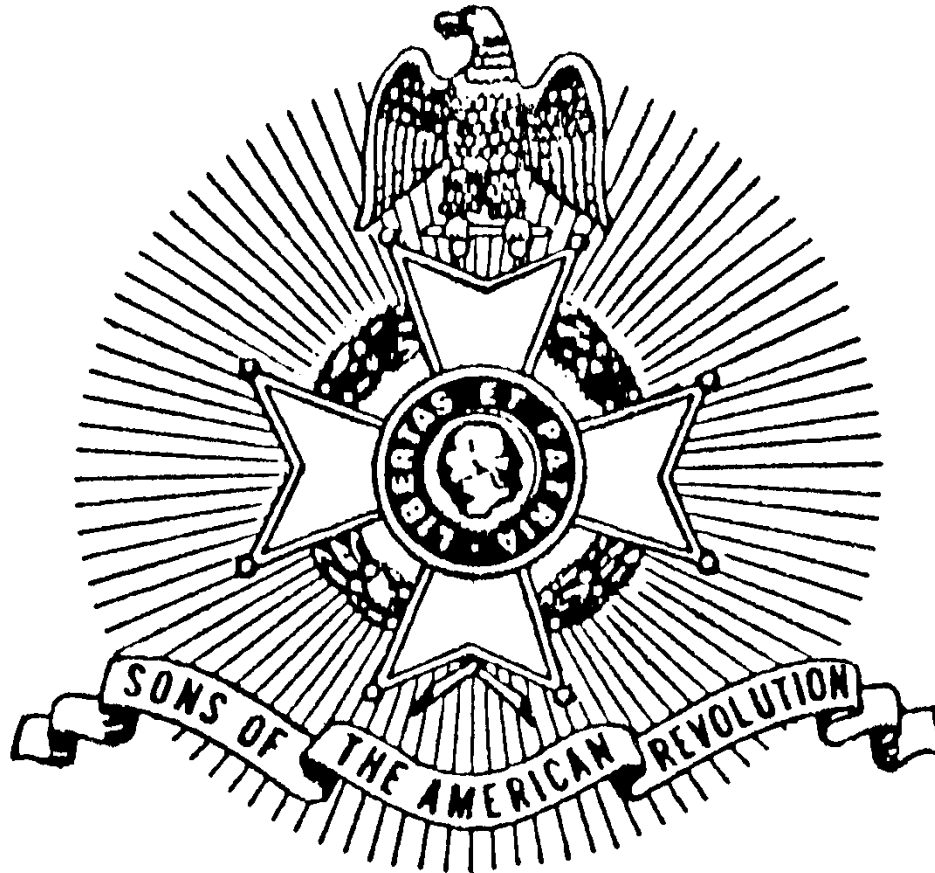


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Spring Board of Management & Annual
Meeting
Kissimmee, Florida
May 4-6, 2012

Sons of the American Revolution Mission

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.

BOM Meeting Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
Pledge to the SAR
The American Creed
Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
Reports of National and State Officers
State Committee Reports
Unfinished business
New business
Closing
SAR Recessional
Benediction
Adjournment

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 Pledge to the SAR

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United State of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

The American Creed

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established on those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

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.

Democratic Republic

A form of government in which power is explicitly vested in the people, a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Gerald Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net

The conference and Trustees meeting was very successful considering the worst weather in memory struck around the Louisville area causing great damage and the loss of many lives at the beginning of the conference. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

The Florida Society had two recommended Changes to the Bylaws previously passed by the Society at Board of Management Meetings October 22, 2011 and January 14, 2012. They were:

Proposal: to Change Bylaw 16, second sentence, Section 2 to read the following: "or in the absence of the Trustee or Alternate Trustee, which absence has been determined by a duly constituted authority of said State Society, a person named as the Second Alternate Trustee, in a letter over the signature of the President of the State Society addressed to the Secretary General".

The **Second Proposal** concerned an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of December 2011 concerning the issue of Habeas Corpus.

The Florida Society at its Board of Management meeting, January 14, 2012 recommended: "That the National Defense authorization Act of December 2011, be amended to delete the provision that authorizes the President of the United States to use the military forces of the United States to arrest and indefinitely detain American Citizens without charge or trial.

The Florida Society's position on the issue is: our Constitution guarantees every citizen the right of Habeas Corpus. Article 1 of the Constitution states a writ of Habeas corpus can only be suspended in cases of rebellion or invasion of the public safety. The Florida Society contends no such condition exists that warrants suspension of these rights.

Both issues were considered by the Bylaws Committee and not recommended for passage by the Trustees. The second proposal should be reconsidered for re-submission at the next Congress.

When it came time for gifts to be presented The Florida Society presented two gifts, one from Compatriot Ron Hamilton for \$500.00, and the other for \$250.00 from The Florida Society. Both gifts were for the JROT Program

President

David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

I think this past twelve months as your state president have been the fastest in my whole life. Marjorie and I have met a number of wonderful new compatriot's and their wives during this term. I want to thank especially the Day's, Riegle's, and Sweeney's for their wonderful hospitality along with many others while visiting their chapters. Of the fourteen chapters we have visited, we have given seven presentations of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" showing how Washington realized that God was with the Patriot forces in difficult times.

In addition to our chapter visits there were 24 events such as Congress, Leadership meetings, South Atlantic District meetings, State annual meetings, greetings given from the FLSSAR at DAR conferences, wreath presentations and most importantly presentations to schools groups and parades. For example, at the FSSDAR Spring Conference in Orlando I brought greetings to the daughters and presented a Medal of Appreciation to Rachael Moody who has assisted in bringing in five new SAR members. I encouraged all the daughters to also earn SAR medals at the meeting by continuing to assist in bringing in new SAR members and making sure they attach the completed DAR Finders report Form with SAR application. As an added incentive the DAR State society that submits the largest number of new SAR members will receive a \$500 gift from the NSSAR.

