 2024 on the way to make this a significant SAR Jacksonville Chapter hosted event.

EVENT PARTICIPATION:

May 18, 2023, St. Michaels Academy Colonial Days Event, History of the Flag and Traveling Trunk Presentations throughout the day to all classes' kindergarten to eight grade level. Participants were Darryl Ingle with wife Laura Ingle past teacher, Josh Jolly, and Paul Tucker.

May 29, 2023, Memorial Day Colors Presentation Jacksonville Memorial Wall Downtown in concert with multiple Military and ROTC Units. Participants were Compatriots Scott Breckenridge, Robert Patrick Thomas, Rick Sanders, Dick Cardell, Ken Norwood, David Ramseur, John Roberson, Barney Thornton, and Paul Tucker.

May 29, 2023, American Legion Mayport/Beeches Memorial Day Wreath Presentation and Colors. Compatriot Participant James Gaskins Member of this American Legion Unit.

June 17, 2023, Callahan Florida Battle of Alligator Bridge Commemoration in concert with West Nassau County Historical Society and City of Callahan Florida. Colors Presentations, Wreath Presentations, Black Powder Firing followed by Taps. Compatriot Participants Scott Breckenridge, Darryl Ingle, Dick Cardell, James Gaskins, Barney Thornton, David Ramseur, Mills Ramseur, Bill Zeigenfuses, Fred Emery, Josh Jolly, James Grupposso, Ken Norwood, and Paul Tucker.

The Jacksonville Chapter Color Guard was invited to participate in the July 4, 2023, Starke, FL Independence Day Splash Bash Parade and Celebration daylong Event. Due to the 3-mile length of the parade and time of day it was scheduled along with the excessive heat that had been experienced, we were unable to acquire sufficient volunteers to take part in this event. In discussions with the Parade Administrators, I was advised that 2024 adjustments may be made to accommodate our older members' health safety concerns.

07/13 to 07/20/2023, various events National Congress Colors Presentation. Compatriot Participants were Scott Breckenridge, Mills Ramseur, and David Ramseur.

August 17, 2023, Naturalization Ceremony Jacksonville Federal Court. Compatriot Participants David Ramseur and Paul Tucker in concert with ROTC Color Guard, DAR, Colonial Dames, and various civil authority representatives.

September 09, 2023, Florida State DAR Fall Forum Orlando, Florida. Compatriot Participant Robert Patrick Thomas.

September 16, 2023, Veterans Honor Flight 4:30 AM Muster Jacksonville Airport Flag Line Greetings and Salute. Compatriot Participants were Darryl Ingle, James Gaskins, Barney Thornton, and Paul Tucker.

September 16, 2023, DAR Northeast Regional Constitution Week Luncheon Colors Presentation. Compatriot Participants were Darrel Ingle, David Ramseur, Robert Patrick Thomas, and Paul Tucker.

September 21, 2023, First Jacksonville Scheduled Meeting of the 2023-2024 schedule. This meeting was well attended with 69 attendees. Colors Presentation Compatriot Participants were Florida State Color Guard Commander Scott Breckenridge, Rick Sanders, Darryl Ingle, Robert Patrick Thomas, Barney Thornton, and Gray Chandler.

At the Chapter September 21, 2023, meeting we were privileged to have inductions of 13 newly approved Compatriot Members. We have 5 additional new members that were not able to attend but we are in hopes their induction will take place at our October Meeting. We are very excited about the plank of new members and possibilities of additional color guard active membership. Our event participation is growing and many times we have conflicting event participation requests and need sufficient members to protect two events at the same time. The new members are of note younger than our SAR general population which creates opportunities to recruit for future Color Guard participation and other active SAR Programs. Ms. Lesa Moore, principle of moorealteration.com attended to offer Period Uniforms measurements and orders for members. She measured multiple members for Uniform Productions. We organized this to encourage new members specifically but also some veteran members to acquire Uniforms for increased Color Guard activities and inclusion.

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter – Inactive
3. Commodore Barry Camp #3, Brevard Chapter – Nicholas Mihora, Commander
 We have participated in the following:
 Memorial Day Services at the VMC. May 29
 Flag Day Luncheon with DAR at Patrick Space Force Base. June 10
 Missing Soldier Table dedication and fundraiser for Ranger Mike at USSSA Space Coast Stadium June 24th
 4th of July Merritt Island Parade with DAR and C.A.R.
 2023 Congress Activities
 Military Order of the Purple Heart Ceremony that honored Gold Star Family of SFC Jeremiah Johnson and 12
 Purple Heart Recipients August 06
 Brian Jensen supported the DAR Fall Forum for the SAR table and Posting of the Colors September 09
 Brevard VMC 911 Ceremony at Merritt Island September 11
 Space Coast Honor Flight will be starting trips to Washington DC now the weather is getting better.
4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter – James Gibson, Commander
 The Clearwater Chapter Color Guard with the Tampa Chapter Color Guard participated in the 4th of July Palm Harbor parade and presented the colors at the Rays baseball game in St. Petersburg later that day. The Clearwater Chapter also purchased the 250th anniversary flag we will use in future events.
5. Yorktown Camp #5, St. Lucie River Chapter – Inactive
6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville Chapter – Inactive
7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter – Inactive
8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8, Saramana Chapter – Steve Fields, Commander
 Summer has come and gone already. Spring was busy but the summer brought no respite. The color guard of the Saramana Chapter has stayed quite busy over the break. Two Saramana ladies earned their Molly Pitcher Medals (Colleen and Libby Paige) and two guardsmen their Silver Color Guard Medals (Craig Paige and John Fitzpatrick). Saramana will also be proud to submit its first every nominee for the new Youth Color Guard Medal. This is a new award available to boys and girls under 18 for their participation with the color guard. They need not be SAR or CAR members to be considered for this award and both boys and girls are eligible. All activities must occur before their 18th birthday and have not been used to qualify for any other color guard medal. More details can be found in the latest version of the SAR Handbook, Volume V (rev Apr 2023 or later). Our next color guard event will be at our October 28th chapter meeting at the Der Dutchman Restaurant (2023 Best Buffet in America Awards Winner) in Sarasota, FL. Feel free to come down for the meeting, to participate with the color guard, or to just enjoy all you can eat home style cooking and FANTASTIC Amish pies.

Events:

FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting - Kissimmee, FL (250th) (State Event)
 Sarasota Memorial Day Parade - Sarasota, FL (250th) (National Event)
 DAR/CAR/SAR Flag Day Celebration (250th) (National Event)
 DAR/CAR/SAR Constitution Week Celebration (250th) (National Event)
 Bradenton Rotary Youth Patriotic Essay Awards Luncheon
 NSSAR Fall Leadership - Louisville, KY (250th) (National Event)

Upcoming Events:

October - FLSSAR Board of Management Meeting - Kissimmee, FL (250th) (State Event)
 December - Saramana Luncheon/Officer Installation – Der Dutchman; Sarasota, FL (250th)
 December – Wreaths Across America (National Event)
 February - NSSAR Leadership Meeting - Louisville, KY (250th) (National Event)
 March - The Last Naval Battle of the Revolution, Merritt Island, 1783 (250th) (National Event)
 March - History Day in the Park (SAR info and recruitment - Phillipi Estate Park, Sarasota (250th)
 March - Battle of Thomas Creek - Jacksonville, FL (250th) (National Event)
 April – Battle of Pensacola (250th) (National Event)

Thank you to all our guardsmen (and their Ladies) for their efforts. (Adams, Fields, Fitzpatrick, Garsnett, Goulet, Goulet Jr., Paige, Randolph, Robinson) Many of these guardsmen (and their spouses) are well on their way to earning their Silver America 250 Celebration Medal. Keep tracking those points!

