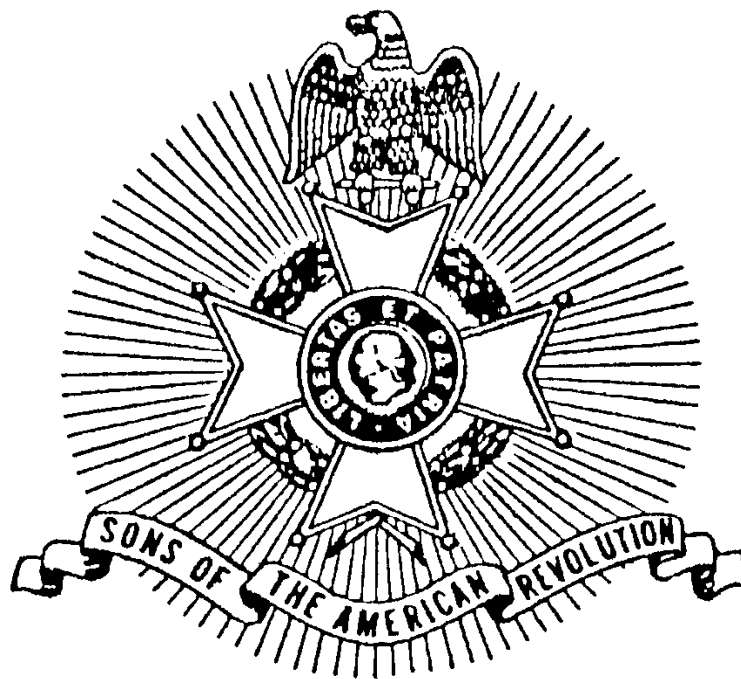


Winter Board of Management Meeting

# Proceedings

Orlando, Florida

February 2, 2019





## **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.

# Meeting Agenda

Call to order  
Invocation  
Pledge of allegiance  
SAR Pledge  
Introduction of National Officers  
Introduction of first time attendees  
Certification of a quorum  
Approval of the minutes  
Reports of National and State Officers

**National Trustee**  
**President**  
**Senior Vice President**  
**Executive Administrator**  
**ExComm Member-at-Large**  
**Northwestern Regional Vice President**  
**North Central Regional Vice President**  
**Northeastern Regional Vice President**  
**East Central Regional Vice President**  
**West Central Regional Vice President**  
**Southeast Regional Vice President**  
**Southwest Regional Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Registrar**  
**Chaplain**  
**Recording Secretary**  
**Chancellor**  
**Parliamentarian**  
**Genealogist**  
**Sergeant at Arms**  
**Historian**  
**Editor, *The Florida Patriot***  
**Webmaster**

Statutory Committee Reports  
**Audit (Financial Review)**  
**Executive**  
**Finance**  
**Medals and Awards**  
**Nominating**  
**Patriot Medal**

NSSAR Affairs  
**Education Center & Museum**  
**NSSAR Library**

## FLSSAR Affairs

**Archives**  
**Chapter Challenge & Americanism**  
**Documents**  
**Ethics**  
**Genealogy**  
**Meeting Arrangements - BOM**  
**Membership Promotion & Retention**  
**New Chapter Development**  
**Newsletters and Periodicals**  
**Strategic Planning**  
**Technology Advisory**  
**Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade**

## Liaisons

**CAR & SAR Junior Members Aide**  
**DAR**  
**Ladies Auxiliary**

## Historic Sites

**Commemorative Historic Sites**  
**Battle of Pensacola**  
**Battle of Thomas Creek**  
**Last Naval Battle**

## Youth Programs

**Americanism Elementary Poster & Brochure**  
**Eagle Scout Scholarship**  
**George S. & Stella Knight Essay**  
**Good Citizenship**  
**History Fairs**  
**Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations**  
**JROTC/ROTC**

## Community Outreach

**American History Teacher Award**  
**Habitat For Humanity**  
**Operation Ancestor Search**  
**Patriotic Activities**  
**Public Service and Heroism**  
**Publicity**  
**Veterans Affairs**  
**Veteran's Recognition**

## Trust Funds

**Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements**  
**Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget**  
**Trust Funds**

# Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Florida Society Board of Management Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2018  
Embassy Suites, Kissimmee FL

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Niemann. Opening Ritual accomplished. Included in these minutes are general topics of discussion and proposed Motions and the action(s) taken on those motions. Motion to accept previous minutes. After corrections accepted, motion passed.

Motion Bob Folk, Second Lindsey Brock, "Endorse all unopposed general officer candidates by acclamation." Passed

Motion Dick Young, Second Lee Popham: "To change the name of the check signer in the minutes from Patrick Niemann to Hall Riediger." Passed

Motion from Finance Committee, no second required: To approve Florida Society Budget for 2019." Passed.

Motion from Executive Committee: "To bid for the 2023 National Congress, New Committee: Lee Popham, Chair, members - Steve Fields, Dick Young, David Ramseur, Hall Riediger, Bernard Wolff, Ron Groves, Lindsey Brock, Rick Morrow and Jon Erb. Passed

Motion from Executive Committee: Motion: "That the Executive Committee be authorized to buy audio system(s) not to exceed than \$1,500.00 \$1,000.00." Amendment to motion: to replace \$1,000.00 with \$1,500.00. No objections offered to the amendment; original motion modified. Passed

Motion by Lee Matson, Sec. Bob McGuire presented to modify the scheduling Winter BOM meeting(s): "Motion: That the Winter BOM meeting be canceled and that in its place Regional Meetings be conducted by the RVP's. and the meetings be attended by representatives of the ExComm" Passed

Motion for this Trust Fund Trustee election. "Motion: That Lee Popham be elected as Trustee for the 3 year terms for the Operating Trust Fund and Endowment Trust Fund beginning January 1 2019." Moved David Kelsey, Carl Hoffman 2nd.

Motion by Randy Moody second by Carl Hoffman in reference to the proposed changes in the ETFD form requirements: "Red Line for Document Changes- Winter BOM"; Passed.

## National and State Officer Reports

### National Trustee

Trustee	Robert Folk	<a href="mailto:rfolksr@gmail.com">rfolksr@gmail.com</a>
Alternate Trustee	Robert McGuire	<a href="mailto:rmcguire@slvx.com">rmcguire@slvx.com</a>

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### President

Patrick J. Niemann [niemannpat@gmail.com](mailto:niemannpat@gmail.com)

I have had the pleasure of attending 12 Chapter and three Regional meetings throughout the state. These meetings have allowed me to meet many compatriots who cannot attend the State BOMs. Additionally, I have heard concerns and received input and recommendations from our compatriots at the meetings.

One of the concerns is the less than satisfactory National website. I can only relay that our President General is also not happy with the website and is taking steps to improve the website. PG Alter addressed this issue in the Fall 2018 SAR Magazine. Hopefully, we will see progress in the very near future.

Many of our Registrars have voiced concern over the lack of guidance and assistance from National regarding prospective member applications. It has become obvious that we need to institute a standardized national and state training program for our Registrars. Senior Vice President Popham and I will discuss the issues with both the Registrar General and Genealogist General at the next Leadership meeting.

I want to commend the chapters for their active outreach programs, including Color Guard participation in local events and parades, honoring veterans, Liberty Tree ceremonies, teaching students and participation in

Wreaths Across America. Your participation in all these events reflects greatly on the FLSSAR as well as serving the community.

## Senior Vice President

Wm Lee Popham

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It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Senior Vice President of the Florida SAR this year. The 4th Quarter of 2018 was a very active time period, with quite a bit accomplished. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support!

During the period 20 September to 31 December 2018, I attended:

- 22 September – Florida SAR North Central Regional Meeting in The Villages.
- Three Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings and three Miami Chapter Board meetings.
- 26-30 September - The 2018 Fall Leadership Conference Meetings held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville Kentucky, where I participated in several Committee meetings, Color Guard Activities, and the Trustees meeting.
- Served in the Color Guard;
- Participated in the following Committee Meetings:
  - Executive (non-voting invitee); Budget (Chairman); Finance; Investments (non-voting); Strategic Planning; Eagle Scout; and 250th Revolutionary War Anniversary Celebrations.
- Was appointed 2018-2019 Chairman of the National Budget Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 6 October – South Atlantic District SAR Meeting in Spartanburg, SC.
- 7 October – 238th Anniversary observance of the Battle of Kings Mountain, at Kings Mountain National Military Park in Blacksburg, SC.
- With President Pat Niemann, placed Florida SAR and Miami Chapter SAR wreaths at ceremony
- 12-14 October - Attended the 2018 FLSSAR Fall BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista in Orlando,
- Chaired the Regional Vice Presidents meeting as Senior Vice President
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting, and Chaired the Documents Committee meeting
- Appointed Chairman of 2023 NSSAR Congress Proposal Task Force
- Served in the Color Guard for the flag ceremonies.
- 19 October – attended quarterly meeting at the Miami VA Hospital, as SAR Representative to the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS).
- 19 October – Attended Miami Chapter SAR monthly meeting
- 20 October – Attended Organizational Charter Ceremony and Luncheon for newly-formed Okeechobee Chapter in Okeechobee, Florida.
- 11 November – Veterans Day - 150 flag placements on Veterans graves at Miami Memorial Cemetery (Miami's oldest cemetery) with Cub Scout Pack 280 and the Miami Chapter SAR.
- 11 November – Veterans Day – Attended ceremony at South Miami / Coral Gables Elks Lodge No. 1676 with Miami Chapter SAR and Tequesta Society C.A.R. officers and representatives.
- 13 November – Attended Coral Gables DAR monthly meeting, and participated in SAR Color Guard opening and closing flag ceremonies
- 13 November – Participated in NSSAR Executive Committee conference call as an Invited Guest
- 16 November – Attended Miami Chapter SAR monthly meeting
- 19 November – Participated on Florida SAR ETF Trust Fund conference call
- 8 December – Palm Beach SAR 80th Anniversary celebration luncheon at the Everglades Club (where the Palm Beach Chapter was originally formed) in Palm Beach, Florida.
- 12 December – Go To Meeting presentation re: NSSAR accounting system upgrade Proposal from vendor
- 13 December – Go To Meeting continuing presentation re: NSSAR accounting system upgrade
- 17 December – Miami Chapter SAR Executive Board meeting
- 19 December – BSA National Community Relationships Committee conference call – I serve as the NSSAR alternate member representative.
- 21 December – Miami Chapter SAR monthly meeting

In addition to the attendance and participation at various functions and events across the State of Florida, two projects in process deserve special mention:

Patriot Research System (PRS):

- The Patriot Research System is alive and functioning on the National website (sar.org). During the past year, several volunteer Compatriots have been manually entering the Record Copy information of our Compatriots into a searchable database, thereby making it easier to document our Patriot Ancestors and the approved lineages that previous Membership Applications and Supplementals have established.
- The PRS was discussed at length at the most recent South Atlantic District Meeting in Spartanburg SC, and volunteers are being solicited from all Chapters to load their Record Copies into the database. The Lafayette Volunteer Service medal can be earned by those Volunteers.

2023 National Congress – Florida SAR Proposal Task Force:

This Task Force was formed during the Fall 2018 BOM, to investigate the feasibility of a Florida location being selected for the 2023 National Congress of the NSSAR. We have received information regarding several qualifying hotel facilities in the Orlando area, and a First Draft of the Florida Proposal is expected to be available for preliminary review by the Task Force members during this Winter 2019 BOM. Additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.

I look forward to our Rumbaugh Competition, discussions, and fellowship at the Winter 2019 BOM in Orlando.

## Executive Administrator

Steven Williams [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)

### **Late reports are to be emailed as a WORD.doc or text file to me on/before 2/9/2019**

It should be noted that anyone aspiring to be the Executive Administrator should have a level of understanding how the Florida Society functions and what the duties of the officers are in order to effectively help those officers.

### **Please note:**

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

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

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

## Executive Committee Member-at-Large

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No report

## Northwestern Regional Vice President

Earl F Mathews [emathewsjr@embarqmail.com](mailto:emathewsjr@embarqmail.com)

Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

Visits: 0 visits to any chapters due to hurricane Michael hitting the panhandle. Communications via cell phone, weak for almost 3 months, landline and internet out for 3 months.

Attended October 2018 BOM and attended all assigned committee meetings

Summary of chapter meeting in region:

Total meetings of chapters 14, hurricane curtailed complete activity for 3 chapters.

Membership Activity:

Prospective: 21

New: 2

Inducted: 7

Awards: 1

Medals: 4

ROTC/JROTC: 0

Essay: 0

Eagle: 1

Flag Certificates: 0

Deceased: 0

Total Attending Members: 113

Total Attending Guests: 21

Total Speakers; 4

**Aaron Snowden Chapter;**

4 meetings, 1 new member inducted, 1 medal, 7 avg members attending, 0 guests

**Emerald Coast Chapter;**

3 meetings, 3 new members inducted, 11 avg members attending, 7 guests

**Panama City Chapter;** President & Registrar, DeCody Brad Marble, DBM

1 meeting, 2 new members, 2 medals, 5 attended, 2 guests. hit hard by hurricane

**Pensacola Chapter;**      **Chris Washler, President.**

1 meeting, no activity, only 1 monthly report submitted

**Tallahassee Chapter;**

1 meeting, 8 members attended, 1 guest, only 1 report submitted

**William Dunaway Chapter;**

4 meetings, 1 member inducted, 1 medal, 1 award, 1 speaker

**North Central Regional Vice President**

David Bussone

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Since the October 2018 BOM, the following chapters have been visited:

Lake-Sumter, The Villages, Ocala, & Withlacoochee. An invitation to visit the Gainesville chapter has been accepted in order to install its 2019 officers.