What really impressed me most in visiting the chapters were the extra efforts by the compatriot members in their participation in supporting our veterans. The Saramana Chapter is to be congratulated especially for inviting and honoring 32 wounded warriors and 24 women veterans at their George Washington Birthday luncheon. I would like especially to thank our FLSSAR Adjutant Chuck Sweeney for his startup of a new Veterans Battalion. If you are a veteran please fill out the form shown on page 30 of our Summer edition of The Florida Patriot. We can all be proud of this National Award winning magazine produced by Steve Williams who is also our State Secretary and serves on our Ex. Committee. Steve is a person who gives over 100% in his SAR duties; however, as of this writing he has had a set back in his

cancer treatments, please be in prayer for his quick recovery. I want to thank all those who served on my Ex. Comm., numerous committees and especially Lindsey Brock.

One final item that I would like to bring up is our participation in the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. My goal for the FLSSAR was 40% participation by our membership. However, we have held at 20% participation but have increased our average contribution from \$80 to \$120 which reflects a 50% increase but still falls short of our National Goal of \$250 – maybe under President Tarpley's term we will reach this goal. In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity of serving as your president and Marjorie has enjoyed serving as President of the Ladies Auxiliary and I want to thank them for all the support they have given our Florida Society.

Fraternally,
David Ramseur
President, FLSSAR

Senior Vice President

Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

FLSSAR Forms 4/11/12:

Vic McMurry, Vice President Southwest Region Florida Society, and FLSSAR Chairman Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee is been working on new forms.

After the Winter 2012 BOM, the Florida Society authorized the purchase of Adobe Acrobat X Pro, and charged Vic with helping to update our FLSSAR Forms.

To date, the following forms have been sent to Steve Williams to be placed on the FLSSAR web site:

- The BOM Registration and Instructions for the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting on May 4-6, 2012. This was our first form for the FLSSAR web site.
- The Chapter Challenge Reporting Form for 2012. Please visit the FLSSAR web site and download to your PC the NEW Chapter Challenge Form for 2012. Because the form is NOW savable, chapters can start completing the form NOW instead of waiting until 2013 to complete the form. I am asking ALL Regional Vice President's to PLEASE pass this on to your Chapters. This form is NOW savable on your PC so you can start filling in the form NOW instead of waiting until next year. Please let Vic McMurry know if you have ANY problems. The latest Adobe Reader is Version 10.1.3. Please make sure you keep your FREE Adobe Reader software up to date. I hope to hear how you like this new Form at BOM on May 4
- The DAR Finder Report Form, used when a DAR Member helps us with an SAR membership.
- The Obituary Report for deceased SAR Members.

The following forms for both FLSSAR and NSSAR are waiting approval from their respective Committee Chairs.

1. The FLSSAR WWII Veterans Corps form.
2. The Outstanding JROTC Cadet form for NSSAR.
3. The Public Service – Heroism Report form for NSSAR.
4. The NSSAR Business Card Order Form.

In addition, Vic has sent to the Merchandise Department at NSSAR other files to help chapters in the use of the Certificates from National. We do NOT know what forms or when they may be on the NSSAR web site, but sent was files for each form Vic's chapter uses. A PDF file showing the Certificate, a Microsoft Word Template for the Certificate, and a Template to print that Certificate on a blank form.

If there is any FLSSAR Committee that would like help updating their forms so that they are both fillable and savable so that they can be emailed to others, please get in touch with Vic McMurry at vicmc4@gmail.com.

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Edward D. Young ednoy@earthlink.net

Emerald Coast Chapter

Meetings - Chapter continues to hold breakfast meetings on second Saturday of each month. That tin itself is not a big thing, but our average attendance at meetings is up. We are having nearly 50% of members attend meetings.

- At the March meeting, member Terry Silvester presented a short program about his Patriot Ancestor, Esek Hopkins, from Rhode Island, the first commander of the U.S. Navy. He was also the brother of Stephen Hopkins, delegate to Continental Congress and signer of Declaration of Independence.

Community activities - The chapter was represented a several community activities.

- In February - The Military Order of the Purple Heart annual ceremony placing the names of deceased in the current War on Terror.

- The Military Order of the Purple Heart and the local chapter of Gold Star/Blue Star mothers held a ceremony marking the end of the Iraq war.

- In April, the chapter will be represented at a ceremony returning the ship's bell from the U.S.S. Okaloosa, to Okaloosa County and a dedication ceremony at the local memorial park at Northwest Florida Regional Airport.

ROTC/JROTC - Chapter has presented one JROTC award (Walton High School) as of now and will present five more (Fort Walton Beach, Choctawhatchee, Niceville, Crestview, Baker) in the next weeks. Again this year we will not present an ROTC award at the request (or non-request) of the ROTC detachment at NWFL State College.

Florida Veteran's Battalion Survey - Collected eight survey forms from members to submit to state. Awaiting forms from two additional members.

Membership - We have 5 prospective members at some point in the application process.

- The Emerald Coast Chapter is sad to report the death of one of our members, Fredrick N. Boswell, NSSAR#160983, FLSSAR#8375.

Aaron Snowden Chapter

Inducted James Gazzaway and John Grove into our Chapter, now up to 16 members.

Milton High School donation to help replace flag pole at school. John Gillis sent a check fro \$100 and a letter. Milton High School responded back with a thank you letter.

March 17th 2012 - Guest Speaker Janice Malone – DAR , assisted by VP Ned France, VP Lonnie Jones, and President John Gillis. Presented a skit to celebrate George Washington's Birthday, First Inauguration.