Special thanks to Mrs. Sherry Erb for being our photographer and always a great booster. She also once again opened her beautiful home to the chapter for the annual Saramana SAR Summer Picnic.

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 – Philip Markoe, Commander
Members: Philip Markoe, Commander; Scott Cook; Burt Fairchild; Richard Lester; W. Maynard Pittendreigh;
Robin Preston, Harry L. Rinker; Gary Smith, Andy Showen; Harry Wilklow III

<u>Event</u>	<u>Participants</u>
NSSAR Congress July 16, 2023	Cook, Markoe, Rinker
FLSDAR Fall Forum September 9, 2023	Cook, Markoe, Rinker
FLSSAR – Central Florida Chapter, Posting September 12, 2023	Cook, Markoe, Preston, Rinker
FLSSAR – Constitution Day Luncheon, Sarasota September 16, 2023	Rinker
FLSSAR – CAR Constitution Day, Orlando September 17, 2023	Cook, Lester, Markoe, Preston, Rinker

11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Withlacoochee Chapter – Bob Thomas, Commander
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| May 8, 2023 | Battle of Pensacola | 1 individual attended |
| May 19, 2023 | DAR Historic Marker Presentation | 2 individuals attended |
| May 28, 2023 | Bushnell National Cemetery Flags In | 4 individuals attended |
| May 29, 2023 | Floral City Memorial Day Program Present Flags and wreath | 6 individuals |
| Jun 2, 2023 | Hernando VFW presented 250 Flag | 1 individual attended |
| June 5, 2023 | Bushnell National Cemetery Flags Out | 3 individuals attended |
| July 5, 2023 | Church School Program | 3 individuals attended |
| July 16, 2023 | SAR National Opening Ceremony | 3 Individuals attended |
| July 18, 2023 | SAR National Ceremony Meritt Island | 1 Individual attended. |
| Sep 13, 2023 | DAR Historic Marker Presentation - Present Flags | - 4 individuals |

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

13. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, Naples Chapter – Brian Bennett, Commander
No Report Submitted.

14. Hillsborough River Camp #14, Tampa Chapter – Dick Young, Commander
Hillsborough River Camp stayed busy over the summer.

Memorial Day – Our Color Guard was part of the Memorial Day service at the American Legion Post #5 in Tampa at their Veterans Cemetery. We presented the Colors in conjunction with the Jefferson HS JROTC Color guard. The Fort Brooke Society C.A.R. was present as were various members of the local DAR chapters.

Flag Day – On June 9, we presented the Colors at the Flag Day Celebration meeting of the DeSoto Chapter DAR in Tampa.

Honor Flight – On June 13, our Color Guard was part of the Honor Guard escorting the veterans down the hall from their flight for their Welcome Home.

Independence Day – We were honored to participate in two separate events on July 4.

1. We led a procession of vintage military vehicles owned by the Military Vehicle Preservation Association at the Safety Harbor, Florida parade.
2. We presented the Colors in front of 24,000 fans during the National Anthem before the Rays vs Philles baseball game at Tropicana Field.

National Congress – On July 16, Tampa Chapter President Robbie Robinson and Camp Commander Dick Young joined the National Color Guard at the Congress Memorial Service at St Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando. On July 19, Commander Young joined the National Color Guard at the dedication of a bench at the Brevard County Veterans Memorial Center in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Honor Flight - On September 12, we were again honored to be part of the Honor Guard escorting the veterans down the hall from their flight for their Welcome Home.

Members of the Hillsborough Camp Color Guard are Commander Dick Young, Compatriots Robbie Robinson, Matthew Balencie, Terry Doan, Bill Swain, David Bryant, and Joseph Dato. From time to time we were joined by Compatriots Walter Arnold, Rob Moore and Robert Cundiff of the Clearwater Chapter.

15. General Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp #15, Caloosa Chapter – Mike Buff, Commander
No Report Submitted.

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

17. Lake City Chapter Outpost #17, Lake City Chapter – William Pfeil, Commander
No Report Submitted.

18. Lakeland Chapter Outpost #18, Lakeland Chapter – Inactive

19. USS Alliance Camp #19, Charlotte Chapter – Jonathan Hunt, Commander
No Report Submitted.

20. William Dunaway Chapter Outpost #20, William Dunaway Chapter – Matt Mathews, Commander
Color Guard Events

4/20/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Holmes County HS JROTC Awards Banquet	Continental
3/25/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Battle of Thomas Creek	Continental
5/8/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Battle of Pensacola	Continental
3/25/2023	Dale Macumber	Battle of Thomas Creek	Militia
3/18/2023	Dale Macumber	Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution	Militia
5/8/2023	Dale Macumber	Battle of Pensacola	Militia
3/25/2023	Thomas Rankin	Battle of Thomas Creek	Militia
3/18/2023	Thomas Rankin	Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution	Militia
5/8/2023	Thomas Rankin	Battle of Pensacola	Militia
5/29/2023	Thomas Rankin	Jackson County Memorial Day Program	Militia
5/29/2023	Dale Macumber	Jackson County Memorial Day Program	Militia
5/29/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Jackson County Memorial Day Program	Continental
6/17/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge	Continental
6/17/2023	Dale Macumber	Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge	Militia
6/17/2023	Thomas Rankin	Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge	Militia
SAR Congress and State Meetings			
7/17/2023	Thomas Rankin	Congress (opening & Merritt Island)	Militia
7/17/2023	Dale Macumber	Congress (opening & Merritt Island)	Militia
7/18/2023	Earl "Matt" Mathews	Congress(PG Banquet)	Continental

21. Panama City Chapter Outpost #21, Panama City Chapter – Brad Marble, Commander
Marble has singly represent the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter, in Color Guard, Militia Firing Salutes & Reenactments, Parades and Wreath Presentation events during the following SAR National Ceremonies and State Ceremonies this 2023 Summer Quarter:

National Events:

29 May 2023: Sarasota Memorial Day Parade with the FLSSAR Saramana Chapter Color Guard, Nathaniel Green Camp #8, under Commander Steven Ray Fields.

16 Jul 2023: Sunday, (A BIG, LONG DAY) the 133rd Annual Congress, NSSAR, Rosen Plaza Hotel and St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

07:00 – 9:00 AM, Color Guard Breakfast, Marble is presented with the Silver Color Guard Award by NSSAR PG C. Bruce Pickette and past NSSAR CG Commander, T. Brooks Lyles, Jr.

12:00 – 3:00 PM, Marble participates in the National Society SAR Color Guard Assembly. Review at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, and the Memorial Service at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, under NSSAR CG Commander K. Scott Collins.

08:00 – 10:00 PM, Marble U.S.A. Flag bearer in the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade under Commander Mark Scott Breckenridge at the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest Finals.

State Event:

18-19-20 Aug 2023: Representing the FLSSAR in Color Guard and Wreath Presentation at the 241st Anniversary Battle of Blue Licks at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, Marble represent FLSSAR in Militia Memorial Salute and Wreath Presentation at Patriot Grave Marking Service Honoring Five Revolutionary War Patriots in Lexington Cemetery, sponsored by the Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR under the National Society SAR CG Commander K. Scott Collins and KYSSAR CG Commander, Scott Giltner.

22. Highlands Chapter Outpost #22, Highlands Chapter – James Dean, Commander
No Report Submitted.

23. Samuel Nicholas Camp #23, Ft Lauderdale Chapter – Chuck Adams, Commander
The Fort Lauderdale Chapter formed its Color Guard on May 19, 2023. The initial subscribers to the Samuel Nicholas Camp #23 Color Guard are Compatriots: Chuck Adams, Thomas Carpenter Jr, Steve De Paul, Tim McLane, Mark Snider, and Kevin Shurte.