Two chapters (Lake-Sumter & Withlacoochee) held 30th Anniversary celebrations which I attended. In addition, the Lake-Sumter chapter dedicated a Liberty Tree on November 3rd. There were several speakers including our FLSSAR president (Pat Niemann), and me. On December 15th The Villages chapter participated in Wreath Across America. Six of us were honored to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at Lone Oaks Cemetery in Leesburg.

Although most of the NC Region chapters are healthy, the Lake City chapter is in danger of losing its charter. Numerous conversations with Larry Royal, chapter secretary-treasurer, have been held to support chapter continuation. At its December meeting, there were no members willing to serve as candidates for 2019 officers. In addition, there are insufficient renewing members to maintain a chapter in accordance with FLSSAR requirements. Communications were held with the FLSSAR president and senior vice president, along with the Society secretary and executive director. Based on those conversations I had several additional communications with Compatriot Royal regarding ways in which he might try to keep the chapter alive. He had polled the membership and believed there was little interest in maintaining the chapter. He has been asked to hold the chapter's funds and other assets until the FLSSAR Exec Committee discusses the situation and determines what actions to take. **ADDITIONAL Lake City Chapter has gained enough members to stay alive, and have elected a new President.**

**The Villages Chapter – David Bussone, President**

No Report



### **Withlacoochee Chapter - Clyde Johnson, President**

- October 13 - Thomas Smith Venard was inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, on October 13, 2018 by Chapter President Larry Sturgeon. His wife Karen pinned his rosette on his left lapel. Chapter President Larry Sturgeon presented Registrar Stephen Brown the NSSAR Liberty Medal, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate from the July 13, 2018 SAR National Congress held in Houston, Texas.
- November 11 - the Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard participated in the Massing of the Colors in Inverness, Florida. Color Guardsmen were Commander Russell Gibson, Bill Ferguson and David Hitchcock.
- November 12 - the Withlacoochee Chapter participated in the Annual Veterans Day parade. Members participating were Compatriots Jimmie Barnes, Doug Brock, George Edge, David Hitchcock, Charlie Day, Russell Gibson, Richard Trout Jr., Larry Sturgeon, Bill Teater, Bill Ferguson, Stephen Brown, Dick Young, Richard Sumner, Lenny Crawford and Anthony Costa.
- December 8 - the Withlacoochee Chapter celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Attending this special celebration was FLSSAR President Colonel Patrick Niemann and North Central Regional Vice President David Bussone. Compatriot Bill Teater, Veterans Committee Chairman, was presented the Service to Veterans Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster by Chapter President Larry Sturgeon for exemplary Service to our Veterans without Families at the Baldomero Lopez Memorial Veterans Home and Veterans Appreciation Week. Compatriots in attendance were Doug Brock, Lenny Crawford, Charlie Day, Ken Dunn, George Edge, Dale Hash, Ken Lancaster, Ron Powell, John Smith, Richard Trout Jr, Michael Houle, Tom Hellum, Norm Freyer, Arthur Burt, Dan Hans, Tom Venard, Russ Gibson, Larry Sturgeon, David Hitchcock, Bill Teater, Stephen Brown, Judge Ric Howard, Duanne Laughlin, Jim Echlin, Dick Elley, Ben Warren, Bob Folk, Jim Booth, Bill Ferguson, Clyde Johnson. Special guests were Jeremy Twachtman, District Executive with the Boy Scouts of America and members of the Fort Cooper DAR. Our guest speaker for the event was Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Ric Howard

### **Gainesville Chapter – David Charles Thomas, President**

- Oct. 10 - David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier Gainesville DAR meeting
- Oct. 17 - Ray Davis Naturalization ceremony 141 sworn in
- Oct. 20th - Sean Tonnelier Gold Star mothers memorial dedication in colonial attire Malcolm Randal VA hospital Gainesville FL.
- November 11th -Veterans day memorial ceremony , Kanapaha Veterans park Gainesville in colonial attire led the Milton Lewis young marines of Fort Clark middle school in dedicating various wreaths at the American Revolution memorial
- Nov. 14th - David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier Gainesville DAR meeting
- Nov. 15th - Ray Davis Naturalization Ceremony 140 sworn in
- Nov. 21 - Ray Davis Flag breakfast
- Nov. 17th - David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier in colonial attire attended Fort Morris ceremony in Midway Ga. dedicated a chapter wreath and marched in color guard
- Dec. 1- Ray Davis VA Christmas party
- Dec 12th - David Thomas and Sean Tonnelier in colonial attire attended Gainesville DAR meeting to honor the state regent Dawn Lemongiello at this meeting David and Cathy Thomas's daughters were sworn into the DAR
- Dec. 13th - Ray Davis naturalization ceremony , 146 sworn in
- Oct. 16th - SAR dinner meeting speaker was Thomas Jefferson about the Barbary Pirates
- Nov. - 20th dinner meeting William Bartram's travels on the Saint Johns River in 1770 and how his father hosted some of the founding fathers at his house near Philadelphia.
- Dec.- 18th dinner meeting On the Edge Quartet singing Christmas carols
- Jan. - 15th dinner meeting CAR doing music through the ages
- 52 members renewed their membership for 2019

### **Lake City Chapter – Claudius F. “Skip” Johns - President**

No Report

## **Ocala Chapter – Wayne Carlton Curtis, President**

October 17 - 15 members and wives attended with guest David Bussone, VP Central Florida SAR.

Two new members Robert Andrews and Richard Pearce.

Jim Phillips gave talk of his experiences from WWII and overcoming PTSD from surviving kamikaze attack and 12 hours in the water with the sharks before rescue.

Claude Grubbs gave talk on WWII experience with lack of pipes for farm water well and having to haul water from town.

Robert Andrews gave talk on his ancestor, Philip Gilman, Frontier Ranger in Pennsylvania, experience with Indian attacks encouraged by the British during the Revolutionary War. He had several ancestors lost or involved in the Wyoming, Pa. Indian massacre where 340 settlers were killed by Butler's Rangers. He was given 1000 acres in Sparta, New York near Buffalo for his service. He and two sons also served in War of 1812. He also served as regular soldier at Brandywine and Germantown battles where he was shot through shoulder which he survived and returned to service within two days. He hid in barn after battle while British Dragoons spent night there with him. He destroyed his musket so it could not be used by British victors of battle.

These stories emphasize the sacrifices and horrors of life during the Revolutionary War and frontier life before and afterwards. And the realities of World War II home life and survival of battle at sea.

November 28 - Joint meeting with DAR. 16 SAR members and wives attended with many more numerous DAR members.

Our den mother, Tevis Fitzpatrick received medal of excellence for her efforts every year for proclamations of respect for our Constitution and preamble of the Declaration of Independence of the 13 Colonies by City, County, and State governments, placement of banner on 9/17 yearly at the county office respecting the day for the Constitution of the United States and various other events including library display and manning the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall.

An honor table for MIA soldiers and poppies for the dead soldiers of WWI with a moment of silence for all those who perished for our FREEDOMS and INDEPENDENCE from tyranny rounded out the show of respect for all those deserving.

Tevis Fitzpatrick then honored all those DAR and SAR members who participated in helping locate names on the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall including Wayne Curtis president, Maurice Hitt Jr vice president and registrar, and grandson George, Alan J. Clark, M.D. secretary, Claude and Susan Grubbs, Robert Andrews.

Speaker was the first female Army Chaplain to attain rank of Colonel. She gave often inspiring stories of her interaction with recalcitrant soldiers and higher ranking officers, her successful attempts to have LOVE replace suspicion and resistance to the WORD of GOD and her inclusion in the field of Army Chaplain.

She also was present and gave Healing assistance to those injured at the 9/11 aircraft attack at the Pentagon. The number of casualties was much reduced by the aircraft hitting a section of the Pentagon under renovation. Slightly over one hundred lives including 77 on board airplane were lost there versus thousands at the Twin Towers in New York.

December 19 - 16 members and guests with wives met at noon at the Elk's Club of Ocala

Two prospective members and two new members were welcomed. Formal SAR certificates were presented by president Wayne Curtis to Richard Pearce and Robert Andrews.

President Curtis reported on presentation of Eagle Scout accomplishment certificate.

Secretary Alan J. Clark, M.D. gave discussion on two letters in code of Robert Troup at the home of Robert Morris financier of the Revolution located at Princeton, New Jersey. The July 1780 letter describes handing over West Point to the British two months before the event and giving the time, date, and place of the event. The other letter in August, 1780 describes the move South of Washington and French Armies to engage the British and the new position of General Green in command of the southern campaign with the aid of the West Indies French fleet one year before these events lead to the defeat of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia.

These letters in code and many more letters and events published in the Memoirs of Aaron Burr by Matthew Davis are discussed in detail in the book Cipher Code of Dishonor, Aaron Burr, an American Enigma, by Alan J. Clark, M.D.

## **Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR, Gerald C. Hardwich, President**

Oct 2016 - our Liberty Tree was placed by Ron Grove and American Legion representative J.J. Gella, in preparation for our Nov 3 celebration.

- Oct 2018 - Ron Grove established liaison for poster contest in a meeting with headmaster at Holy Trinity Episcopal school.
- Nov 3, 2018 - flags were placed at Lone Oaks cemetery in preparation for Veteran's Day—George Chaffee, John Moore, and Ken Mosher were in attendance and participated in the flag placement.
- Nov 3, 2018 - A Celebration of the chapter's 30th anniversary and the planting of a Liberty tree was conducted at our regular meeting time. Attendance was 65, which was the largest turn out for a L-S chapter meeting in our history. A buffet type meal was served by the American Legion. The meal was free to attendees, paid for from Chapter funds and generous donations. Guest speakers included State President Pat Niemann and Former American Legion Florida Division Commander Warren Post. An enhanced color guard of eleven uniformed participants, including guest color guardsmen from two other SAR chapters was present and added greatly to the pageantry of our event. A Liberty Tree and monumental plaque were planted at the end of the celebration.
- December 1, 2018 - General Membership meeting was held and attended by 36 members and guests. Several military service awards were given; two new members were inducted. A bronze citizenship award was given to American Legion member J.J. Gella in recognition of his services assisting the chapter in its November 3 celebration meeting. Our Registrar, John Moore received a Liberty medal with Oak Leaf Cluster in recognition of outstanding achievements in recruiting new members. The speaker was John Thomstatter, who gave a presentation on behalf of the Villages Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. After lunch, a special ceremony was conducted to recognize the service of members during the VN war. Fifteen chapter members received award packages under a program established by Presidential proclamation, and adopted by the NSSAR, all in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the VN war. Jim Carl, our Veterans Committee chair, prepared this special recognition program for Viet Nam Veterans. The color guard function was handled by a local contingent of the Naval Sea Cadets.
- Dec 1, 2018 - Seven members participated in the Tavares Christmas Parade. The parade was well attended by the community and was excellent publicity for the SAR.
- December 15, 2018 - Four chapter members participated in a Wreaths across America ceremony sponsored by the American Legion post in Fruitland Park. Al Lane, George Chaffee, Jim Carl and Bob Bass were present. We were recognized as guests. Jim, George and Bob were in uniform and marched in with the Sea Cadets Color Guard.
- January 2, 2019 - Four members, Jerry Hardwich, Bill Hayes, Terry Oldham and Bob Bass participated in a flag rolling activity at Lone Oaks Cemetery in Leesburg.
- January 5, 2019 - a regular general membership meeting was held. Total attendance was 46. Four chapter members participated in the color guard. Three new members were inducted. Our chapter History Teacher of the Year award was given to Jennifer Butera of East Ridge High School, and her student, Jenna Justin received the Essay Contest winner's award for our chapter. Bob Barnes was awarded a five year membership anniversary certificate. Compatriots Merlyn Wilson, Charles Ruble, Terry Oldham, Ray McCleary, Charles Buchanan and Bob Moody received military type awards.
- January 12 - Our chapter's 2019 Rumbaugh Oration competition was held at Montverde Academy. Four contestants from Montverde Academy and East Ridge High School presented their speeches. Five chapter members participated in judging the speeches. Al Lane, Ron Toops and George Chaffee served as judges. Bob Beightol acted as timekeeper and photographer. Ron Grove, our Education chair, was overall coordinator. Montverde junior Matthew Karen was named winner and will compete at the FLSSAR competition. The considerable efforts and inspirational performances of these young people was noted by our chapter representatives

## **Northeastern Regional Vice President**

James Y. Gaskins

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The FLSSAR North East Region enjoyed a safe and merry holiday season following the Fall BOM. We have focused our energies on preparing for our next Regional Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Orange Park, FL on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The primary focus of agenda items submitted is largely on improving communications between the local, state and NSSAR Registrars and on the most effective employment of our Color Guards.