William Dunaway Chapter

Feb. 28th Pres. Lionel Young and Comp. Larry Clere, in uniform, attended the Edon State Park Living History Demonstration, presenting a program on life and items used by families during the Rev. War era. Chapter received the Blue Ribbon Streamer Award for placing 3rd place in the Chapter Challenge Contest.

Feb. 20th Past Pres. Larry Clere and Sec. Robert Dunaway, in uniform, will present the SAR Chapter JROTC Medal and Certificate to the outstanding Cadet at the Holmes County JROTC Banquet.

Comp. Ed Wood will present the SAR Chapter JROTC Medal and Certificate to the outstanding Cadet at the Washington County JROTC Banquet.

Apr. 25th Plan to present a SAR Flag Certificate to the Jackson County School Board

Tallahassee Chapter

The Tallahassee Chapter held our George Washington Birthday Celebration Meeting on March 8. Our guest speaker was James Dodson, a Lt. Colonel in the Tallahassee Civil Air Patrol. As the Squadron Historian he gave a presentation on the history of aviation in Tallahassee. Using computer mapping software he has overlain many of the old aviation facility maps on top of today's landmarks.

We are in process of delivering ROTC and JROTC medals to college and high school units in the Tallahassee area. We support four ROTC units and 10 high school units.

Pensacola Chapter

The Pensacola Chapter is again applying for the Impact 100 grant to fund the installation of the Pensacola Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. We are still soliciting funds from other sources including the sale of engraved bricks which will become a part of the completed memorial.

In March the chapter awarded Fire Marshal Joe Quinn of Escambia County Fire Rescue the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal, Paramedic Amanda Armstrong of Escambia County EMS the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal, and Deputy Jeremy Cassady of the Escambia Sheriff's Office the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

In February the chapter awarded Officer Pearce Baker of the Pensacola Police Department the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

On silver ROTC medal was awarded to a student at UWF. Two bronze NROTC medals have been or will be awarded to students at area high schools.

Florida Veteran's Battalion Survey - Received and delivered three certificates of military service to Chapter members.

Panama City Chapter

No Report

North Central Regional Vice President

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Gainesville Chapter

February - April, 2012

Compatriot David Ramseur, President of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, administered the oath of office to the Gainesville Chapter Officers during the regular meeting at Brown's Country Buffet on February 21, 2012. President Ramseur conducted the installation ceremony for the following elected officers:

President.....Roger Cox
1st Vice President..... David Mulkey
2nd Vice President... Leonard Shurtleff
Secretary / Treasurer.....David Cromer

Five ROTC/JROTC Awards were given this quarter the the U of F, Bell H.S., Bradford H.S. and Williston H.S. by Ray Davis, Bob Reeves and Roger Cox. Several more are planned for may.

Participation in sixteen (16) functions including Flag Breakfasts, Gainesville Womans Club, Naturalization Ceremonies, Eagle Scout Ceremonies, etc., seven (7) in Uniform with approximately 1,015 in attendance.

During the quarter, we had 4 New Members approved, and 2 Supplementals approved. The Current Roster includes 62 SAR Members, 6 Junior Members, 1 Associate, and 1 Memorial Member for a Total of 70 Members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger L. Cox, President
Gainesville Chapter FLSSAR

LAKE-SUMTER CHAPTER – Steve Offutt, President

ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 5, 2012 – Sierra McVeigh was the guest speaker. Sierra was the Chapter winner and the FLSSAR JROTC winner for 2011. She spoke about JROTC and what it has done for her. Four Flag certificates were awarded to patriots who properly display the United States Flag. Alan Lane was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution.

FEBRUARY 4, 2012 – Five Flag certificates were awarded to patriots who properly display the United States Flag. Compatriot Mysinger presented the Heroism Award to Officer Shane McSheehy of the Eustis Police Department for saving a choking person while off duty dining in a local restaurant.

FEBRUARY 25, 2012 – Seven compatriots of the Lake-Sumter Chapter participated in the 110th Annual George Washington Celebration Parade in Eustis, Florida. The Lake-Sumter Chapter has participated in this parade for over 15 years.

MARCH 3, 2012 – The following compatriots were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution. Bill Hayes, Dashiell Voorhees. Compatriot Basil Linville accepted Memorial Memberships for his father Basil Linville Senior and for his brother Michael P. Linville Senior.

APRIL 7, 2012 – The Lake-Sumter Chapter had its first meeting in a new location. The chapter's previous meeting place had closed for business. Our new meeting location is the John Gella Memorial

American Legion Post 219 in Fruitland Park, Florida. Compatriot Mysinger presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Fire fighter Evan Chamberlain. Chamberlain used CPR and electrical shock on three occasions to bring this person back to life.

The Lake-Sumter Chapter currently has 65 members and some applications in different stages of progress.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen C. Offutt
President
Lake-Sumter Chapter

WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER - William G. Teater, President

The Withlacoochee Chapter started this quarter with recognition of our two Eagle Scouts who went on to FLSSAR. The February Speaker was Mr. Alfred Harrell, Director of Field Service/COO, Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Ridge Council. Al Harrell is an excellent Speaker who held the attention of the Membership as he spoke on his growth and contribution to Scouting and how he has watched scouts grow mentally and physically over his 14 year involvement with Scouting.

Our February meeting continued with awards and recognition of our Chapter's Color Guard and our two Eagle Scouts, Chandler Brothers and Nathan Lovestrang. Nathan went on to become the Florida Society Eagle Scout nominee. Additionally, a Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Thomas E. Barnette, who has dedicated himself to Scouting and the Tourism/Travel Industry for decades. Tom's dedication and donations has been recognized throughout the Gulf Ridge Council.