<u>Events</u>	<u>Participants</u>
FLSSAR BOM, Orlando May 19 & 20, 2023	Shurte
SAR Congress, Orlando July 15-20, 2023	Adams, De Paul, Snider & Shurte
Last Naval Battle, Merrit Island Bench Dedication, July 19, 2023	Adams, De Paul, & Shurte
Fort Lauderdale Chapter Meeting Colors, July 29, 2023	Adams, De Paul, McLane, Shurte & Snider Presentation of
FLSSAR – FLSDAR Fall Forum, Orlando Sept 9, 2023	Shurte
Fort Lauderdale Chapter Meeting Presentation of Colors, Sept 16, 2023	Adams, McLane, Shurte & Snider

Liaisons

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

Dick Young, Chairman

Your Committee Chair attended the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution Summer Packet Meeting on June 9-10 in Clearwater. As part of the meeting, I had the opportunity to meet with all the members and senior members present, in small groups, to present our various youth programs.

C.A.R. Next Step: The Next Step Program is being initiated by Senior State President Dr. Holly Hamilton. The purpose of the Program is to encourage the members of the C.A.R. to take the Next Step and join the SAR or DAR as soon as permitted. For the SAR, that is anytime as there is no minimum age limit to submit a new member application. You are asked to identify the young men in the local C.A.R. society, invite them to your SAR Chapter meetings and encourage them to become Junior Members of the SAR. All they need is a record copy of their C.A.R. application, a letter of good standing from National Society C.A.R. and a completed SAR Junior Member application. They even get a significant discount on application fees.

Youth Color Guard Medal: Earlier this year, National SAR approved a Youth Color Guard Medal. The details are included as Appendix C to the BOM Proceeding Book. Briefly, any individual under the age of 18, male or female, who participates in three SAR Color Guard events in three different years, in uniform or colonial attire qualify for this new color guard medal. These young individuals do not need to be members of the C.A.R. or Junior members of the SAR to qualify. Please read the attached for all the details. Identify the sons and grandsons of your members as well as the members of the local C.A.R. Society, make them aware of this new Color Guard recognition and invite them to participate in your Chapter Color Guard activities. I saw at least two young men

participating with the National Color Guard at this summer's Congress events and two young men were part of the State Color Guard at the recent DAR Fall Forum.

C.A.R. Activity Report & Award: The National C.A.R. Liaison Committee has a C.A.R. Activity Award which the Florida Society has qualified for each year over the past several years. A few years ago, we introduced the same C.A.R. Activity Report to the Chapters in the Florida Society. In the last couple of years, we have had no Reports submitted even though I know there are several of our chapters that are active with the C.A.R. The rules are simple. There are 10 activities listed on the Report. Any chapter that submits a Report will get a Certificate of Recognition. Any chapter that reports at least six of the activities will be presented with a flag streamer at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. If a streamer has been previously presented, a token of recognition to be placed on the streamer will be presented. The reporting form is included as Appendix D.

Committee Meeting: There will be a meeting of the C.A.R. Liaison and Junior Member Aide Committee as part of this BOM. This meeting is open to all those interested in working with the C.A.R. Please check the schedule and join us. For any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact the Chairman or any of the Committee members.

DAR Liaison

Dwight Elam, Chairman

Attended the DAR Fall Forum.

FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Committee

Chairman - none

Historic Sites

Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Chris Washler, Chairman

As approved by the BOM last year, the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee responsibilities now include not only supporting the several battlefield celebrations already having national recognition, expanding recognition of historic sites in Florida, but also actively engaging in helping chapters and the State Society create and promote activities celebrating the 250th Anniversary Program. The committee began meeting in August, and is working on developing a plan of action for not only supporting and promoting the current battlefield celebrations, but also promoting those that are just being established.

Dates for the Established Battlefield Celebrations in 2024 are:

Last Naval Battle – 16 March 2024 (VMC Merritt Island)

Thomas Creek – 23 March 2024 (Seaton Creek Historic Park Preserve)

Battle of Pensacola – 8 May 2024 (Pensacola)

If local chapters have other historic celebrations that they are hosting or establishing, they are encouraged to contact the Committee Chair at cwashler@cox.net so that our committee can help promote those events throughout the year.

America 250 Celebrations

The Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee is taking an active role in helping the state Society and local Chapters establish and promote programs that celebrate and promote the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country. To this end, the Committee will be hosting a meeting on Saturday of the Fall BOM to provide specific updates about the America 250 program, a brief training presentation, and most importantly – answer questions from compatriots on how chapters can best contribute to the America 250 Program. In addition, the Committee will be providing training and various other materials to chapters throughout the year to aid in their planning and implementation efforts.

America 250 - Florida/Legislative Update: Per the Legislative Affairs office for Florida Secretary of State Byrd, for the state of Florida to establish an America 250 Commission, it would require a legislative act. While no legislation was introduced in the 2023 session, discussions are already underway for legislation to be drafted as soon as legislators return to Tallahassee to begin committee work in September. The FLSSAR has been in contact with State Legislators and is seeking to take an active role in the ensuring that Florida joins the 38 other states who have already established an America 250 Commission. Hopefully by the time of the Fall BOM, I will have more substantial information that I can share regarding activity in the Florida Legislature.

Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle Ceremony Report – David Ramseur

The 247th Anniversary Ceremony of the Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek Revolutionary will be on Saturday 23rd March 2024 (not 30th March 2024 the last Saturday as Easter is the 31st). Since 2015 when we supported the City of Jacksonville and especially the Trust for Public Land and we were able to preserve 846 acres that included our Thomas Creek Battlefield site. As information, the \$7.1 million cost of the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve land was acquired by the City of Jacksonville (with unanimous approval of the City Council) in 2014 . Funding for the purchase came primarily from off-shore oil company leases plus environmental funding with only minor cost to our taxpayers.

We are looking forward to next year's 247th Anniversary Thomas Creek National Color Guard ceremony, especially with our support from our various SAR, DAR and C.A.R. chapters from Florida as well as others from inside and beyond our South Atlantic District. At this 247th Anniversary of this battle we are honoring our patriot ancestors who fought in this battle. As in the previous years, we are expecting another good turnout from our SAR Compatriots, DAR Daughters and C.A.R. Children plus other heritage organizations and guests as they join with us in honoring those patriots who fought in this battle for our Independence and that we will soon be celebrating our Country's 250th Anniversary.

Please forward a copy of the attached Flyer to me by Feb. 15, 2024 and we look forward to seeing you at our ceremony on Saturday 23 March 2024.

Battle of Pensacola Ceremony Report – Chris Washler

The Battle of Pensacola Commemoration for 2024 will once again be held in conjunction with Pensacola's Galvez Day Celebration on 8 May 2024 in downtown Pensacola. This year's celebration will start with the SAR Color Guard Parade of Colors from Fort George on Palafox Street down to the Galvez Monument to open the Galvez Day ceremonies. Again this year, the SAR will be presenting a musket salute to close out the ceremony. Due to the time constraints with the Galvez Day ceremonies, as well as in an effort to expand the SAR celebration, the Pensacola Chapter will also be conducting a wreath laying ceremony at 2:00 (Central Time) at the Minuteman Monument in Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola. Chapters across Florida and other states in the region are encouraged to participate in both events. The 2024 registration flyer can be found in the BOM proceedings as well as on the Pensacola Chapter website (<http://pensacolasar.org/chapter-programs/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration/>).

The Last Naval Battle

The 2024 Last Naval Battle will be held on 16 March 2024 at the Veterans Memorial Center. The featured speaker is still to be determined. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move indoors.

Battle of Pensacola Committee

Chris Washler, Chairman

See Appendix B.