**Flagler Chapter****Randall Morris, President**

- 21 Sep 2018:** Flagler Chapter regular meeting. Compatriot John Thomas' wife Rosemary was recognized for her dedication to the Flagler Chapter by President Randall Morris, who presented her with the SAR Cameo replica. Constitution Day speaker Judge Melissa Moore Stens discussed "Misconceptions of the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution."
- 05 Oct 2018:** Flagler County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Jonathan Dopp was presented the SAR Law Enforcement Medal w/cert. by Awards Chairman David Kelsey.
- 10 Oct 2018:** Flagler Chapter regular meeting. President Randall Morris discussed signers of the Declaration of Independence NOT covered in the history books.
- 13 Oct 2018:** The Florida Society President Pat Niemann presented Victoria Kelsey (David's wife) with the Florida Society Daughter of Liberty Medal w/cert. in recognition of her numerous years of dedicated service to the Flagler Chapter and the SAR.
- 14 Oct 2018:** President Randall Morris was the featured guest discussing the SAR as descendants of the first Veterans on Flagler County Service Officer David Lydon's Veterans Show on WNZF radio.
- 16 Oct 2018:** Flagler County Firefighter/Paramedic Lt. Andrew Keppler was awarded the SAR EMS Medal w/cert. by President Randall Morris.
- 17 Oct 2018:** The Flagler Chapter recognized VFW 8696 for their proper display and retirement services for the United States Flag. Compatriot 2nd VP Charlie Hayes presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the VFW.
- 14 Nov 2018:** Flagler Chapter regular meeting. Historical items from the Flagler County Historical Society Museum were on display. Each relic was explained to those in attendance. President Randall Morris was presented the Flagler County FOP Certificate of Appreciation for being the guest speaker at their past meeting. He discussed the Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence.
- 29 Nov 2018:** As part of the Festival of Trees Celebration, the Flagler Chapter SAR Christmas Tree was setup at the Flagler County Public Library in Palm Coast. It remained on display until 03 January 2019.
- 17 Dec 2018;** Induction of three new members in the shadow of the Flagler Chapter Liberty Tree located in Heroes Memorial Park in Palm Coast.

**Jacksonville Chapter****William. J. Ziegenfus, President**

## Chapter Officers for 2018-2019:

President:	William. J. Ziegenfus
1st Vice President:	Dennis L. Carpenter
2nd Vice President:	Claude S. Farmer
Secretary:	M. Scott Breckenridge
Treasurer:	Kenneth G. Norwood
Registrar:	J. Gray Chandler
Chaplain:	David H. Ramseur
Historian/Genealogist:	Richard B. Cardell
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Ryan B. Doane

## Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 164. The annual report and dues payment was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

## Meeting Programs:

October: Peter Mullen, The History of the Spanish Flu.

November: Public Service awards.

December: Seasonal music.

January: Susie Sernaker, National Park Service.

## Color Guard:

At the time of this report 13 compatriots participated in our Color Guard activities:

10 Nov 2018 Fort Clinch History of the American Soldier

11 Nov 2018 Veterans Day Observance, Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery

11 Nov 2018 Veterans Day Observance, First Baptist Church

12 Nov 2018 Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade

12 Nov 2018 Veterans Day Observance, Beaches Veterans Memorial Park

17 Nov 2018 Fort Morris Commemoration

15 Dec 2018 Wreaths Across America

**Americanism:**

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

**Chapter Community Activities:**

15 Dec.2018 Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Jacksonville National Cemetery

**Public Service Recognitions:**

Law Enforcement Commendation Awards:

Lt Hank Martinez, Nassau Co Sheriffs Office

Ofcr Christopher Schirbock, Florida Wildlife Commission

Det. Margaret Rhatigan, Jacksonville Sheriffs Office

Det. Glenn Warkentien, JSO

Sgt. Freddie Peake, Fernandina Beach PD

Ofcr. Tricia Anderson, Atlantic Beach PD

**Fire Safety Commendations:**

Lt. Clint Graudons, Clay County Public Safety

**EMS Commendation Medal:**

Thomas H. Cavender, Fernandina Beach Fire Rescue.

**Youth Programs:**

Fall 2018 Silver ROTC Medal to MIDN 3/c Dylan Vagts, Jacksonville University

08 Oct 2018 Eagle Scout Certificates to Fletcher Alexander and Grant Alexander

27 Oct 2018 Bronze Good Citizenship medals to Young Marines LCpl Grace Origer and Sgt Mason Flowers.

**St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President**

The Chapter was fortunate to grow by 13 new members. New Members inducted into the Chapter. Christopher Heydt, James Brunson, Horton Reed, Brian Prosser, Joseph Brown, Oliver G. Brown, Joshua Follenweider, Jacob Follenweider, Mark C. George; transferred in from other Chapters Steven Godby, Scott A. Leavens, and Roger Pearce.

To the St. Augustine Fire Department the Chapter presented three Heroism awards to Firefighter-Engineer Joshua McKenzie, Dustin Hamilton, and Gideon Brown. Also at this City awards ceremony the Chapter presented the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Sean Crofutt.

To the Palatka Fire Department the Chapter presented the Fire Safety Commendation Award to Robert Mohr.

To the Palatka Police Department the Chapter presented two awards. Presentations were at the Police Headquarters in Palatka Fl. The SAR Life Saving Award was presented to Police Officer Luke Hughes. Luke was also awarded the Palatka Police Officer of the year award. Code Enforcement Officer Tangerlar (Tan) Clark Jackson was presented with Law Enforcement Commendation Award. Tan was also awarded the Civilian Employee of the year award.

To the Police Athletic league, PAL, ceremony the Chapter presented five Good Citizenship awards for volunteer services in support of the PAL program to assist the youth of Palatka. Awards presented to Nicholas Stewart, Kim Daley, Jean Stewart, Sgt Randy Hayes, and Colonel Joe Wells.

**Daytona-Ormond Chapter Rick E. Morrow President**

**Chapter Officers:**

President: Rick E. Morrow

Secretary: M. Scott Breckenridge

Registrar: Richard M. Lyon, Jr.

**Membership:**

Chapter membership is currently at 41. The annual report and dues payment was delivered to FLSSAR on time.

**Meetings:**

Monthly chapter meetings are underway, on the third Thursday of each month. We are hopeful of getting attendance up so that we can start having formal meetings with guest speakers.

Communications:

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

## **East Central Regional Vice President**

Charles Berger

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### **Brevard Chapter**

**Submitted by Roger Bonnett, President**

Sept 2018

New Members:

**Frank Fischer, Lee Payson Haskell, Matthew Shelby Patten, Brian Victor Patton, Jacob Stephen Winbun**

Supplemental:

Carl Randell Green Sr.

Misc Awards:

Barry Eller - Past Presidents Pin; John Malcolm – 15 Year Pin; Tom Dickson – WOSAR Pin

Speaker

**Matt Culver; Boating & Waterways Coordinator, Brevard Co. Natural Resources Management Dept.**

Oct 2018

New Members:

**Joel Etherton, Jay Steinke**

Supplemental:

**Dave Ralston, Barry Eller, Carl Green, Marvin Bisset, Roger Bonnett**

Misc Awards:

**Fuller Jones – 5 Year Pin & Special recognition for first application with DNA argument support**

Comments:

**On our trip out west we stopped at SAR Headquarters & Library. Had discussions with the group which reviews membership applications. It was good learning experience. They are great people to work with!**

Nov 2018

New Members:

**none**

Supplemental:

**none**

Misc Awards:

**Carl Green– 30 Year Pin**

Speaker:

**Nic Mihora will give a presentation on the “Mormon Battalion”**

Comments:

**We participated in the Veterans Parade in Melbourne last Saturday. Turnout was a little light this year but I think everyone had a great time. I want to thank Barry Eller, Brian Jensen (& his grandson) and Jim Ward for participating in the event.**

Dec 2018

New Members:

**none**

Supplemental:

**none**

Misc Awards:

**None**

Speaker:

**Sonny Jones: DAR/SAR research; Roger Bonnett: Battle of Trenton History & Trivia**

Comments:

**Participated in the DAR Christmas meeting in Titusville. The speaker was from the Woman's Group that supports the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. They make sure there is someone at every ceremony held at the cemetery.**

**Wreaths across America is being held today at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on the 15th of December.**

Transfers:

**George Ireland from St. Lucie Chapter, Phil Anderson from MO state**

Wreaths Across America:

**Raised enough money to purchase 60 Xmas wreaths for WAA**

### **Central Florida Chapter**

No Report

### **St Lucie River Chapter**

President Charles Berger

#### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Our Joint DAR Meeting celebrating Constitution Week. Fun and good food.

#### **OCTOBER MEETING**

The meeting was devoted to the presentation of the LIFE-SAVING MEDAL to 13-Year-old Robert Golden for stopping at an auto accident and rendering life-saving first aid by applying a tourniquet to a severely injured 64-year man while waiting for the trauma helicopter.

14-year old Sam Ruskin received the HEROISM MEDAL for his quick thinking when he gave his surfboard to a boater and swam next to the boater until he reached safety. The boater capsized his boat when trying to enter the inlet.

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

November is our month to honor our police.

Sargent KITRIC DOWNHAM received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his service to the city of Sewall's Point Police Dept.

Officer Jack Pecci received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Commendation for his devotion to duty for City of Stuart Sheriff's Department

Compatriot Hall Reidiger gave a "Patriot Profile" report on one of his many patriots.

Swearing in of New Member Sean Stephen McCraw by Bill Sanders

#### **DECEMBER MEETING**

Guest Program River Coalition speakers Jim Harter and Todd Wiessing delivered a program about the Blue-Green Algae problems in the St. Lucie River.

New Members Bill Mills and Bill Wood were sworn in by Compatriot Bill Sanders 2nd Vice President.

Robert Beasley Sr. and Jim Cassada were presented Florida Veterans Battalion Certificates.

### **Treasure Coast**

No Report

## **West Central Regional Vice President**

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As your RVP, I have visited five of the six chapters in the West Central Region, with the sixth chapter scheduled for a visit in February. Each chapter visited has a strong local presence and strong leadership committed to mission of the SAR. I had the honor of installing the newly elected officers of the South Shore Chapter while visiting their December meeting. During my visits, each chapter was encouraged to have an active Color Guard, seek opportunities to join neighboring Color Guard units when possible, complete the SAR Americanism Report, participate

in Wreaths Across America, participate in the Welcome Home Ceremony for an Honor Flight at a nearby airport and to be represented at the Florida SAR BOM meetings. Following are the Chapter Activity Reports as submitted by each Chapter:

**Clearwater Chapter     Col. Patrick Niemann, President**

**September**

We presented 1 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.  
We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Caroline Lanford.  
We presented a flag to a Habitat for Humanity Family.

**October**

We presented 1 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.  
We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Terry Fortner.

**November**

We presented 5 Wreath at the Wreath Across America Day  
We presented a Fire Safety Medal and a Law Enforcement Medal.  
We presented 2 Certificates of Appreciation.  
Officers were elected for the 2019 year.

**December**

We presented 3 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates.  
We presented 10 Certificate of Appreciation to Chapter Members.  
We presented 3 Distinguished Service Certificates to Chapter Members.  
We presented Billie Nieman the Lydia Darrah Medal.  
We presented 3 Martha Washington Medals to Our DAR ladies.  
We presented the Medal of Appreciation Medal to Susan Grayshaw.  
We presented a Meritorious Service Medal to James Grayshaw.  
We presented 3 Oak Leaf Clusters for Meritorious to Chapter Members.  
We presented 2 Bronze Roger Sherman Medals.  
We presented 4 Oak Leaf Clusters for the Roger Sherman Medal.  
We presented a Military Service Certificate to Jim Koontz.  
State President Pat Nieman installed the 2019 Officers.  
New Member James Koontz was inducted into th Chapter.

**South Shore Chapter     Don Gunn, President**

Meetings resumed in September after our summer break. Twenty two members and guests were in attendance. Compatriot Bill Bolin was featured speaker with a presentation on key southern battles of the War of Independence. State President Pat Neiman was an honored guest.

Our October meeting had 28 members and guests in attendance. Newest member, Dave Green was inducted. Compatriot John Glynn was featured speaker He read the Declaration of Independence and then led a discussion on what it means to all of us. Compatriot Glynn was President General for three years of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Our November meeting had 24 members and guests in attendance. Featured speaker was Chapter President Don Gunn with a very interesting and insightful presentation on the origination of Armistice Day. Our meeting was one day ahead of the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day. The slate of officers presented from our Nominating committee voted to approve the entire slate as nominated.

Our December meeting was attended by 42 members and guests, a new high attendance mark for our chapter. Eagle Scout Chairman Doug Brown was recognized for his 5 1/2 years of service as Eagle Scout Chair. In 2018 he presented 32 Eagle Scouts with the Eagle Scout Patch and Certificate. Honored guest, Regional VP Dick Young officiated as our 2019 slate of officers were installed. Featured speaker was Commander Ed Socha USN (Ret). Cmdr. Socha is a Pearl Harbor survivor speaking to us one day past the 77th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was presented with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate by incoming Chapter President Bill Bolin.



Our January 12, 2019 speaker will be Jan Bassett, Regent of the George Mercer Brook Chapter of the DAR. She will be speaking on WWW, Women of World Wars. Jan has spoken at several chapter meetings in the past and always has an excellent presentation.

Highlighted information on our annual report submitted in early December shows a year over year increase of 6 regular members and 2 junior members. We also have a new member approved late November not included in these numbers.