March was our Chapter's recognition month for Members and Auxiliary. Our Guest Speaker was Judge "Ric" Howard who spoke on the "Root Causes of Crime". Judge Ric Howard received the SAR "Law Enforcement Medal" for his decades of dedicated service to law and the judicial system.

Awards were presented to members including: "Meritorious Service Medal", presented to John Pardee for his dedicated service to the Chapter and the SAR; "Good Citizenship Medals" were presented to George Pushee, Jack Townsend, and Charlie Day for their leadership in the SAR and numerous other organizations; and an Outstanding Citizenship Pin with Certificate was presented to Paul Pardee (junior member) for his years of contribution to the SAR and the Withlacoochee Chapter.

Auxiliary Members were recognized for their service to the Chapter, as well as, their charitable contributions. Awards presented included: "Martha Washington Medal" to Vickie Lewandowski; "Daughters of Liberty Medals" to Dorothy Day and Maryann Teater; and the "SAR Medal of Appreciation" to Jean Nelson.

A review of the attendance and program of the "2012 Celebration of the Last Naval Battle" was presented by Charlie Day; a final overview of the success of the Chapter's Elementary School Poster Contest; and the Sea Cadet and JROTC schedules rounded out our March meeting.

April's meeting was dedicated to "Patriotism" with excellent presentations of their family history and ancestors by Russell Lewandowski and Fred Learned. Military Veteran Service Medals and Certificates were presented to Russell Lewandowski, Clyde Johnson, Duane Finch, James Echlin and Bill Teater; and Wounded Warrior Coins with Certificates were presented to all the Chapter Disabled American Veterans (Duane Finch, Clyde Johnson, Harold Marvin, Bill Teater, Richard Osborn and Ronald Dunwoodie).

Elementary School Poster Contest winners were announced and the finalist Posters were placed on displayed around the meeting room. The Chapter First Place Winner went on to FLSSAR for state competition. A Sea Cadet Presentation and 6 JROTC Medals were presented to the top High School JROTC Cadets selected by their Commanders as their outstanding school cadet. The 6 Cadets reports and recommendation sheets will be reviewed and scholarship winners will be recognized at the Chapter May Banquet.

The Chapter concluded the quarter with final nominations for Officers for the next SAR Chapter year; final Flag Day schedule for 5 Citrus County Libraries programs; and we ended our April Meeting by presenting a "SAR Heroism Medal" to JROTC Cadet Joshua Reyes for his heroic act of quick thinking, medical assistance, and physical efforts in saving another Cadet, from another school, who landed in a cactus patch and was having an allergic reaction from his injuries. His quick actions and medical attention saved the other cadet from severe, if not fatal, complications.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Teater, Sr.
Chapter President

LAKE CITY CHAPTER - James F. (Jim) Thrasher, President

Jan. 16, 2012: The monthly chapter meeting was held at the Guang Dong Restaurant in Lake City. After the meal, an informative program was presented by the Chapter President, Jim Thrasher. Plans was also finalized for the installation of chapter officers at the February 20th meeting.

Feb. 20, 2012: The monthly meeting of the Lake City Chapter was held at the Guang Dong Restaurant in Lake City. Florida State Society President David H. Ramseur, presided over the installation of the new chapter officers. At the same meeting, Mrs. Marjorie Ramseur, President of the Ladies Auxiliary presented an informative program about the Ladies Auxiliary.

The chapter presented the Past President's Certificate to Jim Thrasher, outgoing chapter president.

Mar. 19, 2012: The monthly meeting of the Lake City Chapter was held at the Guang Dong Restaurant in Lake City. The speaker for the evening was Compatriot Ralph Wright who presented a very informative program about how tea played such an important role leading up to the Revolution. The program gave much more depth about the Boston Tea Party and the surrounding events than one usually hears or reads. He also passed around a brick of tea to show how the product was packaged and shipped.

Publicity: Photos and an brief article was submitted to "The Suwannee Democrat" by President Al Williams. The article and photos appeared in the February 29th issue of "The Suwannee Democrat." The article appeared on page 3A of the newspaper.

Respectively submitted,
Alton K. Williams, Jr., President
Lake City Chapter SAR

OCALA CHAPTER -

January 18, 2012:

The monthly chapter meeting was held at the Ocala Elks Lodge. The Chapter voted to sponsor a room at the new Veteran's Home or Facility in Ocala at the former Ritz Hotel location.

February 15, 2012:

The monthly chapter meeting was held at the Ocala Elks Lodge. Dr. Alan Clark reported that Ocala Chapter SAR, furnished the room at the VA Home and members were invited to see the room.

Speaker Dawn Westgate informed the Chapter about the activities about Kimberly's Cottage and the social services it provides to minors who are the victims of abuse or are in abuse settings.

New officers and board members were elected for 2012: President – Dr. Alan Clark, Vice President – Wayne Curtis, Treasurer – Pat McLaughlin, Secretary – Lauren E. Merriam, III.

March 21, 2012:

The monthly chapter meeting was held at the Ocala Elks Lodge. Guest speaker, FSSAR President David Ramseur, and his wife, Marjorie, gave a program on the painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware". The original painting is 12' x 20'. They displayed a smaller version of the painting and described the thirteen (13) people in the boat, which included a Negro and a woman. James Madison who would later become our fifth president is depicted holding the flag and standing next to General George Washington.