Battle of Thomas Creek Committee

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Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Committee

Chairman - none

Youth Programs

Americanism Youth Contests Committee

David Hitchcock, Chairman

No report submitted.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Lawrence Capuder, Chairman

NSSAR's Eagle Scout Program is meaningful and well-reasoned.

The FLSSAR Eagle Scout Program Chair plans robust increased program coverage though a simple plan to minimize Chapter time involvement.

<u>PROGRAM COMPONENT</u>	<u>LAST YEAR'S RESULTS</u>	<u>THIS YEAR'S GOAL</u>
A Eagle Scout Contest with judging at the chapter, then state and national levels with a significant national cash prizes of \$4,000 to. \$10,000.	A handful	100% of Eagles in Florida notified and given application to enter.
Special SAR Eagle Scout certificates given to Eagle Scouts.	A little over 200 presented	Notification of chapters of 100% of Eagles in their area
Asking SAR members to serve as merit badge counselors to Scouts, especially the Genealogy Merit Badge.	None recorded	Recruiting effort and records kept of members who register
The Robert E. Burt Award for SAR members with significant efforts in Scouting	No Awards presented in Florida in the last 5 years	Two candidates already identified
Number of Chapter Eagle Scout Chairs	Six	Six, but none need for rest of chapters if proposed program is accepted

Importance of Eagle Scout Program and Benefits to SAR

The bottom line is that the program plants the seeds for quality potential members of CAR, SAR and DAR:

- The SAR's Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program is well-thought out. Scouting's principles and ideals closely align with our own.
- For Eagle Scouts to come to an SAR meeting to receive certificates and awards is exciting to them and provides them exposure to our organization.
- Eagle Scout Contest applicants are asked to present a four-generation ancestry chart, but encouraged to research to find patriot ancestors.

How are these ambitious goals achieved?

- Shift administrative tasks to Eagle Scout Program Committee
- Minimize chapter time spent on program (shown below in *red italics*)

TASKS

1. LASSAR Eagle Committee contacts eight BSA Scout councils to develop logistics program – Miami Chapter already covers one full council.

Chapter involvement in *red italics* with time commitment estimates:

2. EAGLE SCOUT CONTACT TASK	HOW Performed
Email Eagle Scout Contest PDF of invitation & application to all Eagle Scouts, Scoutmasters and District Eagle Committee chairs.	BSA Council to send using their email list
Distribute Eagle Contest Applications to chapters where Eagle Scouts reside	State Eagle Scout Committee
<i>Judge Eagle Contest and choose chapter winner</i>	<i>Chapters – 3 members X 1 hour each</i>

3. SPECIAL EAGLE CERTIFICATES TASKS	HOW Performed
Print all special Eagle Scout certificates	BSA Council to print or send list for LASSAR Eagle Committee to print
Mail certificates to respective chapters where Eagles reside	FLSSAR Eagle Committee

4. CHAPTER AWARD AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION TAKS	HOW Performed
<i>Invite Eagle Scouts and parents to chapter meeting</i>	<i>Chapter time minimal</i>
<i>Award and Certificates presentations at chapter meetings</i>	<i>Chapter time minimal</i>
<i>Picture presenting Award and Certificates [optional]</i>	<i>15 -45 minutes Slight more time if patriot uniform as one of presenters</i>

Genealogy – the Bridge Between Scouts and CAR, SAR & DAR



So many SAR members are passionate about genealogy – it is the key that unlocks the door to membership.

The Genealogy Merit Badge helps Scouts learn and become excited about learning their family history. The merit badge counselor can show them how easy it is to go beyond the basic requirements and use online tools like ancestry.com and familysearch.org to find their possible patriot ancestors. One of the requirements is to interview someone from a lineage society – that is your chance to get them excited about our organization. **The Eagle Scout Program Committee encourages you to sign up to be a merit badge counselor**, a minimal time commitment to Scouting! The chapter secretaries will receive instructions on how to do so shortly.

Other merit badges key to the SAR mission include:

American Heritage

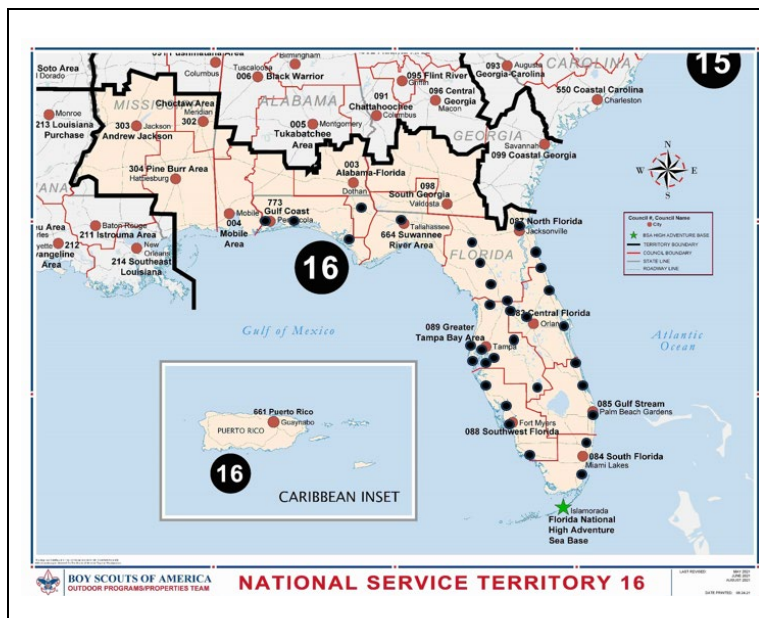
Law

Citizenship in the Community and in the Nation



Puerto Rico – Our American Cousin

This is a BSA map showing their councils and where our chapters are with them. Please notice that:



- The BSA considers Puerto Rico part of the territory that includes Florida.
- Puerto Rico has BSA Eagle Scouts.
- General Bernardo de Galvez utilized Puerto Rican soldiers in his efforts to defeat the British in the Revolutionary War.
- **SAR has no chapter yet in Puerto Rico.**

I propose that the FLSSAR accept applications for the Eagle Scout Contest from Puerto Rican Scouts and treat them as a virtual chapter to allow them to compete in the Florida State Contest. I will be traveling to Puerto Rico for my Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity Alumni Organization to present their special Eagle Scout certificates and will also present the SAR certificates as well. I have been in touch with the NSSAR Membership Committee about doing recruiting to help form an SAR chapter there.

Good Citizen Bronze Medals

BSA Councils may be aware of its outstanding adult volunteers who have outstanding contributions to their communities and may be worthy of our Good Citizen medals.

History Fairs

Chairman - none

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Committee

Hampton E. Allen, Jr., Chairman

With the new school year for 2023-2024 getting underway, it would be a great time to engage with your local school systems to get involved with the many Youth Award Programs that we offer through the SAR. While I understand from our experiences last year some of the local school systems were reluctant to get involved with our different programs. I would suggest that there are a couple of other avenues that we could explore to get the word out about our Youth Awards Programs and give the students an opportunity to participate. If your chapters are involved with your local DAR Chapters, Scouting Programs or other civic organizations, they offer us a great opportunity to introduce our Youth Awards Programs to both parents and students. I would also recommend looking into the local Home School Programs that are being offered within many of our communities. Most of the entries in all of our Youth Awards Programs this past year came from students that were being home schooled. In fact most of our State winners this year were home schooled students with our Poster Contest winner placing fourth at NSSAR this year.

The 2024 Knight Essay Contest is currently underway with a deadline date of 31 December 2023 for the Chapter winners to be submitted to the FLSSAR State Chairman. Students must submit an original 800 to 1,200 word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or idea associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. The essays will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar, spelling and documentation.