**St. Petersburg Chapter Bob Rogers, Chapter President**

**September 2018**

Kevin Hendrick, Associate Superintendent of Pinellas County schools, addressed the meeting on issues of interest, including the teaching of American history at the high school level. He stated that American government is taught in high school now, and that he previously taught high school history before assuming his current position. Martin Luther King Day is now the only named holiday on the school calendar, so we were asked to volunteer for the calendar committee to encourage change. John Stewart requested Mr. Hendrick's help in encouraging more teachers to participate in the Knight essay contest, to which he agreed.

President Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by John Stewart, gave a very informative presentation on the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. Spain had secretly conveyed the Louisiana territory to France, and a slave revolution in Haiti had occurred at the time Napoleon was coming to power, distracting his plans to invade Louisiana. America was worried about a potential war with Europe, and Napoleon needed funds for his impending war with England. After much negotiation and last-minute legislation, the purchase was ratified.

**October 2018**

Guest Edwin Sved told the members about his missions in World War II as a B-17 navigator. Based in Italy, his flights took heavy fire during the bombing of Berlin.

Guest Rodger Corey served as a Marine Corps artilleryman during the Korean War, using a 155mm Howitzer with a nine mile range.

Philip Leto gave an excellent presentation on the Declaration of Independence, detailing how it covered every aspect of an extremely well written legal brief. It includes a history of the various grievances inflicted on the colonists, their petitions for relief and recognition of those grievances, and the inaction by George III. In fact, their treatment by England became even worse after they began to air their grievances, which took up nearly 2/3 of the Declaration.

**November 2018**

President Rogers discussed the history of the Mayflower Compact, under which the signers agreed on the principles of freedom of religion, private enterprise, property rights, and they were against slavery. Bob Rogers and Mark Foster are both descendants of Mayflower colonists.

Joanne Lentino spoke on the learning gap in Pinellas County schools between races and economic groups. Her focus is on early learning programs for kindergarten and pre-K, as that is where improvements can and must be made in attitudes towards learning. She and our members agreed that increased parental support and involvement is needed in the families of underperforming students.

Donald Wyman gave a very informative presentation on Ben Franklin, focusing on his many "behind the scenes" actions in support of the American Revolution. Franklin negotiated with the British in London in 1775 on our behalf, and then spent nine years in Paris as our first ambassador. He negotiated embargo relief for Bermuda in exchange for badly needed gunpowder, and achieved the Treaty of Alliance with Louis XVI. Franklin negotiated a loan from Spain, and in 1783 he negotiated the peace treaty with George III.

**December 2018**

Chairman Butler and John Stewart updated the chapter on the SAR education outreach mission to Pinellas County schools. The mission was approved by SAR in 2015, and is now in place in 15 states. Education in history and civics is now lacking to the point that less than 10% of high school graduates can pass the naturalization test. The test can be found at [www.USCIS.gov](http://www.USCIS.gov). John Stewart stated that our chapter currently has 2,390 points in the annual Americanism Award challenge, up significantly from last year.

## **Tampa**

### **Dr. John Goolsby, President**

From October to December the Tampa Chapter had three meetings:

October 20- held at the Golden Coral in Tampa.

November 17 - held at the Golden Coral in Tampa. At this meeting we honored a Florida Highway patrol trooper and a Hillsborough County Sheriffs Deputy with the SAR law enforcement medal. We also presented the SAR fire fighter medal to a retired Hillsborough county fire fighter. Command staff from the Hillsborough county Sheriff's Office and Hillsborough County Fire were at the meeting as well.

December 15- The Tampa Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America by placing wreaths on the headstones of deceased veterans at the American Legion Post #5 in Tampa.

## **William Devane Chapter**

The Maj. John DeVane Chapter ,Plant City, currently has 20 members.

We meet April and November each year.

We are planning for our annual awards for our Good Citizenship Award and for the JrROTC Award at the Plant City High School.

Also, we have plans for the Memorial Day services in May.

## **Lakeland Chapter**

### **President – Tom Williamson**

October 20, 2018 Meeting at Cleveland Heights Golf Club.

Compatriot John Snapp presented This Day in History October 20, 1774 – The Association of the First Continental Congress.

WOSAR Doris Wooden thanked the chapter for giving up our regular meeting day to attend the Bartow DAR Constitution Week Luncheon on September 15th. She also thanked the color guard for participating.

President Williamson gave an in-depth update on the recent BOM in Kissimmee last weekend.

Awards – President Williamson presented Richard Castleberry his Military Service certificate and Jarrell Burchett his supplemental ancestor certificate.

Our guest speaker for the day was Florida Patriot Editor Jeffrey Sizemore who gave an interesting and informative talk on Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray the American Cause. President Williamson presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

November 17, 2018 Meeting at Cleveland Heights Golf Club.

Compatriot Mel Sellers spoke about This Day in History- November 17, 1781. The Battle at Seven Creeks, Brunswick County, North Carolina.

Our first speaker was Tom Williamson who spoke about Andrew Jackson and his visit to the Hermitage in Tennessee.

Then Jarrell Burchett spoke about the life of Thomas Jefferson...

December 15, 2018 Meeting at Cleveland Heights Golf Club.

Compatriot John Snapp presented This Day in History December 14, 1799 – The Passing of George Washington.

President Tom Williamson presented 3 military service certificates to Compatriot Frank Castleberry.

2nd Vice President Jarrell Burchett introduced our speaker for the day, Tony Smith, who presented an interesting program on 'Field Artillery, the King of Battle. Then and Now'. President Williamson presented Tony with a certificate of appreciation.

JANUARY 19, 2019 Meeting at Cleveland Heights Golf Club.

Compatriot John Snapp presented This Day in History, January 19, 1770, The First Blood of the American Revolution, The Battle of Golden Hill in New York City.

We honor Mel Sellers for his contributions to the Friends of the SAR Library.

An update from our Regional VP- Dick Young, RVP, Florida SAR

Our guest speaker was JJ Long who spoke about – "US Army- First Lieutenant in the 1960's." He was involved in Chemical Warfare research.

New Member Induction Ceremony of William Link by Alvie Davidson FCI, P. G. / Registrar.

## Southeast Regional Vice President

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### **Ft. Lauderdale Chapter      Submitted by Chapter President**

No Report submitted

### **Miami Chapter      Submitted by Bernard William Wolff**

No Report submitted

### **Palm Beach Chapter -Prepared by President Benjamin F. Tidwell III, ndtidwell@aol.com**

No Report submitted

## Southwest Regional Vice President

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Attended the Fall BoM meeting in Kissimee, FL with my wife Jill and took part in the BoM color guard. Also made an absolute spectacle of myself while having a wonderful time at the Colonial Dance Class taught by Compatriot Rick Haven and Lady Evelyn.

Since the Fall BoM, My wife and I have attended 5 SAR meetings including Charlotte, Caloosa, and Saramana. It was great to be present for these chapters' new officer installations and awards presentations.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I attended the ceremony and banquet for the awarding of the DAR Medal of Honor to Judge Lee Haworth. Sponsored by the Sara De Soto DAR Chapter, the Saramana color guard and Chi Chi Okobee CAR pages were there and looked great.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Jill and I marched with the Saramana Color Guard in the annual Sarasota Veterans Day Parade. It was a great turn out with several of the ladies auxiliary dressed in colonial attire walking in the parade as well. The Chapter rented a trolley for its members and DAR members that would not be able to walk the distance. All the riders got a flag to wave and SAR banners were hung from the sides of the trolley.

December 15 Jill I attended the Wreaths Across America Celebration at Sarasota National Cemetery. Wearing your tri-corner hat to events like this enables you to meet curious folks, talk about the SAR and its veterans programs, and to meet SAR members from other states that may be wintering in Florida or have just moved to the area. Be visible and friendly. Also on December 15, I attended the Sara De Soto DAR Annual Christmas Party and Meeting and brought greetings.

For Martin Luther King, Jr Day, I attended in colonial uniform the annual Chi Chi Okobee CAR Children's Genealogy Workshop. Present for the event were members of the Saramana color guard, several DAR chapters and several local genealogical, lineage, and historical societies. Over 100 children and families attended the event. Ancetry.com and Family Tree DNA provided prizes and dozens of free DNA kits as prizes for attendees. A great event with lots of energy at a beautiful venue – the Sarasota Children's Garden and Art Center.

January 26<sup>th</sup> Jill and I will attend the annual Alafia Rendezvous historic encampment in colonial dress. We have done this for years. It is a great opportunity to see, feel, and experience what frontier living in colonial times was like. Historic reenactors and vendors from across Florida and the United States will be there plying their wares. Events to see are the cannon demonstration, the black powder musket and rifle competition, archery, tomahawk and knife throwing classes, and many craft demonstrations.

I continue to man a table at the monthly meetings of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota for the SAR. Information on how to apply as well as tips and tricks to breaking through your research walls are always of great interest. I have been asked to present another seminar on the finding and use of early American military records in genealogical research at an upcoming meeting.

Jill and I will be at the BoM this February. We hope to see you there.

## **Caloosa Chapter**

## **Robert McGuire – President**

The Caloosa Chapter resumed its season of meetings and programs in October and, as usual had a very active calendar of activities.

### **October**

Four members, including three colorguardsmen, attended the BOM meeting in Kissimmee October 12th & 13th. On October 20, the color guard participated in the Charter Ceremony of the new Okeechobee Chapter. That same evening, the color guard participated in the Honor Flight “welcome home” celebration at RSW Airport, greeting veterans and guardians returning from a day in Washington DC. On October 24th and 25th two teams of two uniformed guardsmen each spent the days with students at Gulf Middle School in Cape Coral. We shared with those students stories of soldier’s lives during the Revolution along with information about the SAR.

### **November**

On November 9th, two Caloosa compatriots who are also Vietnam Veterans joined with the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter (Cape Coral) participating in a program at the Cape Elementary School honoring Vietnam Veterans which included presentation of pins and certificates. On November 11th three Caloosa compatriots (all veterans, two in colonial uniform) participated in the annual “Pride & Patriotism Program” in Ft. Myers. This event, conducted by the Lee County School Department recognizes student’s entries on various themes honoring veterans by presenting medals to top students in each category: K through 12. On November 12th we held our membership meeting which had the theme of recognizing veterans for the Veterans Day holiday. Many veterans wore uniforms or articles of their military service, and we were joined by President COL Pat Niemann in our program.

### **December**

On December 12th we held our “Annual Meeting” including elections of officers for the 2019 term. We inducted two new members and presented awards to many compatriots to recognize their contribution to the Caloosa Chapter and the SAR. On December 15th, four members of our color guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers.

### **January**

On January 9th we held our membership meetings and were again joined by President COL Niemann who installed the class of 2019 officers of the Caloosa Chapter.

## **Charlotte Chapter Report**

## **Hampton Allen, President**

### **September**

Sept 8 – The Chapter resumed their regular meeting schedule after the summer break. The Sept meeting was attended by 8 members and 3 guests/spouses. President Allen presented the SAR Life Saving Medal to Charlotte County Sheriff’s Deputy Joshua Muse who was accompanied by his spouse and County Sheriff Bill Prummell. The new proposed Chapter By-Laws were presented to the Chapter members for their review and any proposed changes.

Sept 15 – President Allen represented the Chapter at the South West Regents Constitution Week Luncheon in Fort Myers.

Sept 16 – President Allen and Vice President Ren Cushing presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate to Eagle Scout Alexander McDonald at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Pilgrim Church in Port Charlotte.

Sept 21-23 – President Allen represented the Chapter at the FL DAR Fall Forum in Orlando and assisted at the SAR Information Table, Sept 22.

### **October**

Oct 11 – President Allen and Compatriot Robert Haff joined the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR for their monthly meeting.

Oct 12-13 – President Allen attended the FLSSAR Fall BOM in Kissimmee, FL.

Oct 19 – Chapter meeting with 7 members and 4 guests/spouses attending. President gave a report to the Chapter covering the events and meetings from the Fall BOM. The new Chapter By-Laws were reviewed with the proposed changes and approved by the Chapter membership in attendance.

Oct 20 – President Allen joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR to participate in the annual Veterans Appreciation Fun Day celebrated at a local Church in Port Charlotte. An information table was setup with information being provided for both the SAR and DAR.

#### November

Nov 8 – President Allen and Compatriot Robert Haff attended the monthly meeting of the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR for their celebration of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day with guest speaker Compatriot Dwight Elam, FLSSAR State Chaplain.

Nov 9 – Chapter meeting with 8 members and 4 guests/spouses attending. President presented a program on “The War That Didn’t End” where he discussed the ongoing conflicts that continued after the reported cease fire that ended World War 1. The Chapter welcomed Compatriot Bruce Baxter who had transferred his membership from the Saramana Chapter. President Allen also reported on the status of the annual Chapter dues and encouraged prompt payment of the dues.

Nov 10 – President Allen and Compatriot Robert Haff joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter to participate in the annual Veterans’ Parade in Punta Gorda.

Nov 16 – President Allen represented the Chapter at the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary in Naples.

Nov 17 – Joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter and the Girl Scouts in their beautification project at the historic Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Port Charlotte.

#### December

Dec 2 – President Allen presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Pastor Matthew Neumann at the Pilgrim Church during his retirement celebration after 22 years of service. Pastor Neumann was a avid supporter of both the Church and the local community having instituted numerous Out-Reach programs to benefit the entire communities of both Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.

Dec 9 – President Allen presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate to Robert Lucchetti at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Punta Gorda, FL.