State SAR President Ramseur installed the new officers:

President: Dr. Alan Clark
Vice President: Wayne Curtis
Treasurer: Pat McLaughlin
Secretary: Lauren Merriam, III/Tevis Fitzpatrick
Program Chairman: W.E. "Buckey" Bishop

New President, Dr. Alan Clark asked all for continued support and ideas. He also mentioned a web site about learning more about the Constitution from Hillsdale College. Tevis Fitzpatrick, Constitution Chairman, Ocala Chapter DAR gave each person a book on the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Dr. Oscar Patterson opatters@comcast.net

Flagler Chapter

Ted. St. Pierre, President

Kyle Lockwood of the Flagler County Fire/Rescue Department was presented the EMS Award on March 20, 2012, during the Chapter's regular meeting. Awards Chairman David Kelsey announced that the following awards will be made at Chapter meetings in April: Law Enforcement Award; JRPTC Awards at

Flagler Palm Coast High School. In May the Chapter will present the Fire Safety Award and the JROTC award at Matanzas High School. He also noted that Good Citizenship Awards will be given at four area middle schools.

The March speaker was Veterans Service Representative Sal Rutigliano. He told the Chapter about the various services available to former, present and future members of our armed forces.

The Chapter honored one of its World War II veterans at the regular meeting in January. Compatriot Walter W. Monroe was presented both the Wounded Warrior's Medal and the SAR's Certificate of Patriotism.

Jacksonville Chapter

J. Gray Chandler, President

The January, February and March meetings had a military theme, albeit for different wars and different reasons. The January speakers, Craig Morris from the National Park Service and Sue Grandin from the Trust for Public Land describe the ongoing activities to purchase 800 acres of land, including the site of a Revolutionary war skirmish. This land is adjacent to the Fort Caroline/Timucuan National Preserve.

In February, Ron Kurth RADM USN (Ret), PhD (Russian Studies) described the challenges and humor he experienced in his two tours of duty as a Naval Attaché serving in Moscow during the Cold War.

The March speaker was Jerry Majetich, SSGT USA (Ret) a Wounded Warrior. He suffered multiple burns and injuries when his armored vehicle was destroyed by an IED in Afghanistan. In his tour of duty he met many civilian Afghans and learned that their goals are the same as ours: safety, raising a family and jobs. Since his recovery he has been working with and helping Wounded Warriors, first in the service and now in business assisting Wounded Warriors in career development.

In February, the Chapter presented certificates to 24 Boy Scouts at an annual banquet in Clay County. The Chapter also made several presentations of the "History of the Stars and Stripes" at local schools. The Color Guard appeared at several area events.

On February 26, the Chapter held the Annual Flag retirement Ceremony with the C.A.R. Some 75 flags were retired.

On March 30 the Jacksonville Chapter donated presented the flag kits with Constitutions to the owners of 12 new HabiJax homes at Edward Waters College.

St. Augustine Chapter

Dr. Oscar Patterson III, President

January 2012--The SAR's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate were presented to Mr. David Hecht of St. Augustine, FL, who found a purse containing more than \$12,000 on the side of the road and turned it over to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office who located the owner was identified. According to the owner, the cash—in stacks of \$50 and \$100 bills, some wrapped in foil—represented her and her husband's life savings and they carried it with them where ever they went.

The speaker at the Chapter's January meeting was LTC Antone LeFevre II (USAF, Ret.), senior military instructor at Bartram Trail High School. LTC spoke about the functions of the U.S. Air Force and the role of JROTC in our educational system.

During the month, the Chapter presented two Flag Certificates. The first one went to Mr. Kevin Wheeler of St. Johns County for his display of the U.S. flag at his home. That flag was a gift from Mrs. Wheeler's brother to recognize her achieving U.S. Citizenship and to welcome her as a new citizen. The second certificate went to The St. Johns County Council on Aging's Transportation Department. The flag currently flying at that office is a replacement for one that flew over the U.S. Capital and was obtained through the office of Rep. John Mica. The current flag was donated by Mrs. Deborah O. Tanner

February 2012—The Chapter inducted three new members at its February meeting: Compatriots Kenneth Van Bevan, James Allen Romine and James Robert Smith. At the same meeting, two chapter members were received their World War II Veterans Corps Certificates: Compatriots Edward Neely and Frank Upchurch.

The guest speaker in February was Chief Mike Arnold, Chief of the Fire Department for the City of St. Augustine. Chief Arnold is the designated Emergency Manager for the City and told the Chapter about emergency planning.

The Chapter presented Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates to Mr. Mark Majewski and Mr. Mark Raymond for assistance in saving the life of a resident during the New Year's celebrations at St. Augustine Beach. The presentations were made during a regular meeting of the St. Augustine Beach City Commission.

At the same time, the Chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the St. Augustine Beach Police Department recognizing the U.S. Flag flown at Ron Parker Memorial Park. Parker was a member of the St. Augustine Police department who was killed in the line of duty.

March 2012- The Chapter began the month by presenting a Flag Certificate to the City of St. Augustine recognizing the proper display of the U.S. flag at the City Hall/Lightner Museum. This presentation was made during a regular meeting of the St. Augustine City Commission.

The speaker was COL Ron Radford (USAF, Ret.) who told the chapter about plans for a St. Augustine 450th Military Commemoration.

April 2012—The Chapter made presentations to JROTC Cadets at Bartram Trail High School and Palatka High School. The Chapter also presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates to the military instructors at both schools.

The Chapter also presented Good Citizenship Certificates to students at Otis A. Mason Elementary School in St. Augustine.

The Chapter anticipates inducting at least three new members at its regular meeting on April 21.

Daytona/Ormond Beach—No report.

Deland—No report.