The Chapter's winning essay must be submitted in five parts in the formats indicated as follows: 1. the Application (PDF); 2. the Bibliography (Word); 3. The Biography (Word); 4. The Essay (Word); 5. The Title Page (Word). This will allow the judges to finalize their evaluations of the essay; make any minor corrections as necessary; and submit our State winner to the national NSSAR committee by their February 2024 deadline. FLSSAR prizes for the 2024 contest are \$1,000/\$500/\$250. The NSSAR prizes presented at 133rd NSSAR Congress this year were 1st - \$6,000; 2nd - \$3,000; 3rd - \$2,000; 4th - \$500; and 5th - \$500. See SAR.ORG for complete details.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest Committee

Tom Bowen, Chairman

Nothing to report.

ROTC / JROTC Committee

Hans Hunt - Chairman

Goals for 2023-2024

1.JROTC Enhanced Program Award.

Continue working with the Chapter Society JROTC Points of Contact to achieve better results and max participation. If the chapter supports several JROTC units, it should run a local contest to select the best cadet, since only one cadet per chapter may advance to the state competition. The deadline for the JROTC Enhanced Program Award entries must be submitted by 10 Apr 2024. Send completed packets to LTC (Ret) Hans Hunt via email to: airbornerangermp@gmail.com

As you know FL State Society placed first in the JROTC Enhanced contest for 2023. The winner received her award at the Youth Awards Luncheon at the Orlando Congress.

State Award for the JROTC Enhanced Program will be \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place, and \$250 for 3rd place. The state winner will also receive the State Outstanding Cadet Award (Silver Medallion on neck ribbon and certificate). State winners along with their parents will be invited to attend the Spring FL State BOM for their award. Meals are covered for their attendance. The state winner will go on to compete at the SAR National level. Where the **1st place national winner will receive \$5000 (plus \$1500 travel expense)**, 2nd place **\$2000**, 3rd place **\$1000**, 4th place **\$250** and 5th place **\$250**.

The following criteria applies to a cadet nominated by his/her JROTC Unit for the Outstanding Cadet in the Enhanced Program:

--3rd year of a 4-year Program or 2nd year of a 3-year Program (**cadet must be a junior**);

--Top 10% of JROTC Class

--Top 25% of his/her Student Body Class (verified by the Principal). (**Each year we receive entries not in top 25%**)

A completed Nomination Form and Recommendations (Endorsements) from the **Senior Military Instructor (SMI)** and the school **Principal** are also required. The Principal's Endorsement must also verify the **Class Standing** and **GPA** of the cadet. A transcript may be provided, but ***GPA verification by the principal in his/her recommendation is still required.***

There is a special **Chapter Outstanding Cadet Medal Package** (bronze medallion with neck ribbon and certificate) for the Enhanced Program Winner, available at the NSSAR Store. The OC Medal Package (bronze medal on neck ribbon, ribbon with gold frame and a bronze star, certificate) costs \$45.00. Chapters are encouraged to present the Chapter OC Medal at their regular chapter meeting and then, present it again, at the JROTC Unit's Awards Ceremony or Awards Banquet.

Strongly encourage chapters to offer a monetary award to their winner, and they may also present a Certificate of Appreciation to each cadet nominated for the chapter contest. The Chapter winner of the SAR Enhanced Medal can wear their medallion with neck ribbon at graduation (as long as the Principal approves, which most do). This is an incentive for qualified cadets to know and be encouraged to participate.

* If the SMI (Senior Military Instructor) has not already been contacted, now is the time for the Chapter Representative (President, Vice President, JROTC Chair) to affect liaison with the SMI at each JROTC Unit supported by the Chapter and reiterate the requirements for the Enhanced Program (sometimes referred to as the JROTC Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest).

* Topic for the 500–700-word original Essay remains as in previous years - ***"How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America."*** Essay should be doubled spaced (a line between each typed line) using Times New Roman or Calibri font size 11 or 12 and the **Cadet's name, rank and Units name and school should be on the first page. The cadet's name should appear on each page of the Essay. A word count must be displayed.**

*The Nominating Form clearly states that ***additional pages may be attached***, as required.

***Lessons Learned from the last couple of years:**

- SMI should complete Nomination Form with input from cadet - list sponsor, chapter/state society. If extra space/pages are needed to answer a section, then please provide it.
- All lines of Nomination Form should have an entry^[1]_[SEP]
- Be specific, list what the cadet has done (general comments do not assist your cadet) -- List the facts and accomplishments instead of flowery adjectives.
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- List awards - example: Varsity Letter Football, All District Tennis, All State Chorus, VFW Medal, Employment, After School programs and Weekend Activity, etc.
- Section 1 asks for ranks held by the cadet;
- Section 2 asks for positions held, if the cadet is a member of a competition team, this is where it should be listed.
- Section 3 asks for school related Academic activities, **not** athletics. Community activities should be placed here if the activity is a service-learning project.^[1]_[SEP]
- Section 4 is for athletics and other activities outside of school.
- Strong Endorsements (Recommendations) by Principal and SMI are critical. Try not to repeat the same information about the cadet.
- Essays are not proctored, there is no excuse for spelling or grammar errors (please proof) and **must** include a Word Count. The essay should be written in "first person."
- Only complete OC Packages will be forwarded to the Judges.

2.State Chapters must **make contact with their respective JROTC programs** within their chapter boundaries at the beginning of the school year and maintain contact with them throughout the year providing support to the JROTC/ROTC units where possible. Joint JROTC ventures with SAR chapters is highly encouraged. These joint events can be SAR Chapter meetings, Wreaths Across America, Veterans Day Programs, Attendance at JROTC meets/competitions, attendance at JROTC Change of Command Ceremonies, etc.

3. **The National SAR JROTC award:** is to be presented to the Outstanding Cadet in their next to last year of JROTC (a third year Cadet [11th grade] in a four-year program). For a two-year JROTC program, a Second Year Cadet may be selected. Ensure Cadet is a Junior. Whenever possible, presentation will be made by a member of the SAR at the JROTC units Spring Awards Program. The Bronze ROTC Medal with Bar and Certificate is reserved for JROTC Cadets.

4.**The National SAR ROTC award:** The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "Citizen Soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a Chapter, a State Society, or the National Society to ROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. It is the goal of the state for each chapter to reach out to all Universities/Colleges with a ROTC programs within their footprint and present the SAR Silver Medal with Bar and Certificate at the respective awards ceremonies. Make immediate contact with the Professor of Military Science if you haven't already done so, and let them know that this award is available to them for their selected cadet.

5.**Recognize JROTC Instructors.** The JROTC Instructors are strong supporters of their communities and participate in multiple events. Strongly encourage chapters to recognize the Senior Military Instructor (Officer) and or the Military Instructor (NCO) at their schools. These SAR awards are available for you to utilize at your discretion:

a. **SAR Certificate**

b. **SAR JROTC Pin** - The sales generated from these lapel pins is being used to increase the JROTC operating fund, from which we draw each year to cover the costs of the awards, so the more we are able to raise, the more we can increase the annual awards. The pin is 3/4 inch in diameter and costs \$25.



c. **The Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin** is a portrait of a Minuteman with the Sons of the American Revolution encircling the upper half and Outstanding Citizenship Award encircling the lower half. A certificate is included with each pin if requested. The cost is \$10 for the pin.



d. **Bronze Citizenship Medal with Certificate**



6. **Donor Recognition**

For those compatriots that donate \$1,000 to either the JROTC or Service Academy Award endowment accounts, they will receive a JROTC donor medal, or the OLC award for their JROTC donor medal if they have already received the medal.