Dec 13 – President Allen in Colonial uniform and Compatriot Robert Haff attend the monthly meeting of the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR.

Dec 14 – Chapter meeting with 11 members, 1 prospective, and 4 guest/spouses. The Chapter celebrated their annual Christmas Party by providing toy donations to the local Toys-For-Tots program. President Allen stresses the importance of completing the National Directory questionnaire that members were receiving. He also briefed the Chapter on the upcoming Wreaths Across America Memorial Services and the joint DAR/SAR/ Boy Scout visit to the Douglas T Jacobson Veterans Nursing Home that would be occurring on 15 Dec.

Dec 15 - President Allen and Compatriot Bruce Baxter joined with the Hickory Bluff Chapter NSDAR and Boy Scout Troop 351 to deliver small goodie bags and Christmas Cards to the 120 residents of the Douglas T Jacobson Nursing Home.

#### January

Jan 5 - President Allen represented the Chapter at the 45th anniversary celebration of the Myakka Chapter NSDAR in Sarasota.

Jan 11 – Chapter meeting with 12 members, 1 prospective, and 8 guests/ spouses which included our FLSSAR State President Col Pat Niemann and our FLSSAR Southwest Region Vice President Steve Fields and his wife Jill. President Allen conducted a brief Memorial Service in remembrance of Compatriot Marvin Phillips, a former Chapter member, who had recently passed away. State President Niemann assisted President Allen in the presentation of several SAR medals to members of the Chapter. The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal was presented to Chaplain John Bittner for his long and distinguished service to the Chapter. The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Compatriots Ren Cushing, Frank Walton, Robert Haff, and Norman Ashworth for their service as Chapter Officers for a number of years. President Allen presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot James Schmidt for his service as Secretary/Treasurer for the past year. State President Col Pat Niemann then installed the new Chapter Officers for the upcoming year.

### **Naples Chapter**

### **James Madison McGarity III, President**

Thursday, October 11, 2018, the Naples Chapter met at The Tiburon Golf Club, Naples, Florida, 2620 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL 34109. Social Hour @ 11:30 - 12:00 noon, Meeting began promptly at

noon. Our Guest Speaker was Rick Haven and his wife, of Just Two Tailors. The Program goal was to increase interest in members acquiring and wearing 18th century Revolutionary Uniform(s) and Apparel. Rick also spoke on Colonial Customs.

Our Chapter next assembled on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at The Tiburon Golf Club, with our Social Hour @ 11:30 - 12:00 noon. The Meeting began promptly at noon with our Program of Honoring our Heroes, directed by Compatriot Acey Edgemon, where we presented two Heroism Medals and 14 Public Service & Heroism Awards. Also in attendance were our local Collier County Sheriff, as well as: Police, Fire Department, and EMT Chief(s).

On December 14, 2018, a joint meeting between the Big Cypress Chapter, DAR and the Naples Chapter SAR was held at The Country Club of Naples, Naples, FL with a Social Hour from 5:30 - 6:00 PM. The Dinner Meeting began promptly at 6:00 p.m., co-hosted by Naples SAR 1st Vice President Leonard Crame and DAR Big Cypress Regent Ruth Ann MacLean. The Program: Benjamin Franklin by local Collier County Commissioner and historian, Tim Nance.

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, the Naples Chapter once again met at The Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida, with a Social Hour from 11:30 - 12:00 noon. Our Meeting began promptly at noon with a Rumbaugh Oration Contestant, Jonathan Procacci, followed by historical Guest Speaker, David Southall on: "Florida The 14th and 15th Colonies", in our American Revolution. Following the general meeting I convened a meeting of officers to formally tender my resignation and nominate our 1st Vice President, Leonard Crame as successor President. The motion passed by universal acclamation. Please take note of this change in leadership.

### **Saramana Chapter Report          Steven Fields, President**

October 12-13 – Florida Society Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee, FL. In attendance were Saramana President and First Lady Jill, Vice President Doug Erb, and Past President (current Historian) Charles Riegle. Both Steve and Doug participated in the BoM color guard.

October 17 – Chapter regular luncheon meeting was opened by our color guard. Saramana had a great luncheon this month. The chapter inducted 11 new members this day and presented supplementals to two members. DAR Lady Aya Sewell and DAR Lady Joanne Ryon Goulet were awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation for having each referred 3 or more successful applicants to our chapter. 3 prospective members were in attendance. Saramana began its fundraising for the 2018 Wreaths Across America initiative and promoted the SAR Veterans Recognition Program to the members.

October 22 – The Manasota DAR Regent's Council met for their semiannual meeting. President Steve Fields and Vice President Doug Erb were in attendance with representatives of five DAR chapters and the Chi Chi Okobee CAR.

October 25 – Awards ceremony for the Presentation of the DAR Medal of Honor to Judge Lee E. Haworth. The Saramana Color Guard (Camp Nathaniel Green) provided a color guard. Saramana members in attendance were President Steve Fields, Treasurer Preston Adams, Governor Tim Milligan and his wife, and Compatriot Craig Paige. Several DAR chapters were in attendance as well as numerous judges and elected officials from around Florida. The Chi Chi Okobee Chapter CAR provided the pages for the event.

November 11 - Sarasota Veteran's Day Parade. The Saramana Color Guard had four men in uniform for this year's parade and 3 of the ladies auxiliary (First Lady Jill Fields, Colleen Paige, and DAR Lady Sharon Milligan) marched the route with us while dressed in colonial attire. It was great to have a good turnout and to see the SAR prominently displayed on television.

November 16 – Chapter Regular Luncheon was opened by our color guard. Our special program began with reading the Presidential Proclamation for Veterans Day. This was followed by Compatriots Bernie Schiefer and Wally Goulet being presented with a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the President General of the SAR and then either the War Service Medal or Military Service Medal. One War Service medal was presented to the widow of Compatriot George Case who passed after his certification but before our awards ceremony. A short memorial was held for Compatriot Case. Howard "Randy" Randolph was inducted as a member of Saramana and he promptly volunteered to run for Secretary for the upcoming term. He's a real go getter. DAR Lady Greta Mahaffey was awarded the Martha Washington Medal for her years of service to Saramana as well as having referred five successful applicants for membership. At the same time, her husband Registrar Dick Mahaffey was presented with his second Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal.

The star of the meeting was FLSSAR Chaplain Rev. Dwight Elam. In addition to serving with our color guard, he gave us a wonderful talk on thanksgiving celebrations and life in colonial times. Food for thought with Thanksgiving rapidly approaching. We especially like the notion that LOBSTER would be a very appropriate dish for the holiday.

December 1 – The Chi Chi Okobee CAR Chapter meeting was attended by Past President and CAR Senior Vice President Charles Riegler and Compatriot Craig Paige. Coordination for Wreaths Across America and the upcoming CAR Annual Conference in Orlando were major topics

December 14 – Chapter annual meeting and luncheon was opened by our color guard. Saramana elected and installed its officers for 2019. They are President – Doug Erb, Vice President Preston Adams, Secretary Randy Randolph, Treasurer Tim Milligan, Registrar Charles Riegler, Historian Charles Riegler, Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Panissidi, Chaplain Rev. John Hartley, Governor Dr. David C. Purviance, Governor William A. "Bill" Segraves. NSSAR Vice Chairman of the Veterans Recognition Committee, Past President Vic McMurry presented Compatriots Patrick Milligan and Larry Mason with Certificates of Patriotism and War Service Medals for their service. New Compatriot Bernie Schieffer was inducted after a process of over two years and his wife Darlene was present to pin the SAR emblem on his lapel. Compatriot Walt Goulet and his son Wally Goulet were each presented their first supplemental. Awards presented to chapter members for their service over the year included Bronze Roger Sherman Medals for Rev John Hartley, Preston Adams, Charles Riegler and Steve Fields. Treasurer Preston Adams was presented with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for a half decade of continuous outstanding service to the Saramana Chapter as well as his past chapter in Virginia. Lastly, Saramana First Lady Jill Fields was recognized with the Martha Washington Medal for her years of service to the Ladies Auxiliary and fundraising for youth scholarships and Wreaths Across America. A final request for volunteers and donations towards this year's Wreaths Across America helped Saramana to be able to provide over 50 wreaths for Sarasota National Cemetery.

December 15 – Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery. Despite the cold and pouring rain, over 2000 people showed up for the event. Saramana maintains a list of all compatriots and their spouses interred at Sarasota National Cemetery. Each year we ensure that one of our members visits each of our fallen, salutes them for their service, and then photographs the marker and wreath to let the families know we are there for them. In attendance were Past President Vic McMurry and his wife DAR Lady Debbie, Past President Steve Fields and his wife Jill, Compatriot Kevin Kuhens and his wife Joanne, and Compatriot Craig Paige.

December 15 – Sara De Soto DAR Christmas Party and meeting. Attending for Saramana were Past President Steve Fields and Past Alabama State President and current Saramana Governor Bill Segraves.

January 5 – The Myakka DAR Chapter hosted a ribbon cutting for the refurbished Historic Spanish Point. Florida DAR Regent Dawn Lemongello was in attendance as were several Saramana members. Later they held a banquet and meeting that our members attended as well.

January 19 – Chapter Regular Luncheon was opened by our color guard. Compatriot Craig Paige was presented with his second supplemental thanks to the hard work of his wife Colleen. In honor of his new-found patriot ancestor, Compatriot Paige was dressed as a colonial era sailor. Saramana had two Eagle Scout contestants present for the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award program read their essays for the group. Eagle Scout Ryan Opitz was the winner and was presented with a check for \$1500. His application was submitted to the Florida Society for the state level competition. Eagle Scout Logan Clapp was awarded a \$500 check as the second place contestant. Next, the three finalists in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest read their essays for our audience. Taylor Rew of the University of South Florida Collegiate School won a \$1000 check and the Essay Contest Medal for coming in first place. Her essay and application were forwarded for the FLSSAR competition. Ms. Liberty Paige was second and received \$350 while Ms. Sydney Brennan got \$150 as third place contestant. Parents of all five youth contestants were present for the day as was Deane Western, American History and Government Teacher at USFCS. Compatriots Ed Bohon and Rellis High were presented with Certificates of Patriotism and Military Service Medals by Past President and Trustee Vic McMurry. The meeting closed after a brief business meeting where the membership voted to amend the Saramana SAR Chapter bylaws.

January 21 – The Chi Chi Okobee CAR Chapter held its annual Children's Genealogy and history workshop at the Sarasota Children's Garden and Art Center. Attending in colonial attire were

Saramana President Doug Erb, Historian Charles Riegle, Sergeant-at-Arms Vince Panissidi, and Past President Steve Fields. In addition to historic coloring pages, trivia sheets, and children's genealogy worksheets passed out. Saramana had on display many items representative of the colonial period. These included a member-made musket, powder horns, cannon swabs, tomahawk, and accessories. About a hundred children and families attended. Several DAR Chapters, the Genealogical Society of Sarasota, and other lineage societies were on hand for the event.

**Highlands Chapter**

**Michael Edward Flood, President**

The Highlands SAR Chapter has 3 prospective members and has inducted 2 new members. Programs participated in include:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Flag Certificate        | Gary McAfee                         |
| Eagle Scout             | Julian Crozier                      |
| Martha Washington Medal | Linda Purvis                        |
| Medal of Appreciation   | Margaret Yates                      |
|                         | Patricia Leidel                     |
|                         | Rev Joyce Woolever Holmes           |
| JROTC Medal             | Cadet Maj Maria Martinez – Sebring  |
|                         | Cadet Maj Marsiel Gomez – Avon Park |
|                         | Cadet Travis Troyer – Lake Placid   |

The most recent speaker for our chapter was George Frey presenting on the Liberty Tree. Our next luncheon we will have Eagle Scout Christopher for the Eagle Scout Contest. Highlands mourns the loss of Compatriot Oliver W. Woodard, Jr. this year.

**Secretary**

H. Hall Riediger [allriedi42@bellsouth.net](mailto:allriedi42@bellsouth.net)

It is the close out time of the year, final reports. We ended the year with 2480 members, we are about 2/3's of the way through final reports and are down to 2330 members, so by the BOM we should be close to finished, hopefully we will not lose the usual 300 plus. I am running a little slow due to the crashing of my computer and the necessary replacement, finally have office installed and the FTP Voyager is up and running, this is always a hassle. Currently we do not have any applications to return to the chapters and those that are coming in will be processed and sent out the second week of February. I should be able to have the files from the old computer transferred to the new one in the coming week so will be back to normal soon.

**Treasurer**

W. Richard Young [dyoung22@aol.com](mailto:dyoung22@aol.com)

Since the Fall BOM, your Treasurer has:

- Participated in a number of local SAR Color Guard events
- Participated in a number of State and Local C.A.R. events
- Filed the mandatory Annual Report for the Florida Society with the Florida Secretary of State's Office

Liability Insurance

Since the Fall of 2017, I have been seeking information and quotes on General Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance for the Florida Society. The impetus for the coverage was two-fold: 1) recent events (at the time) within FLSSAR where a member was threatening lawsuit, 2) insured protection from cost of litigation for allegations of sexual misconduct by an SAR member on SAR business

- My initial attempt was to obtain a policy that covered all members and chapters as well as the state officers and committee chairs. This policy was cost prohibitive unless we chose to assess each chapter an insurance fee or increase dues solely to cover insurance costs. That was not an approach I wanted to pursue.
- Secondly I asked for quotes on insurance covering the Florida Society and state officers only. This quote was within the bounds of our resources. However, this policy excluded black powder salutes at FLSSAR sponsored events. They were classified as "fire arms".