East Central Regional Vice President

Jeffrey Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

Brevard Chapter:

(Submitted by Ben DuBose, Chapter Secretary)

During January & February Compatriot DuBose sent out over one hundred invitations & press releases, ordered chairs, ordered streamers, reserved hotel rooms and other things required for the LAST NAVAL BATTLE CELEBRATION. Next year, we need volunteers to serve as a photographer, someone for medal sales & color guard ushers. PLEASE - ALL COLOR GUARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Plus, Ben's granddaughter Tina created a graphic of the JOHN BARRY / ALLIANCE FLAG using a painting from the 1700s at a Dutch museum. After contacting all elected Chapter Officers it was decided to order 7 3'x5 flags @ \$50 each, so they will be ready for the LNB event. Our Chapter will be selling them for \$55 to members of Brevard's SAR & DAR, others will be charged \$60. So far all 7 are spoken for, so we'll be taking orders.

Here's what it looks like.

1/3... Compatriot DuBose attended the memorial service for past Chapter member Lee Buchanan in Titusville

1/5... Compatriot DuBose met with the owners of the Knowledge Exchange in Palm Bay concerning future lectures at their new facility which has classrooms and caters to home-schoolers.

1/10... Stopped at Veterans Center to inspect monuments - everything is in place for LNB ceremonies.

1/12... Compatriot DuBose dropped off 150 LNB flyers off at FLSSAR Rec. Sec. Bill Fuller for Winter BOM.

1/13. Compatriot DuBose dropped off 150 flyers at the Knowledge Exchange.

1/13... Compatriots S. Fuller & S. Williams attended the Winter FLSSAR BOM

1/13... Guardsman S. Williams joined the FLSSAR Color Guard at the BOM dinner. (STEVE?)

1/14... Guardsmen, DuBose, Green, and Keen & Jones attended the genealogy seminar at Cocoa Library, over 80 were in attendance. Displays were set up, recruiting flyers & Last Naval Battle flyers were handed out. We found two prospects that are presently preparing membership applications and attending meetings.

1/16, Guardsman DuBose attended the Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the DAR where he was presented with the NSDAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Over 50 were in attendance and NLB flyers were handed out. (STEVE YOU HAVE PHOTO)

1/21... Monthly Chapter meeting at THE TIDES, PAFB, about 3-dozen were in attendance. Guardsmen; Davenport, DuBose, Johnson, Keen, Williams & Wright participated in the induction of three new members. (STEVE YOU HAVE PHOTOS)

1/26... Guardsman DuBose gave a talk on Colonial Flags at the Capt. J.J. Dickinson Camp SCV with over 3-dozen in attendance. He also did recruiting and handed out LNB flyers which every member agreed to distribute at local libraries and businesses. They will be at the LNB event.

1/28... Guardsman DuBose, Keen, S, Williams and Wright presented the Colors at the 1st meeting of the newly formed John Barry Chapter of the DAR with over 60 in attendance... DuBose also gave a talk on Capt. John Barry and LNB flyers were handed out. At least two new possible members were found.

2/4... Guardsman Wright ran a four hour seminar for #? Members of the Courageous Sea Cadets, which included: a talk on historic flags and a talk on the Last Naval Battle.

2/6... Compatriot DuBose attended the Memorial Plaza meeting at the Brevard Veterans Center and left 200 flyers.

2/8... Guardsman DuBose talked on the BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND to the S. Brevard Genealogy Society, did recruiting and passed out LNB flyers.

2/18... Joint DAR/SAR meeting

2/21... Guardsmen DuBose gave a historic talk at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne, did recruiting and passed out LNB flyers.

3/3... The Brevard Chapter hosted the ceremonies for the Last Naval Battle. Over 300 attended. Ten Guardsmen attended in uniform: G. Darby, J. Dibble, B. DuBose, C. Green, S. Jones, E. Keen, J. Malcolm, R. Ryan, and S. Williams & P. Wright.

3/17... Four Guardsmen; B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, E. Keen & S. Williams joined the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade. About 1,000 marched while thousands watched.

3/22... Compatriot DuBose gave a talk on Historical Flags to the Sons of Confederate Veterans with 31 in attendance.

Central Florida Chapter (Submitted by Jeff Sizemore)

At the February meeting, the Central Florida chapter welcomed Theresa Schretzmann-Myers of the Windermere Historical Board and Nehrling Society Board as our speaker who will make a presentation on "The Historical Henry Nehrling Tropical Plant Gardens of Gotha (founded in 1885)."

Then at our March meeting, we introduced our Eagle Scout Awards recipient, Andrew Popp, to the membership. He read his essay at the meeting and was greeted with a warm reception from our members. This year's recipient also was recognized for his achievement by the FLSSAR. Chairman Bob Murray also presented to him the awards checks from the FLSSAR and the Ladies Auxiliary. At this meeting, we also installed Dabney C. T. Davis as our Sergeant of Arms (Co-Officer).

As a tradition, the chapter holds an annual dinner banquet on the third Saturday of April in recognition of Patriots' Day. This year's program was on Brigadier General Andrew Lewis. At this banquet, the chapter also recognized Gary Smith into our chapter who transferred to us from the Deland Chapter that had just dissolved recently.

We would also like to recognize our Registrar, Cecil Thompson, who has been working with numerous potential members that first made contact with our chapter through the Internet.

Several chapter members attended and served as color guard at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services program in Orlando that was held on April 12, 2012. Currently, we are also making inquiries with our membership to participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony that is to be held in a couple of months in Orlando, FL.

St. Lucie River Chapter (Submitted by Hall Riediger)

January 7 - Regular Meeting Chapter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Margarita Bonner, JROTC Coordinator for Westwood High School, Fort Pierce, Florida

Jan13/14 - 4 members attended the Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, Jay Wise, Phil Carr, Bob Donnahoo and Hall Riediger.

February 11 - Regular Meeting Chapter honored Sheriff of Martin County, Robert Crowder with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his 45 years of service to St. Lucie and Martin Counties as a member of the Law Enforcement Community. At this meeting, FLSSAR RVP Jeff Sizemore was also in attendance.