7. **Chapters that support JROTC and ROTC Programs** should report annually the name of schools with the number of ROTC/JROTC medals issued to each school or being issued to each school. This report is due 1 Apr 2024 to LTC Hans Hunt at: airbornerangermp@gmail.com

8. If you need any assistance or have any questions please let me know via email or call (leave a message and I will return your call).

Community Outreach

Habitat for Humanity Committee

Chairman - none

Patriotic Activities Committee

Chairman – none

Public Service and Heroism Committee

Tim Milligan, Chairman

No report submitted.

Publicity Committee

Jeff Sizemore, Chairman

The committee will be reviewed and updating the documents for chapters to submit for the Marlin Publicity Contest. If you would like to participate on this committee, please let me know.

The stated deadline each year for the Marlin Publicity Contest is March 1, 2024. Please send in the form digitally and if paper proofs are needed, it will be requested thereafter. The details and updated form of the Marlin Publicity contest can be found on the FLSSAR website.

Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Committee

Chairman - none

Veterans Affairs Committee

Doug Gibbens, Chairman

1. The Veteran Affairs Committee members for the 2023-2024 term are listed below.

Doug Gibbens, Chairman
Donald K. Lanman, Veterans Recognition Director
Rene Jewett, Member
Philip B. Markoe, Member
Patrick Niemann, Member
DeCody Brad Marble, Member
Charles Hayes, Member

2. FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership has increased by 10 to 712 members:

- a. NE=102
- b. NW=57
- c. NC=97
- d. EC=82
- e. WC=134
- f. SE=76
- g. SW=164
- h. 33% of FLSSAR membership are enrolled in the Veterans Battalion.

3. USS Stark Memorial Award

FLSSAR President Steve Fields has emphasized to the Veterans Committee that encouraging chapters to compete and complete the USS Stark Award is one of this committee's primary responsibility, immediately after recognizing our Veteran members. The USS Stark Memorial Award recognizes outstanding chapters and state societies within the SAR for their support of Veterans. The criteria established for the Stark Report determines the winners of the awards presented at the national and state levels. All chapters, please be aware that there are 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).

4. The Veterans Affairs Committee continues to encourage 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.

- a. Committee member Lanman 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.
- b. 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 medals for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.
- c. Chapter Presidents are reminded that the *SAR War Service Medal* is only authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service in a DOD designated "*Combat Theatre*" as noted on their DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the *SAR Military Service Medal*. Both medals carry an equal SAR rank.
- d. The committee continues to support Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans Corps committee to help *FLSSAR* Veteran Battalion members apply for the *NSSAR Veterans Corp* recognition.
- e. Veterans Battalion Roster is updated quarterly on the *FLSSAR* web site listing all Veterans Battalion members by Region & Chapter.

Trust Funds

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Rob Grove, Chairman

No report submitted.

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

James D. Stone, 1/1/2021-12/31/2023

Wm Lee Popham, 1/1/2022-12/31/2024

Thomas J. Thompson, 1/1/2023-12/31/2025

Account Balances,	01 January 2023	31 August 2023	PERFORMANCE
3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund	\$546,548.55	\$576,914.61	6.25%
3341 Florida SAR Operating Budget Fund	\$102,258.37	\$107,460.13	5.09%

Actions:

1. OBT: Transfer 5% = \$5,112.92 Budgeted Distributions from the Florida SAR OBT Fund account to the FLSSAR Operating Account during calendar 2023. \$Zero paid to date.
2. OBT: 5% distribution rate for 2023 = \$102,258.37 x 5% = \$5,112.92.
 - a. Quarterly distributions of \$1,278.23 by 31 March, 30 June, 30 Sept. & 31 Dec.
 - b. From this amount, OBT will purchase Florida Society Medals upon their approval by NSSAR. Approved by FLSSAR at Spring 2020 BOM.
3. ETF: Regions Bank mails all 2023 Disbursements from the Florida SAR ETF Fund account upon approval by Distribution Committee.
 - a. Disbursements during the 2023 calendar year-to-date total \$3,564.04.
4. ETF: The 2023 Trustee Designations were set at an amount equal to 5% of the 01 January 2023 balance in the Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund.
 - a. 5% x \$546,548.55 = \$27,327.43, to be available from the #3456 Florida SAR Endowment Trust Fund for appropriate 2023 reimbursements and distributions.
5. ETF & OTB: Portfolio Investment Allocation Guidelines target = 60%-Equity and 40%-Fixed.
 - a. Investment Policy Statements were updated during 2021.
6. Regions to suggest appropriate portfolio Benchmarks for Approval by Trustees.

(see Appendix E for statement summaries)

James D. Stone was elected to serve the 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026 trustee term.

New Business

Appendix A – Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek Flyer

247th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday 10:00 AM, March 23, 2024 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 247th 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 5:30PM on March 22th at the Long Horn Steak House, 1366 Airport Rd, Jacksonville, FL, 32218 Both the Hampton Inn and the Marriott, SpringHill Suites are in this same complex, as well as a number of other hotels in the area. 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 South Atlantic District, Vice President General from SC, James Wyrosdick, bringing greetings from the NSSAR. We are also honored to have our FLSSAR President Steve Fields bringing greeting and Florida DAR Vice Regent Kim Zeman will be bringing greeting from State Regent Cindy Addison from our Florida Daughters . To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2024 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/ Colonial Dress

Email: _____ Cell phone# _____

Appendix B – Commemoration of the Battle of Pensacola



The Pensacola Chapter, Florida Society

Sons of the American Revolution

Invites your group to the



2024 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration and Galvez Day Celebration

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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 (Central) at Fort George (501 N. Palafox Street) 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.

Additionally, this year, the Pensacola Chapter SAR will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony in the afternoon at the Minuteman Monument located in Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway in Pensacola.

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

Additional information can be found at: <http://pensacolasar.org/chapter-programs/battle-of-pensacola-commemoration/>

Please use the form below 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

RESERVATION FORM

Society Name:

Chapter or Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone Number: Email Address:

How does the group wish to be announced?

Number attending each event:

Color Guard Procession (May 8th 10:30 Central – Muster at 09:30)
 Wreath Laying Ceremony (May 8th at 2:00 pm Central)

Please send your completed form to battle@pensacolasar.org or mail to:

Pensacola SAR
c/o Chris Washler
3400 Connell Drive, Pensacola FL 32503

Appendix C – Youth Color Guard Medal

Youth Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 56

Year Authorized: 2023

Presented By: State President or Chapter President

Approved By: State Color Guard Commander (or State Society); Chapter Color Guard Commander (or Chapter)

Summary: The Youth Color Guard Medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Description: The medal is silver in color with a blue outer ring. It features on the obverse a color guardsman and drummer. It bears the inscription “SAR Youth” on the top perimeter and “Color Guard” on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a wreath on the outer perimeter and blank spaces for name and date of presentation. It is suspended from a chest ribbon with equal stripes of red, white, and blue centered on a blue and buff ribbon. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

Qualifications: This medal may be presented to any individual who, while under the age of 18 years old, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The youth must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate as a member of the color guard.

Special Application Required: Youth who believe they qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal must complete the appropriate form setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the Chapter or State Color Guard Commander for review and approval.

Restriction on Events: Double-counting events is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze). Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the other Color Guard Medals.

Special Look Back Period: An individual may count events from 2018 forward so long as that individual was a youth (under 18 years old) when the individual completed the required service. Events may not be double counted; if an individual counted events attended as a youth toward any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze), then those same events may not be used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A youth may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Appendix D – C.A.R. Activity Report

Sons of the American Revolution C.A.R. Activity Award Sponsoring SAR Form

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is an organization of persons through 21 years of age who are lineal descendants of a patriot of the American Revolution. The C.A.R. is an independent organization which looks to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and General Society of the Sons of the Revolution (SR) for its leadership and financial support. The C.A.R. needs adult leaders, financial support, and members. An SAR member may hold a "Senior Leader" office in a local-, state-, regional-, or the national-levels of the C.A.R. Direct descendants of SAR and DAR members (from birth to 22 years of age) are eligible for C.A.R. membership.