- A quote for insurance that also covered black power salutes was cost prohibitive from the only carrier willing to quote.
- Attending the meetings of the NSSAR Insurance & Risk Management Committee provided information that some state societies had policies that covered all the above at an acceptable price, some had policies that excluded "fire arms" but perhaps the state officers were not aware of this exclusion, some state societies prohibited black powder salutes due to the cost of insurance and some had two policies - one for general liability, plus D&O and one for "reenactor" coverage.
- I have decided to try the approach of obtaining two policies, but admittedly, I have not worked at this very much since the Fall BOM. The last quote I saw on general liability coverage also had an "abuse" exclusion. I need to learn more about that exclusion and I need to pursue the "reenactor" coverage. Information has been provided by the I&RM Committee.
- It should also be noted that I&RM Committee is seeking liability coverage that will cover all members in all states in all chapters and the Color Guard Committee is seeking separate liability coverage for Color Guard units.

The required 2018 IRS Forms 1099 were filed before the January 31 deadline.

**EACH CHAPTER IS REMINDED TO FILE ITS OWN 990N OR 990EZ AND TO FILE ON TIME**

As always, if you have any questions about the finances of the State Society or your own Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

## Registrar

Ray Lantz

### FLSSAR Application Stats 04 Oct 2018 – 02 Feb 2019

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
<b>Submitted To NSSAR</b>	93	32	1	16	142
<b>Approved* By NSSAR</b>	90	14	2	23	129
<b>Pended* By NSSAR</b>	10	1	0	0	11
<b>Pended By FSSAR</b>	8	5	0	4	17
<b>DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date</b>			<b>2018 = 52 and 2019 = 1</b>		

\* Approved and Pended by NSSAR stats are generally not related to the Submitted to NSSAR stats, as the majority of the stats apply to applications reported as submitted on the previous report period. Also Youth application approval status is not included on the NSSAR application status reports.

#### NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

- NSSAR GG and Staff doesn't understand the DNA test results submitted with the application.
- 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 copies of the entire page. Page snippets cannot be used alone there must also be a legible full page copy of the page the snippet was taken from.
- Proof document title page and copyright page not submitted for one or more documents.
- No proof submitted for one or more generations to connect lineage from one generation to the next.
- Incorrect check amount required for NSSAR and/or FLSSAR fees and dues.
- Lineage names do not match the submitted proof documents such as middle name or initial missing or given names shorted such as "Frank" instead of "Franklin."
- Word(s) miss spelled in all areas of application.
- Application form used is not the current authorized form.

- Lineage section locations do not conform to required format which is “City/County/State” such as commas used instead of “/” or “/” not used even if city and/or county not known.
- Lineage section dates not properly formatted full known date should be 2 digit numeric day (i.e. 02), 3 character month (i.e. Sep) and 4 digit year (i.e. 2001). (i.e. 02 Sep 2001)
- Proof document missing, listed on application but not sent with the application.
- Unproven/unaccepted information used on application from a previous SAR, DAR and/or CAR application record copy.
- Service reference section left blank on application form.
- Chapter Name and State section left blank on application form.
- Lineage not correct for one or more generations.
- One or more required application signatures are missing on the application.

#### **Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:**

- The SAR embraces and has approved four membership application forms: MS/Word version; PDF version; SARApAid by Cox Software; and My Applications, the online application system. Links to the current updated version of each of these four forms is available from the SAR website by clicking on <https://sar.org/application>. Revised versions of the four forms have been acceptable since they were first approved by the Trustees in March 2017 but outdated versions of these forms, in particular the MS Word, the PDF, and the SARApAid forms, continue to be received at Headquarters. Now, the Trustees have set an effective date after which outdated versions of the forms cannot be used. At the 2018 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, the Trustees approved October 31, 2018, as the effective date for use of only the current versions of these application forms. The new application forms have several important changes: removal of the spaces for listing of the applicant’s children, a revision to the applicant’s signed certification, and addition of a space for signature of the Genealogist General. The current version date for each form type is:
  - MS Word version: “adopted Feb 2017 SAR Application Form 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
  - PDF version: “Rev. Mar 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
  - SARApAid by Cox Software: “Appaid Ver. 5.03... Feb 21 2018” found on the bottom of the application form.
  - My Applications (the online application system): This format does not have a revision date but any application printed after May 7, 2018 will automatically contain the required changes.
- Only application forms with these, or more recent revision dates, will be accepted as of October 31, 2018. While leeway is certainly due those whose applications were in process at the time we reach the deadline, we need for this deadline to be respected and we request those who assist with application process – sponsors, genealogists, registrars, secretaries, and others – to assist our applicants in using the right application form and in avoiding the disappointment of having their form returned because of use of the wrong form. Bob Fish, Chairman NSSAR Genealogy Committee Jim Faulkinbury, Genealogist General
- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSSAR Chapter Registrars regarding the change in NSSAR policy regarding unproven information contained on submitted applications. Unproven information can no longer be submitted on applications. Likewise any applicable information contained on document submitted with an application must be annotated on the application in the appropriate places when applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a pended application.
- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.

- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person 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. His does not apply to multiple supplemental applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.
- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page, but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

**Notes of Interest:**

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

**Chaplain**

Dwight Elam

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For the annual memorial service, a change is being made to recognize those members who died in the previous calendar year (instead of May to May as before).

**Recording Secretary**

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Minutes provided.

## Chancellor

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Nothing to report at this time

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No Report

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No Report submitted

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No Report

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Nothing to report

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No Report submitted

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Nothing to report

# Statutory Committee Reports

## Financial Review Committee

Bernard Wolff

A financial review is in progress.

## Executive

Report given during Meeting.

## Finance

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Included in the Appendix to these Proceedings is a summary of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements for the 2018 calendar year, listed by budget line item as well as the approved 2019 Budget.

Cash Receipts were approximately \$2700 under budget:

- As noted in the Fall BOM Report, dues collected and dues paid were both below projection.
- Registrar fees collected (application fees and one year dues) exceeded projection by nearly \$2800 with a surge of applications in the last quarter of the 2018.
- BOM collections and BOM disbursements continue to fall below projection as a reflection on the continuing decline in attendance. The BOM approval of the purchase of portable audio equipment should minimize the hotel charges for such equipment at this and future BOMs.
- Contributions are never budgeted, but always gladly accepted

Cash Disbursements were approximately \$11,300 below budget:

- The aforementioned reductions in dues collected/paid and BOM related receipts/payments accounts for much of this
- The current SVP did not submit any requests for reimbursement of SAR related expenses
- Several committees with budgeted expenses either did not need the funds or did not seek reimbursement of expenses
- The Medals & Awards Committee spent considerably less than expected; however, they will probably make up that deficiency in 2019
- Nothing was spent on Liability/D&O insurance (see Treasurers Report)
- Cost of the Patriot Magazine exceeded budget; however, the cost overrun is related entirely to the first two issues. Editor Jeff Sizemore has located a new printer and reduced the cost back within our budgeted amounts
- Your Treasurer made the annual \$2000 contribution to the Meeks Fund (F4F) as well as the \$2000 contribution for 2017 which he forgot to make on time in 2017. In 2018, he forgot to also include the \$2867 carried over as excess funds from 2017 and approved for contribution to the Meeks Fund and the \$75 contributed to FLSSAR designated for the Meeks Fund. This oversight was corrected in January 2019.

**The Finance Committee proposes that any excess of receipts over disbursements for 2018, as determined by the Treasurer, be transferred to the Gerald Meeks Future For Florida Fund.**

As always, if you have any questions about the finances of the State Society or your own Chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time.

## Medals and Awards

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**The Medals and Awards Committee approved the Caloosa and St. Petersburg Chapter's request to award the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Commendation to two deserving individuals. One was a SAR compatriot and the other a non-SAR recipient.**

**The SAR Handbook, Vol. V: Individual Medals and Awards has been updated to revision 28 September 2018. Of significance is the change in the revised requirements for the awarding of the Patriot Grave Marking Medal and Compatriot Grave Marking Medal.**

**Compatriots are requested to review the proper wearing of medals/awards and follow the General Comments on Precedence as found on pages 5-7 of the current SAR Handbook, Vol. 5.**

## Nominating

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Historian - Robert McGuire  
Editor - Jeff Sizemore  
Webmaster - Scott Bushnell  
RVP NE - Jim Gaskins  
RVP NW - Earl "Matt" Mathews

RVP NC - Jerry Hardwich  
RVP EC - ~~OPEN Charles Berger~~  
RVP WC - ~~OPEN W. Richard Young~~  
RVP SW - Steven Fields

RVP SE - Bernard W. Wolff  
National Trustee - Patrick J Niemann  
Alternate Trustee - Robert McGuire

## **Patriot Medal**

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No Report submitted

## **NSSAR Affairs**

### **Education Center & Museum Committee**

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The popular “SAR,” lapel pin, is still available to Chapters for a \$10 donation per pin to the SAR Foundation. Bulk orders of 20 “SAR,” lapel pins are available for a donation of \$200 with shipping included. The “SAR” lapel pin is NOT available at the SAR Merchandise Store. Chapters wishing to purchase the lapel pins, should contact The SAR Foundation office: The SAR Foundation Inc., 809 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202-2619. Phone: (502) 315-1777. Email: foundation@sar.org

Compatriots are asked to visit The SAR Foundation website: [www.sarfoundation.org](http://www.sarfoundation.org) and explore the numerous opportunities currently available by which compatriots may financially contribute in support of the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage.

### **NSSAR Library**

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The digitalized collection of the SAR Magazine Collection 1906-2017 is now accessible from any internet connected device. Access the sar.org portal and log-in (while portions of the Library link are available to non-members, access is easier if logged-in). Click-on the “Library,” tab on the opening splash page banner and scroll down the page until the library options are available. Click-on “LIBRARY DATABASES,” then scroll down and click on the “Information Link.” In accessing the digitalized SAR Magazine files, one is taken to the “Data Vault,” website which requires a unique login user name and password which must be followed as instructed. This collection is an invaluable resource for those interested in researching the history of our society.

The National Library & Archives Committee continues to seek the acquisition of previous SAR Congress and Membership Medals for the establishment of an archival collection of SAR Congress and Membership Insignia Medals.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) continues to solicit new members and encourages all FOL to renew their membership, if not renewed previously. Monies from FOL memberships, funds books, research services and equipment that are not part of the annual NSSAR Library budget. Enrollment forms may be obtained at the following link: [FOL-2015-12-16.pdf](#) or login in to SAR.org and access the Library on the SAR homepage menu.

Explore the Library options at SAR.org as there is a wealth of free information available.

## **FLSSAR Affairs**

### **Archives**

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Nothing to report at this time.

## Americanism and Chapter Challenge

Hall Riediger

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Data is being entered into the Americanism Contest report sheet as it becomes available.

### Chapter Challenge

The Time is very quickly coming up for all to send me your chapters Entry into the chapter Challenge, also we should remember to not only send your entries to me but also to send them National for the National competition: Americanism and President Generals competition. The entry form can be found on the National website, please fill it out and let me know what you have done so we can keep in the running for this event.

## Documents

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The following proposed Bylaw and/or Charter changes have been received for review by the committee and will be reported at the Winter BOM as required by the FLSSAR Bylaws. Any additional proposed Bylaw changes should be delivered to the Documents Committee.

### Winter 2019 BOM Action and Discussion Items:

#### I. Endowment Trust Fund (ETF)

The following discussions and ETF Reimbursements Proposal and Motion, together with Revised Instructions not reproduced here, were reported by the ETF Trustees and voted on at the Fall 2018 BOM. They are being re-presented here, in order to give BOM Delegates the proper notice required, and ratification of the previous vote is being requested.

Endowment Trust Fund Proposals:

C. 3. Meal for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, and Eagle Scout winners; two per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Proposed change – Meals for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, Americanism Poster contest and Eagle Scout winners (Limit \$40.00 per award)

Justification – these being youth awards, typically both parents would accompany their child, so that means 3 meals. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered.

The Americanism Poster contest should be included.

C. 4. Medals for Law Enforcement, Fire-Safety, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Bronze Good Citizenship awards and two meals per recipient. Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and two meals per recipient. (Limit \$20.00 per meal.)

Proposed change - Medals for Law Enforcement, Fire-Safety, Heroism, Emergency Medical Services, Bronze Good Citizenship awards. Other Medals purchased from NSSAR and presented to persons other than SAR members in recognition of their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state, or those currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Meals limited to \$40.00 per recipient.

Justification – in the case of public service personnel a spouse and commanding officer would accompany the Recipient. This would allow chapters with less expensive meals to get them covered.

C. 5. Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$20.00 per porch/mailbox flag kit with a maximum of 15 in a calendar year. Chapters must report the name of each recipient, and the date of each dedication.

Proposed change - Chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity outreach program may request reimbursement for the purchase of the porch/mailbox flag kits used in the program. Limit of \$300.00 per year.

Justification – Large chapters in large cities may have more than 15 homes in a year. If they purchase the cheaper kits they can accommodate more homes and the chapters with fewer homes can purchase a higher quality flag kit.