February 12 - 3 members in uniform Hall Riediger, Jay Wise and Oscar Kraehenbuehl attended the 4 Chaplains Service in Sebastian, FL.

February 18 & 25- Oscar Kraehenbuehl and Joe Leinbach presented Flags, Constitutions and SAR Flag rule books to two new Habitat for Humanity Home owners.

February 25 - 6 members participated as judges in the St. Lucie County History Fair, Hall Riediger, Rich Pattison, Jay Wise, Bob Donnahoo, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, and Charles McKinley.

May 5 - Hall Riediger presented Checks to the winners of the Revolutionary War Project at the St. Lucie County History Fair, 1st \$100, 2nd \$50 and 3rd \$25.

March 10 - Regular Meeting Chapter visited by Florida President David Ramseur and his lovely wife Marjorie Ramseur, President of the Florida Auxiliary. The chapter also donated \$20,000 to Indian River State College to fund a perpetual scholarship of \$1000 per year.

March 15 - 2 members in uniform Hall Riediger and Jay Wise participated in an Eagle Scout Honor Court for Scout Sewall.

April 14 Regular Meeting Presented Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Deputy Angela Flowers of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department. Also the Chapter honored Sheriff Ken Mascara with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his two terms as St. Lucie County Sheriff.

The Chapter at this point has 5 applications in at National, one is pended, three approved and the fifth has just been accepted, the Chapter Registrar is working on three more at this time and we have 1 reinstatement, for a total of 9 new/old members. This is wonderful after the very bad retention of this past year.

West Central Regional Vice President

Nelson Jantzen nelson7772008@hotmail.com

Clearwater:

- On January 13-14, we had 6 members attend the Winter BOM. In attendance were Nelson Jantzen, Grant Wallin, George Pratt, Dan Hooper, James Gibson and John Sagert.
- Nelson Jantzen, George Pratt, Dan Hooper and James Gibson marched with the Color Guard to present the Colors at the BOM.
- Eagle Scout Andrew Case was awarded the Chapter Eagle Scout Award and placed 3rd at State.
- Nelson Jantzen, David Kitchen, George Pratt and Dan Hooper presented the Colors at the Caladesi DAR Chapter genealogy seminar on Jan. 25.
- Manned a recruiting table at the DAR Genealogy Seminar
- Manned a recruiting table at the Pinellas Genealogy Society Seminar
- We had 2 members pass away, Alfred Richard Honeywell and Woodrow Vinson Register.
- Compatriot Dan Hooper and George Pratt represented the Chapter at the Saramana Chapter George Washington Ceremony 25 Feb 2012.
- Compatriots Dan Hooper and Art Hays presented a Flag Certificate to Donald Robbins.
- Compatriot Parks Honeywell presented a program for the Daughters of 1812
- Presented Eagle Scout Commendation certificates to 4 Scouts.
- War Service and Military Service medals were presented to Compatriots William Bolin, Ralph Hayes, Art Hays and James Phillips
- Certificates of Patriotism were presented to Lauren Bradley and Robert Raup
- Manned a recruiting table at the Suncoast Genealogy Fair.

New Membership this period

12 Member Approved by National
3 Supplements Approved by National
5 Regular Member Applications at National
4 Supplemental Applications at National
1 Member Reinstated

New Membership year to date

12 Member Approved by National
3 Supplements Approved by National
1 Member Reinstated
.2/18 The speaker spoke about black people in the Revolutionary war.

St. Petersburg:

2/18 Had a joint meeting with the DAR.
3/18 Speaker spoke on AED, the automatic external defibrillator.
4/21 Had election of officers.
4/27 Awarded JROTC Cadets.

Maj. John DeVane:

We have gained two new members.
Sr VP (soon to be President) Phil Tarpley, is to be at our next meeting in June.

Lakeland:

1/21 the speaker spoke about a WW II Submarine Commander.
2/18 The Lakeland Police Chief spoke about crime in Lakeland.
3/3 Uniformed Color Guard attended the Last naval Battle .
3/17 Fl. State Pres. Ramseur spoke about Washington crossing the Delaware.
4/21 Gave public awards at the luncheon.

Tampa

1/21 W. Cen.Reg. V.P. Nelson Weeks Jantzen installed the officers.
2/18 The speaker spoke about black people in the Revolutionary war..
3/17 The speaker spoke about Fl. in the Revolutionary Wa
4/21 they honored their ROTC cadets at their luncheon:

Southeast Regional Vice President

Dan Shepherd dts@bellsouth.net

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter:

The chapter provided nothing to report for this period.

Miami Chapter:

The Miami Chapter held two monthly meetings during January, February, March and April. The first being, the Executive Board Meeting and the second, an open Luncheon Meeting with members, wives and guest in attendance.

The Annual President's Luncheon and Installation of Officers Meeting was held February 19th with SE VP Dan Shepherd, keynote speaker and Installing Officer for the elected officers for the ensuing year. Compatriot Shepherd spoke on George Washington and shared some of the myths and trivia about Washington. Most interesting.

- A Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal was awarded to the President of the Tequesta Society, CAR during the Annual Meeting. A check in the amount of \$200.00 was donated to support chapter activities.
- A donation of \$100.00 was presented to the Tequesta Society's President for support of the Florida CAR Society.
- Additionally, a fifty year (50) membership certificate and lapel pin was presented to Compatriot David Trussell a member this Chapter.
- Compatriot Ken Harrison was presented a plaque in appreciation of his many years of devoted service to the Miami Chapter SAR.
- Outgoing President Otto Williams was presented a lapel pin and certificate attesting to his membership as a George Washington Fellow.
- President Otto Williams inducted Compatriots Trevor and Kristopher Putt, father and son into the Miami Chapter.