Every SAR chapter and state-level society should have a C.A.R. Chairman or Liaison Officer who focuses support and encouragement on this very worthwhile youth organization. It is encouraged to award the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members who give their time and effort toward supporting the C.A.R. This recognition can be given through the SAR or C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation or other appropriate medals for support and service to the C.A.R. Please complete this application form to enter your SAR state-level society in the C.A.R. Activity Award.

1.) Did you appoint a C.A.R. Committee Chairman and/or C.A.R. Liaison Officer?

Yes No

2.) Have either you or your C.A.R. Chairman made contact with the C.A.R.?

Yes No

3.) Does your SAR society have members serving in the C.A.R. as Senior Leaders?

Yes No

4.) Was the C.A.R. featured or mentioned in your society or chapter newsletter?

Yes No

4a.) If "Yes," please provide Details (Newsletter Name, Article, and Date of Publication):

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5.) Did your SAR society, a chapter with your society, or an individual SAR member donate monetary funds to the C.A.R.?

Yes No

6.) Did your SAR society or a chapter hold a meeting where C.A.R. members participated?

Yes No

7.) Did a member of your SAR society attend the C.A.R. State Conference (Annual Meeting)?

Yes No

8.) Did your SAR society or a chapter sponsor a C.A.R. society?

Yes No

Sons of the American Revolution
C.A.R. Activity Award
Sponsoring SAR Form

9.) Did a member of your SAR society sponsor or endorse a C.A.R. member for either SAR or C.A.R. membership?

Yes No

10.) Did your SAR society present an SAR or C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to either an SAR Compatriot or C.A.R. Member?

Yes No

For further details about or information on joining the C.A.R., please contact either your local C.A.R. chapter or the National Society C.A.R. at:

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution
1776 D Street NW
Washington, DC 20006-5392

Telephone: (202) 638-3153
FAX: (202) 737-3162
Email: hq@nscar.org
<http://www.nscar.org>

Appendix E – EFT and OBT Statement Summaries

FLORIDA SAFE OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND - OBT
Summary Statement of Results and Net Assets
2023

Income:	Beginning Balance	January	February	March	Cumulative March	April	May	June	Cumulative June	July	August	Cumulative 2023	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 102,250.37	\$ 102,250.37	\$ 104,818.57	\$ 104,818.57	\$ 102,250.37	\$ 106,119.78	\$ 109,611.78	\$ 104,818.57	\$ 102,250.37	\$ 109,611.78	\$ 106,119.77	\$ 103,883.37	
Income Receipts:													
Capital Contributions	\$ 91.66	\$ 100.70	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 592.36	\$ 305.00	\$ 108.75	\$ 508.91	\$ 1,279.02	\$ 222.66	\$ 66.13	\$ 1,567.84	1.53%
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer - Safe Operating Investments, Computer Issues	\$ 91.66	\$ 300.76	\$ 303.69	\$ 303.69	\$ 922.91	\$ 106.00	\$ 305.76	\$ 309.93	\$ 1,279.55	\$ 222.66	\$ 66.13	\$ 1,567.84	1.53%
Total Income:	\$ 91.66	\$ 300.76	\$ 303.69	\$ 303.69	\$ 922.91	\$ 106.00	\$ 305.76	\$ 309.93	\$ 1,279.55	\$ 222.66	\$ 66.13	\$ 1,567.84	1.53%
Disbursements:													
Asset Management Fees	\$ 115.04	\$ 130.81	\$ 117.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 472.85	\$ 116.05	\$ 130.21	\$ 117.00	\$ 756.96	\$ 103.87	\$ 130.45	\$ 991.30	-0.97%
Other Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Disbursements	\$ 115.04	\$ 130.81	\$ 117.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 472.85	\$ 116.05	\$ 130.21	\$ 117.00	\$ 756.96	\$ 103.87	\$ 130.45	\$ 991.30	-0.97%
Transfers Balance, End of Month	\$ 102,250.37	\$ 102,254.79	\$ 105,916.40	\$ 104,344.61	\$ 102,433.90	\$ 106,127.96	\$ 109,949.32	\$ 104,419.81	\$ 102,830.98	\$ 107,535.12	\$ 109,700.41	\$ 102,875.61	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 4,705.36	\$ (2,000.48)	\$ 955.12	\$ 955.12	\$ 2,705.12	\$ 775.42	\$ (1,952.42)	\$ 3,031.12	\$ 4,602.15	\$ 2,230.65	\$ (2,248.20)	\$ 4,584.52	4.48%
Net Assets, End of Period	\$ 106,955.95	\$ 104,013.95	\$ 105,399.73	\$ 105,399.73	\$ 105,139.02	\$ 106,903.38	\$ 107,996.90	\$ 107,450.93	\$ 107,433.13	\$ 109,765.77	\$ 107,450.21	\$ 107,460.13	3.07%

Income:	Beginning Balance	January	February	March	Cumulative March	April	May	June	Cumulative June	July	August	Cumulative 2022	%
Net Asset Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 570,704.21	\$ 565,187.39	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 565,254.75	\$ 567,995.57	\$ 541,400.97	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 541,400.97	\$ 567,948.05	\$ 546,541.35	
Income Receipts:													
Capital Contributions	\$ 67.66	\$ 678.78	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 2,653.48	\$ 703.02	\$ 728.37	\$ 1,903.12	\$ 5,625.46	\$ 1,326.36	\$ 526.34	\$ 7,478.66	1.38%
Realized Gains (Losses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer - Safe Operating Investments, Computer Issues	\$ 67.66	\$ 678.78	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 2,653.48	\$ 703.02	\$ 728.37	\$ 1,903.12	\$ 5,625.46	\$ 1,326.36	\$ 526.34	\$ 7,478.66	1.38%
Total Income:	\$ 67.66	\$ 678.78	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 1,903.52	\$ 2,653.48	\$ 703.02	\$ 728.37	\$ 1,903.12	\$ 5,625.46	\$ 1,326.36	\$ 526.34	\$ 7,478.66	1.38%
Disbursements:													
Asset Management Fees	\$ 64.89	\$ 642.05	\$ 625.34	\$ 625.34	\$ 1,957.62	\$ 605.66	\$ 640.11	\$ 603.83	\$ 3,803.22	\$ 604.96	\$ 664.23	\$ 5,072.41	-0.96%
Other Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Disbursements	\$ 64.89	\$ 642.05	\$ 625.34	\$ 625.34	\$ 1,957.62	\$ 605.66	\$ 640.11	\$ 603.83	\$ 3,803.22	\$ 604.96	\$ 664.23	\$ 5,072.41	-0.96%
Transfers Balance, End of Month	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 546,571.31	\$ 570,740.94	\$ 565,120.72	\$ 547,183.62	\$ 565,254.75	\$ 567,995.57	\$ 541,400.97	\$ 546,541.35	\$ 541,400.97	\$ 567,948.05	\$ 546,541.35	
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 24,112.90	\$ (24,861.80)	\$ 8,096.87	\$ 27,835.97	\$ 27,835.97	\$ 3,894.53	\$ (7,271.89)	\$ 10,654.34	\$ 31,272.85	\$ 9,318.72	\$ (11,034.04)	\$ 29,558.53	5.43%
Net Assets, End of Period	\$ 570,704.21	\$ 556,377.14	\$ 563,187.39	\$ 563,187.39	\$ 563,187.39	\$ 569,149.28	\$ 560,723.68	\$ 550,415.31	\$ 569,149.28	\$ 569,149.28	\$ 576,984.01	\$ 576,984.01	0.23%