C. 13. Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$5.00 per award.

Proposed change - Engraving expenses – not to exceed \$10.00 per award.

Justification – SAR charges \$10 to engrave a medal. A local jeweler I use charges \$10.

Proposed additions:

C. 16. Support to Boy Scout Councils (Limit \$100)

C. 17. Support to JROTC units (Limit \$100)

Propose that these changes become effective Nov. 1, the beginning of the new claim year

## II. Strategic Planning Committee Document Submission

The Strategic Planning Committee has completed its current assignment Defining the Role and Duties of the Regional Vice President. This is to replace Article IV Section 3 Regional Vice President of the Florida Society Governing Documents (Revised May 2018). We now submit it for consideration by the documents committee and the FLSSAR EXCOM.

## Ethics Committee

Chairman: Steve Williams [sarwilliamssa@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com)

Nothing to report at this time

## Genealogy

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No Report submitted

## Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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The Florida SAR will continue to meet at the Embassy Suites Orlando– Lake Buena Vista South Hotel for at least the next two years, having extended our contracts through May 2020.

This Winter BOM is being held as a One-Day Meeting on Saturday, 2 February 2019, with the Rumbaugh Orations contest conducted during the morning hours, and the FLSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting taking place after the BOM event Luncheon. Special room rates will be available before and after the BOM dates, for those who may wish to take advantage of all the winter attractions in the Orlando area.

Our Spring 2019 BOM and Annual Meeting will be held beginning Friday, 10 March 2019, and departing Sunday morning at 11:00 am. There will be seminars and Committee Meetings on Friday, with the President's Awards Dinner on Friday evening. The Annual Youth Awards Luncheon will take place on Saturday at Noon, and the 2019-2020 Officer Installation Reception and Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, with SAR President General Warren Alter conducting the Officer Installation ceremonies. Both the Spring 2019 BOM and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday.

All hotel guests will be welcomed to a complimentary all-you-can-eat hot breakfast with omelet station every morning, and a complimentary cocktail reception every evening. In addition, the Florida Society SAR will be hosting a Hospitality Suite throughout the weekend, with complimentary snacks and beverage service.

We have already negotiated our meetings for the 2019-2020 year with the Embassy Suites Hotel, after having investigated several hotel facilities in the Orlando and surrounding areas. Our two 2019-2020 meeting dates are 4-6 October 2019, and 1-3 May 2020.



The schedules for BOM meetings can be found on the flssar.org website using the BOM Meetings button. BOM Registration Forms and Meeting Schedules can be found online at this same site. Please note that our contracts with the venue have deadlines for room reservations and for meal reservations. Our block of rooms is priced significantly lower than the retail quoted rates, and the deadlines for these advance reservations at the lower rates is controlled by the hotel, and not by the Florida SAR. The costs of the Meeting Rooms and audio-visual support are covered by a Registration Fee, which also includes the cost of producing and distributing this Proceedings Book and all distribution materials. **Please NOTE** that you can cancel your room reservations and meal reservation up to 48 hours before the beginning day of the BOM.

## **Membership Promotion and Retention**

Gerald Hardwich      jerryhardwich@aol.com

No Report submitted

## **New Chapter Development**

Jeffery Sizemore      swampfoxsar@gmail.com

No Report

## **Newsletters and Periodicals**

Steven Williams      swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Thirteen chapters have submitted their newsletters for judging. Results will be presented at the Spring BOM Awards Baquet.

## **Strategic Planning**

Lee Matson,      lmatson@hotmail.com

The Strategic Planning Committee has completed its current assignment Defining the Role and Duties of the Regional Vice President. This is to replace Article IV Section 3 Regional Vice President of the Florida Society Governing Documents (Revised May 2018). We now submit it for consideration by the documents committee and the FLSSAR EXCOM.

Since the committee is made up of former or current chapter presidents, former or current regional vice presidents; much input came from personal experiences. I want to personally thank them for their input and suggestions as this was completed.

I wish to pass along a concern expressed by several members and I also share. The concern is to what authority does the RVP have to ensure that chapters follow the rules and by-laws of the FLSSAR? This also should be a concern of the SVP and President. One would think that as a society of compatriots and gentlemen this should not be of a concern. This certainly is a test of the leadership skills of the officer. Yet, there have been reports of chapters in the past that seemed to operate on their own. I offer this here only as a topic of thought and possible discussion in the future.

## **Technology Advisory Committee**

Scott Bushnell      sbushnell@USNA64.org

Nothing to report

## **Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade**

H Hall Riediger      allriedi42@bellsouth.net

Please note that the form for this report is different then our normal report, this is due to the template being on the old computer and I have not had time to get the information off of it yet.

Congratulations are in order for the follow compatriots, Randy Moody has been approved for the von Steuben Color Guard Medal, Russell Warren Gibson, Lewis Elliott, Steven R. Fields, Dwight Elam and John O. Roberson have all been approved for the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal.

In addition, our ladies have been busy with Jean Fehrenbaker, Delores Wolff and Anne McGuire have been approved for the Molly Pitcher Medal.

March 9 will be the Last Naval Battle Celebration held in Merritt island Contact Barry Eller at emaillell@yahoo.com

March 30 will be the Battle of Thomas Creek Celebration contact David Ramseur at davidramseur12@gmail.com  
It is an exciting time with all of the activity going on.

**1. George Washington Camp #1** Dick Cardell - Color Guard Commander,  
No Report submitted

**2. Francis Marion Camp #2,** Ocala Chapter  
No Report submitted

**3. Cape Canaveral #3** Barry Eller  
No Report submitted

**4. Samuel Adams Camp #4,** Clearwater Chapter

Primary activity for the last quarter was the Bellair Christmas Parade. The Clearwater Color Guard once again proudly led the parade. The SAR Banner was carried by chapter member Bob Cundiff, who is currently8 Vice-Mayor of the city of Clearwater and Bob Anderson, the newest member of the Color Guard. It was very successful despite being a very stormy day earlier. (It was amusing that in this Tampa Bay area and the big Gaspaarilla Celebration held here, when we marched by the reviewing stand, the little ones yelled PIRATES!

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

Veteran’s Day Celebration November 11, Port St. Lucie

Pearl Harbor Celebration December 7, Port St. Lucie

Wreath’s Across America, December 15 White City (Ft. Pierce) and Stuart

**6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville**

No Report submitted

**7. Nathan Hale Camp #7,** Pensacola Chapter

No Report submitted

**8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8** Saramana Chapter Camp Commander, Steven Fields

Veterans Day Parade (Nov 11): Steve Fields (CDR), Doug Erb, Craig Paige, Preston Adams

Luncheon Meeting (Nov 16): Vince Panissidi (CDR), Doug Erb, David Purviance, Steve Fields

Luncheon Meeting (Dec 14): Vince Panissidi (CDR), Doug Erb, Steve Fiel3

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

No Report submitted

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

No Report submitted

**11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11,** Withlacochee Chapter - Commander Larry Dean Sturgeon

No Report submitted

**12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12,** Lake Sumter Chapter: Glenn Langston-Color Guard Commander

No Report submitted

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

Our Naples Chapter first meeting after our usual summer recess was Oct. 11, 2018 and opened the meeting by presenting the colors as we open every meeting. Guardsmen participating were, Len Crame, Michael Garey, Larry Fehrenbaker, Anthony “Jim” Meerpohl, James “Jim” McBath, John McCullough and Don Cahill.

Representing the Naples Chapter at the Oct. 13, 2018 BOM was Len Crame guardsman for the banquet meeting.

Nov. 8, 2018 meeting was opened by Color Guardmen Len Crame, Jim Meerpohl, Michael Garey, Jim McBath,

John McCullough and Don Cahill. The Dec. 14, 2018 was a special joint evening meeting with the Big

Cypress DAR Chapter in Naples with the Naples SAR Chapter. It was a great meeting and our Color

Guard opening the meeting. Guardsman were Larry Fehrenbaker, Mike Garey, Jim McBath, Mike Garey,

Len Crame, Jim McGarity, John McCullough and Don Cahill.

The last meeting was Jan. 10, 2019 and Guardsman posting the flags were Len Crame, Mike Garey, Jim McBath,

John McCullough and Don Cahill.

**14. Hillsborough River Camp #14** - Alan Bell - Commander

No Report submitted

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

October 12 & 13 – Members of the Caloosa Color Guard participated with the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty in presenting colors at the BOM.

October 20 – members of the Caloosa color guard participated in the Chartering Ceremony for the new Okeechobee Chapter. That same evening, the color guard participated in the Honor Flight “welcome home” celebration at RSW Airport, greeting veterans and guardians returning from a day in Washington DC.

On October 24th and 25th two teams of two uniformed guardsmen each spent the days with students at Gulf Middle School in Cape Coral. We shared with those students stories of soldier’s lives during the Revolution along with information about the SAR.

On November 11th three Caloosa compatriots (all veterans, two in colonial uniform) participated in the annual “Pride & Patriotism Program” in Ft. Myers. This event, conducted by the Lee County School Department recognizes student’s entries on various themes honoring veterans by presenting medals to top students in each category: K through 12.

On December 15th, four members of our color guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers.

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

No Report submitted

**Lake City Chapter Outpost William Pfeil, Commander**

No Report submitted

## Liaisons

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

W. Richard Young      dyoung22@aol.com

Since the last Report, your Committee Chairman has attended...

- National SAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee meeting as part of the Leadership Conference in Louisville on September 25
- State C.A.R. meeting and tour of the Haile House (State Project) in Gainesville on November 11
- State C.A.R. meeting and participated in the Colonial Night Watch parade with the C.A.R. in St. Augustine on December 1

#### **C.A.R. Activity Report**

The National C.A.R. Liaison Committee has a C.A.R. Activity Report which can be found on the NSSAR website (yes – I know) under the Youth Programs tab. With the approval of the National C.A.R. Committee Chairman, your Florida C.A.R. Liaison Committee Chairman is announcing the Florida SAR C.A.R. Activity Report. We will use the same Report, except wherever it says “State” or “State Society”, you substitute the word “Chapter”. There are 10 activities listed. You do not have to report dates, places, people or numbers, just “yes” or “no”. Any Florida SAR Chapter that reports at least one activity will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and any Chapter that reports four or more activities will receive a C.A.R. Activities flag streamer. The Report must be submitted no later than April 15, 2019 for reported activities from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

#### **What do you do if there is no C.A.R. Society near you?**

If there is no local C.A.R. Society near you, you can still support them by encouraging C.A.R. membership of the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of your chapter members. You can support the Florida Society C.A.R. by donating to the Society or supporting the State Project. Visit their website at [www.floridasocietycar.org](http://www.floridasocietycar.org) for details.

You can support the National Society C.A.R. by donating to their National Project or by donating to one of their many fund raising programs (visit their website at [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) for details).

#### **SAR Junior Members**

This Committee is also responsible for encouraging Junior Membership and Junior Member participation. As a chapter, you should also encourage your members to submit applications for their sons, grandsons and nephews, wherever they live, and take advantage of the SAR Application Family Plan. Your Chapter

should also encourage local Junior Members to attend meetings and participate in Chapter activities, including Color Guard.

## **DAR Liaison**

Robert McGuire                      rmcguire@slvx.com

A “Call for Volunteers” is out to committee members and others who, in the past, have assisted in staffing information tables at DAR State Meetings. The DAR Annual Meeting will be held from March 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center. FLSSAR again arranged to have two tables for display and recruiting from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. These events are great opportunities for recruiting and for building good working relationships with DAR chapters throughout the state.

Many of our volunteers attend in uniform and there are always numerous requests from the ladies for photos with compatriots so attired. However, participation in “Class B” is welcome as well.

## **Ladies Auxiliary Liaison**

Jeff Sizemore                      swampfoxsar@gmail.com

No Report submitted

## **Historic Sites**

### **Commemorative Historic Sites**

Bob McGuire                      rmcguire@slvx.com

The chairman of the Battle of Thomas Creek celebration has put together an impressive program to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, and has done a great job of publicizing it as well. The Last Naval Battle celebration has experienced some challenges in planning the event at Merritt Island on March 9<sup>th</sup>. PG Lindsey Brock is stepping up to assist and, with all of our support, we can look forward to another fine event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our three battlefield celebrations. Pensacola hasn't reported any activity yet, but we can still hope for a renewal of that observation this year.

The NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations committee approved 3 new events as National events at the Fall Leadership meeting, and Chairman Sharp has now requested that the NSSAR Color Guard Committee approve them for award of Silver Points as well. This should be determined at the Spring Leadership conference Feb/Mar. One of the three new events was proposed by the Florida Society – Liberty Tree Dedications. On the same day as the Thomas Creek celebration, the Caloosa Chapter will dedicate another Liberty Tree at the Boy Scout Headquarters in Ft. Myers. Other chapters are encouraged to consider these events as well.

### **Battle of Pensacola**

Chris Washler                      cwashler@cox.net

No report

### **Battle of Thomas Creek**

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See Addendum for Flyer

### **Last Naval Battle**

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No report

# Youth Programs

## Americanism Youth Contests

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No report

## Eagle Scout

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The Eagle Scout Committee performs and supports several very important activities:

**Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates** - Throughout each year, new Eagle Scouts are recognized by local SAR members for their outstanding achievement at their Eagle Court of Honor, and presented with SAR Eagle Scout Certificates of Achievement. IF possible, our Compatriots should be dressed in Colonial Uniforms or similar period dress. Packets of Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates can be purchased through the NSSAR Merchandise Website at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org).

**Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Contest** – SAR invites all Eagle Scouts (under 19 years of age) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award. The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. While the preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local level, Scouts may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held in June during the annual SAR Congress, and awarded up to \$10,000.

College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the cash award. Three cash awards are given: the National First Place Winner receives \$10,000; the Runner-up receives \$6,000; and the 2nd Runner-up receives \$4,000. Scouts may apply more than one year if he meets the age requirements, but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. Prizes and recognition may also be awarded at the SAR chapter and society level – our Florida Society currently awards \$1,000 to the first-place winner, with an additional \$300 provided by the FLSSAR Auxiliary.

**Each Eagle Scout must complete an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word patriotic themed essay.**

The competition is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The competition is entered at the Chapter level. Applicants may not enter at the national level. Contest entrants need complete only one application for the SAR chapter-level competition. The application of each Chapter-level winner is forwarded to be used in the society- and national-level competitions by the SAR as appropriate. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found at the following two links:

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/52/TGvXToh6XIZF.doc> - Application and Rules

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/52/TGDOZW9gZHza.pdf> - Required Four-Generation Ancestor Chart

Please be aware that the local Chapter application deadline dates must be early enough to allow the selected winning Chapter application to be forwarded to the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman

(jim5176@hotmail.com) NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY 2019. The Compatriot members of the Eagle Scout Committee will each review ALL Chapter winner applications, and our Florida Society 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced at the FLSSAR Winter BOM on 2 February 2019 meeting in Kissimmee. **The winners of this year's Eagle Scout Contest.**

- 3rd place – Joshua Hebert, Jacksonville Chapter.
- 2nd place – Laine Dixon, Withlacoochee Chapter.
- 1st place – Stewart Case, Clearwater Chapter.

**Our State Scholarship monetary award has been \$1000 for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third place.**

The Ladies Auxiliary has also been very generous with checks for the winners as well. The first-place winner and his parents will be recognized, and the Scout will receive his awards at our Annual Meeting Youth Luncheon in May. His application will also be forwarded for the NSSAR competition during the 2019 Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville KY in early March.

**Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** - The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is the name for an award for Scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award acknowledges the service of the recipient to Scouting and is awarded by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The award consists of a medal with ribbon (shown below), miniature medal, a certificate and a BSA Community Organizations Award square knot (shown above). In 2018 one award was approved, for Judge Gilbert Smith of the Saramana Chapter.

## History Fairs

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No report

## George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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The Knight Essay Committee is hoping for the submission by the end of January of the winning essays from a few more of the various Chapters conducting contests this year. To date, **30** essays have been received from 10 Chapters. Thank you to Caloosa, Central Florida, Jacksonville, Lake/Sumter, Naples, Palm Beach, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Withlacoochee. We also had an At Large winner from the Lakeland area.

Participation is impaired by the fact that today early American history is not taught in Florida's public high schools, except to some of the AP classes.

The State winner will be duly selected and reported at the spring BOM.

## Good Citizenship

Benjamin Tidwell                      ndtidwell@aol.com

No report

## Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

John Goolsby                      goolsbychiropractic@yahoo.com

No report

## JROTC

James L. Gibson                      jldvgibson@msn.com

No Report submitted

## Community Outreach

### American History Teacher Award

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No report

### Habitat for Humanity

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No report

## Operation Ancestor Search

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No report

## Patriotic Activities

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The deadline for awarding Flag Certificates is approaching. The program runs from April 1 to March 31.

## Public Service and Heroism

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As a reminder, each Chapter should report to the FLSSAR Regional Vice President and to Wayne L. Brown, NSSAR Public Service & Heroism Committee Chairman, Wayne's email is [engineerscorner@gmail.com](mailto:engineerscorner@gmail.com). The SAR Handbook Chapter 5 contains the information needed to determine eligibility for any of our PS&H awards. <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/55/29OlfK6otdUv.pdf>

## Publicity /Earl Marlin

Publicity    Donald K. Lanman                      DLanman258@aol.com  
Earl Marlin Hall Riediger                      allriedi42@bellsouth.net

I hope that you all have been keeping track of any publicity your chapter has done over the past year, please compile it and fill out the entry form found on the FLSSAR Website, Earl Marlin Contest remember that this is a money contest so get an entry in to me and compete against your fellow chapters.

## Veterans Affairs

James Gibson                      jldvgibson@msn.com

No Report submitted

## Veteran's Recognition

Donald K. Lanman                      DLanman258@aol.com

**FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 27 to = 587 members:**

**NE=87; NW=50; NC=77; EC=69; WC=132; SE=56; SW=116**

**24% of FLSSAR membership is represented in the Veterans Battalion.**

### **Committee Activity:**

Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces.

Chapter Presidents are contacted on a Quarterly basis and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion recognition within each chapter.

An updated Veterans Battalion application and process instructions have been added to the FLSSAR web site along with a current listing of all 587 Veterans Battalion members.

The committee chairman is processing Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of VB application form with proof of honorable service DD-214, and mailing the VB Certificate within 48 hours to the Chapter for presentation.

Chapter Presidents are encouraged to present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to each approved Compatriot at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.

Chapter Presidents are reminded that the SAR War Service Medal may only be authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of service directly within a DOD designated "combat area" as noted on their DD-214. Non-combat related service qualifies for the Military Service Medal.

The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans committee to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition.

## **Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements**

Ron Grove

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I am very happy to report that we closed a record year in 2018 – at least for the 7 years of records I have. We had 65 requests from 25 chapters for a total of \$15,145.99. And so very happy that the ETF trustees voted to increase the contribution to cover what would have been a \$1,262.69 reduction in reimbursements. The previous highest year was 2014 when 58 requests were made for \$13,061.42. Included in the 25 chapters making requests were 4 chapters that had not made a request in the past 7 years. I can't say enough about how valuable and important this unique (only one in the nation) program and fund is to helping chapters in their outreach to their communities. At the May BOM I will hold an education session to help everyone be familiar with how the ETF works so they can make submissions and plan their budget for these programs for the coming year. Remember the ETF year is Nov. 1, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019 and the submission deadline is Nov. 15, 2019. Submissions can be made any time within the year. And especially note that another vote will be taken at this BOM to approve changes to the rules for reimbursement. They will be published soon after the BOM. I want to thank my committee for their support.

## **Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds**

Michael E. Garey

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In 2018, 24 Chapters were reimbursed \$15,568.99, up from 16 for \$8,956.21 in 2017. In accordance with the Trust document and the policies and procedures of the ETF Distribution Committee, the distribution percentage was increased to 5% in order to provide for the increased demand. This percentage has been continued for 2019 to accommodate the increased usage of the ETF by the Chapters.

Elsewhere in these proceedings appears an accounting for 2018 showing the details of our activity.

## **Old Business**

- The lease is ending for the FLSSAR storage facility in Orlando. It will be moving to a new facility closer to the meeting location. It runs about \$110/month.
- Efforts to get liability insurance are still in progress.

## **New Business**

- Lee Popham presented flag streamers to the Florida Society and Miami Chapter for presenting wreaths at the Battle of Cowpens Commemoration in SC.
- Missing in America Project (Brian Jensen) is a program to help with burial of unclaimed veterans' remains, their spouses, and dependents. They need volunteers
- Don Lanman presented Pat Niemann with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs, for his service to country and veterans.
- Charlie Hayes asked if there are any SAR items available for affixing to city welcome signs. The consensus was that nothing is available, but it's a good idea.



# Appendix Pages to follow

**242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**  
**Saturday 10:00 AM, March 30, 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida**

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 242nd 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 Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.(3.5 miles west)

We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 29th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR for a discounted rate of \$109 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. We are especially honored this year to have Florida DAR State Regent Dawn Lemongello attending and bringing greeting. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2019 and forward to:

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

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter (s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring flag for the Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members expected to attend from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ In Uniform \_\_\_\_\_

Will you participate in the black powder musket salute? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Activity Jan-Apr	Activity May-Sept	Activity Oct--Dec	Activity 2018	2018 Budget	Remaining Budget 2018	Approved Budget 2019
<b>Cash Receipts</b>							
Annual Dues	94,245			94,245	105,000		100,000
Prepaid Dues from December	6,170			6,170		4,585	
Patriot Magazine Subscription							3,000
OTF distribution	3,234			3,234	3,000	(234)	3,000
Registrar Receipts	3,801	7,310	3,670	14,781	12,000	(2,781)	12,000
Secretary Receipts	460			460	1,250	790	1,000
Other Income				-	-	-	
BOM Receipts				-	-	-	
Registration	1,838	10,161	4,889	16,888	18,500	1,612	17,500
50/50		100	-	100	200	100	200
Hospitality Room			-	-	-	-	-
Room Charges			900	900	-	(900)	-
Donations							
C.A.R. (Ralph Nelson)		120		120	-	(120)	
Meeks Fund		75		75	-	(75)	
LNB Medal Sales	57			57	-	(57)	
Patriot Mag Ad Income			240	240	-	(240)	
Carry Over From Prior Year	13,059			13,059	13,059	-	4,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,864</b>	<b>17,766</b>	<b>9,699</b>	<b>150,329</b>	<b>153,009</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>140,800</b>

**Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Activity Jan-Apr	Activity May-Sept	Activity Oct--Dec	Activity 2018	2018 Budget	Remaining Budget 2018	Approved Budget 2019
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>							
NSSAR Dues	62,785			62,785	65,000	2,215	63,000
Dues Refunds				-	-	-	
Reinstatement Dues	1,055	210		1,265	1,500	235	1,500
Registrar Stipend	2,400	1,200	1,200	4,800	4,800	-	4,800
Secretary Stipend	2,400	1,200	1,200	4,800	4,800	-	4,800
Exec Admin Stipend	2,400	1,200	1,200	4,800	4,800	-	4,800
Presidents Expenses	1,076	1,320	2,364	4,760	5,000	240	5,000
Sr VP Expenses	997	487		1,484	2,500	1,016	2,500
Secretary Expenses	472	432	54	958	750	(208)	800
Treasurer Expenses	5	52		57	250	193	200
Registrar Expenses	140	368	120	627	600	(27)	600
BOM Expenses				-	-	-	
Hotel (Meals)	2,140	9,943	3,530	15,613	19,000	3,387	16,000
BOM Refunds			145	145	-	(145)	-
Hospitality Room	227	331	324	881	250	(631)	800
A/V & Other	1,299	916	1,400	3,616	2,250	(1,366)	1,500
PG Room		286	-	286	-	(286)	300
Hotel Deposits		500	-	500	-	(500)	-
Other Rooms			905	905	-	(905)	-
Internet/Computer Expense	102	400	45	547	500	(47)	600
Technology Comm				-	100	100	100
Knight Essay Comm	750	1,066		1,816	2,000	184	2,000
American His Teacher Comm		500		500	500	-	750
Eagle Scout Comm		2,000		2,000	2,000	-	2,000
JROTC Comm		2,010		2,010	2,100	90	2,100
Good Citizenship Comm				-	250	250	250
Patriotic Education				-	500	500	250
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	1,828	1,509		3,337	3,500	163	4,000
Americanism Poster Contest		310		310	350	40	350
Americanism Brochure Contest		210		210	350	140	350
FSCAR Donation	1,000			1,000	1,000	-	1,000
History Fair Comm	475			475	500	25	500
CAAH Donation		1,000		1,000	1,000	-	1,000
NSSAR Library		200		200	200	-	250
Battle of Pensacola				-	250	250	250
Last Naval Battle				-	500	500	500
Battle of Thomas Creek	499			499	500	1	500
Support Our Troops Cost				-	-	-	-
Medals & Awards Comm			175	295	1,500	1,205	1,500
C.A.R. Committee	-	-		-	-	-	100
Patriot Medal Comm	452			452	400	(52)	500
Americanism/Chapter Challenge				-	-	-	100
Newsletters & Period Comm		750		750	600	(150)	600
Publicity Comm		500		500	600	100	600
New Chapter Dev Comm			865	865	500	(365)	750
Other Committee Cost	-	-	20	20	250	230	200
Bank Charges/Fees	1	12		13	100	87	100
Miscellaneous Costs	96	100	10	206	500	294	500
D&O/Liability Insurance				-	1,000	1,000	2,500
Patriot Mag Cost	4,174	2,616		6,790	6,000	(790)	5,600
Other Postage/Delivery				-	100	100	-
ETF Donation		2,058		2,058	2,500	442	2,000
Meeks Fund Donation (F4F)			4,000	4,000	6,867	2,867	2,000
To Be Designated By Ralph Nelson		500		500	392	(108)	-
Purchase of A/V Equipment			383	383	-	(383)	-
NSSAR Application Refund - In			(50)	(50)	-	50	-
NSSAR Application Refund - Out			50	50	-	(50)	-
Void Checks Not Deposited			(1,250)	(1,250)	-	1,250	-
Replace Voided Checks			1,250	1,250	-	(1,250)	-
Carry Over to Future Years				-	4,100	4,100	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,774</b>	<b>34,305</b>	<b>17,939.31</b>	<b>139,018</b>	<b>153,009</b>	<b>13,991</b>	<b>140,800</b>
Net Cash Surplus	36,090	(16,539)	(8,240)	11,311	-	(11,311)	-