Appendix F – Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023
Through September 30, 2023
With Proposed Budget for 2024

	2023				2024 Proposed Budget	
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget		
	Weeks	Congress				Operating
Cash Receipts						
Annual Dues				100,000	729	130,000
Prepaid Dues from December			63,569			
2024 Dues Collections			90			
2023 Dues Collections			37,160			
Patriot Magazine Subscription					-	
Prepaid in December			1,524		(1,524)	1,500
2023 Collections			24		(24)	
OBTF distribution			-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Registrar Receipts			11,888	12,000	112	12,500
Reinstatements			1,340	1,500	160	1,500
Other Income			-		-	
BOM Receipts			-		-	
Registration			12,404	15,000	2,596	16,000
Room			580		(580)	
Hospitality Room			-		-	
Donations			-		-	
ETF			-		-	
Meeks Fund	-		-		-	
Other			25		(25)	
National Awards			-		-	
LNB Medal Sales			-		-	
Patriot Mag Ad Income			-		-	
Discontinued Chapter Cash			56			
2023 Congress Income		3,130	-		-	
Medal Sales		1,673	-		-	
Musket Raffle		880	-		-	
Sculpture Raffle		2,675	-		-	
250th Pins Sales		-	-		-	
LNB Medal Sales		425	-		-	
Cash Donations		3,815	-		-	
PayPal Fees		(31)	-		-	
Volunteer Shirts		620	-		-	
Bags		215	-		-	
National SAR Reimbursement		4,809	-		-	
Reallocate ETF Donation		2,000	-		-	
Reallocate Meeks Fund Donation		2,000	-		-	
Reallocate Secretary 2022 budget		1,000	-		-	
Reallocate Presidents Exp 2022		-	-		-	
Carry Over From Prior Year			2,667	2,667	-	
Total	-	23,210	131,327	136,167	6,444	166,500

Florida Society Budget Comparison
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023
Through September 30, 2023
With Proposed Budget for 2024

	2023				2024 Proposed Budget
	Actual		Operating Budget	Remaining Budget	
	Meeks	Congress			
Cash Disbursements					
NSSAR Dues			63,510	62,000	(1,510)
Dues Refunds			-	-	-
Reinstatement Dues			385	1,200	815
Registrar Stipend			3,600	4,800	1,200
Secretary Stipend			3,600	4,800	1,200
Exec Admin Stipend			3,600	4,800	1,200
Presidents Expenses			4,142	5,000	858
Sr VP Expenses - 2022			1,667	1,667	-
Sr VP Expenses - 2023			833	2,500	1,667
Secretary Expenses			-	1,000	1,000
Treasurer Expenses			283	100	(183)
Registrar Expenses			752	600	(152)
BOM Expenses			-	-	-
Hotel (Meals)			14,301	13,700	(601)
Rooms			-	-	-
BOM Refunds			-	-	-
Hospitality Room			221	500	279
Printing, A/V & Other			681	500	(181)
PG Room			-	300	300
Hotel Deposits			1,000	-	(1,000)
Americanism/Chapter Challenge			-	100	100
C.A.R. Committee			-	100	100
Educational Outreach Committee			-	500	500
Florida Veterans Foundation			1,000	1,000	-
Good Citizenship Comm			-	-	-
Historical Sites Committee			-	200	200
History Fair Comm			-	500	500
Internet/Computer Expense			376	500	124
Medals & Awards Comm			205	1,500	1,295
New Chapter Dev Comm			-	600	600
Newsletters & Period Comm			500	500	-
Other Committee Cost			225	200	(25)
Patriot Medal Comm			230	500	270
Patriotic Education			-	-	-
Publicity Comm			500	500	-
Technology Comm			-	-	-
Veterans Battalion			-	100	100
Website Taskforce			-	-	-
American Hb Teacher Comm			1,200	1,200	-
Americanism Brochure Contest			417	350	(67)
Americanism Poster Contest			515	350	(165)
Eagle Scout Contest			1,750	2,000	250
JROTC Contest			2,310	2,000	(310)
Knight Essay Contest			1,750	2,000	250
Rumbaugh Oration Contest			1,500	3,000	1,500
FSCAR Donation			1,000	1,000	-
Highland Games Donation (DAR)			-	-	-
NSSAR Library			300	300	-
SAR Museum & Learning Center			1,000	1,000	-
Battle of Pensacola			-	500	500
Battle of Thomas Creek			500	500	-
Last Naval Battle			-	500	500
Bank Charges/Fees			27	100	74
D&O/Liability Insurance			-	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous Costs			275	300	25
Bank Error			0	-	-
Other Postage/Delivery			29	-	(29)
Patriot Mag Cost			3,594	4,500	906
Storage Fees			2,305	3,000	695
2023 Congress Expenses			-	-	-
Musket Raffle		-	-	-	-
Medals		-	-	-	-
Other		53,815	-	-	-
250th Bench		2,319	-	-	-
2023 Congress Fund Transfers			-	-	-
Reallocate from ETF Donation			2,000	2,000	-
Reallocate from Meeks Fund			2,000	2,000	-
Reallocate from Sec 2022 Budget			1,000	1,000	-
2024 ETF Donation			-	-	2,000
2024 Meeks Fund Donation			-	-	2,000
Total	-	56,134	125,081	140,367	172,200
Net Cash Surplus	-	(32,923)	6,246	(4,200)	(5,700)

Schedule

Friday, 10/20/2023	Saturday, 10/21/2023
9:00-10:00 - Genealogy Committee (Harry Rinker) Preparing an online application 10:00-11:00 - Historic Sites & Celebrations (Chris Washler) 11:00-12:00 - RVP Meeting (Jim Gaskins) Duties & responsibilities, and due dates 12:00-2:00 - Ladies Auxiliary Lunch & Meeting (The Cove) 1:00-2:30 - Society of 1812 Meeting (Bob McGuire) 3:30-4:30 - Color Guard (Scott Breckenridge) Medal applications Musket and Flag training	9:00-9:30 - C.A.R. Liaison (Dick Young) 9:30-10:00 - Eagle Scout Committee (Lawrence Capuder) 10:00-11:00 - America 250 (Chris Washler) 11:00-12:00 - Veterans Affairs Committee (Doug Gibbens) 1:00-4:30 - BOM Meeting (Steve Fields) includes National Candidates Forum 5:00-6:00 - Reception 6:00-8:00 - Banquet (Cypress 1,2,3)
All meetings are in Cypress 1	
Registration - Friday, 9:00-4:00 - Saturday, 9:00-1:00	
Hospitality Room - 9:30am-11:00am and after Banquet	

Oct 20-21, 2023						
FRIDAY			SATURDAY			
	Mtg Room	Banquet Room	Center Hallway	Mtg Room	Banquet Room	
8:00-8:30			CONFERENCE REGISTRATION			
8:30-9:00						
9:00-9:30	Preparing an online			C.A.R. Liaison		
9:30-10:00	application			Eagle Scout		
10:00-10:30	Historic Sites &			America 250		
10:30-11:00	Celebrations					
11:00-11:30	RVP Meeting			Veterans Affairs		
11:30-Noon						
Noon-1:00	Lunch on your own	Ladies Auxilary		Lunch on your own		
1:00-1:30	1812 Meeting	Lunch and Meeting		BOM Meeting		
1:30-2:00						
2:00-2:30		(includes National Candiates Forum)				
2:30-3:00						
3:00-3:30						
3:30-4:00	Color Guard					
4:00-4:30	Mtg & Trng					
4:30-5:00	Dinner on your own				Color Guard Rehearsal	
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						