During the March 16th Luncheon Meeting Compatriot John Charles Cooper was inducted into the SAR and Miami Chapter. Compatriot Cooper spoke briefly expressing his appreciation in assisting him in his efforts to becoming a member of the SAR.

The President of the Miami Chapter SAR Compatriot Douglas Bridges attended the Everglades Chapter DAR's March 3rd. Luncheon/Meeting bringing greetings from the chapter.

On March 29th three members of the Miami Chapter attended the Miami-Dade County School Superintendent's Annual Pass-in-Review held at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School's athletic field.

Twenty-seven JROTC schools were represented. This school year the Miami Dade County School district JROTC experienced cadet enrollment in excess of 4,500 students sponsored by all four branches of the military, as well as the Coast Guard. As of today Miami-Dade County JROTC is the second largest school district in the nation with JROTC in every traditional high school.

VA Report:

The Miami Chapter continues to serve the Veterans of Dade County by participating with the Chaplains at the Sunday morning Church Services. We assist by bring the wheelchair patients from the Nursing Home to the Chapel and returning them to their rooms or to the Patio, whichever they prefer.

We also have two members on the VAVS Advisory Committee which meets quarterly to discuss various concerns of the patients with the Hospital Staff and how to better serve the Patients.

The Chapter participates in the various fund raising activities at the Hospital to provide the additional articles that are not provided by the VA. We participated in the "March Bake Sale" at the Hospital and we sponsor four High School Students to do Volunteer Work in the Hospital.

This last quarter we also collected Books (30) and Movie VCR tapes (6) and CD's (2) and brought to the Hospital for distribution among the Patients.

Respectfully Submitted: Doug Bridges, President, Miami Chapter FLSSAR

Palm Beach Chapter:

Held meetings on January 17, February 21, March 20, and April 17, 2012 at the Crown Plaza (now, Embassy Suites Hotel) in West Palm Beach. At the January meeting the SE Reg. Vice-President, Daniel Shepherd installed the 2012 Chapter officers. The speaker was stock broker, John Morse, who spoke on the default of the 1918 Liberty Loan. The February 21st meeting program was Judy O'Malley and Jullian Markwith from the Palm Beach County History Museum who spoke on the museum and its history. The March 20th luncheon speaker was Lt. Col. Hans Hunt, U.S. Army Retired, the Coordinator of JROTC for Seminole Ridge High School. The Chapter also presented a \$1,000.00 scholarship check to Daniel Diaz, a junior history major at Palm Beach Atlantic University. On April 24th Chapter President Samuel Miller presented an American History scholarship certificate to Daniel Diaz at Palm Beach Atlantic University's Awards Ceremony. The April 17th luncheon program was the presentation of Law Enforcement Commendation Awards to 6 area law enforcement officers. The Fire Safety Awards will be presented at the May 15th luncheon.

Southwest Regional Vice President

Vic McMurry

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Charlotte Chapter

April 2012

In February we brought in a new member, Patrick Piper, accepted a Bob Half, a dual member from Endwell, NY and acquired a transferring member from Saramana, Ren Cushing.

In March two prospective new members, Bernard Lanza and his brother Robert Lanza, are expected to submit their completed paperwork shortly. Pat Piper gave a talk on his patriot ancestor. He showed a sword that belonged to his patriot ancestor and his name was engraved in the handle, worn but visible to the eye. His family was aware that the sword had been in the family for years but did not know of its significance until Pat his research for SAR.

Larry Hurley, President



Naples Chapter

April 2012

This report picks up where the last report ended; namely, it covers the months of January, February, March and early April 2012.

January 2012 was a memorable month for members and guests of the Naples Chapter, FLSSAR.

What began during our December luncheon meeting, namely the success of home-schooled student Hannah Stimson with her oration ability, continued at the Florida Society Winter Board of Management Meeting in Kissimmee, Florida, on the 13th and 14th of January. At that meeting, the State Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest was held. The headline coming out of that competition was simply stated as: Hannah Stimson Wins State! Earlier in the month, on 5 January 2012, thirty-one chapter members and guests

met at the Country Club of Naples. Highlights of the luncheon meeting included five significant events: First, we celebrated the 100th year of the Girl Scouts of America. Our guest of honor was Ms. Barbara Van Essen. Other Girl Scouts guest included troop mom Ms. Sharon Zwicker and Girl Scout Juniors Magnolia Cahill, Emilia Zwicker, Victoria Brenes, and Lauren Wollkof. Ms. Van Essen gave us an informative presentation of the status of the Girls Scouts in America today. And the aforementioned Girl Scout Juniors exhibited patriotism and honor: they respectfully join our color guard and carried with pride the American and SAR Flags. All were presented Certificates of Appreciation. Next, we recognized five visiting SAR guests from various State Societies across America. They were Horine Wallace of Kentucky; Jeffrey Wood of Massachusetts; Doug Weimer of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Garey of Michigan. Third, we witnessed a presentation by Dick Hazen as he placed a "Patriot in the Spotlight." Fourth, we applauded the awarding of Meritorious Service Medals to Compatriots Don Cahill and Dick Hazen. And finally, we honored the World War II service of Compatriot Cal Whitney. Cal received a NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism signed by the NSSAR President General, a Florida Society Certificate of Congratulations signed by State President David Ramseur, and the War Service Medal from the Naples Chapter.

February 2012. On the second of the month, forty-seven SAR Naples Chapter members and guests gathered at the Country Club of Naples, to honor and celebrate three significant things. First, we honored select JROTC Cadets and their Senior Instructors (SI) from the seven high schools in Collier County. Six of the seven cadet honorees competed for the title of the Naples Chapter Outstanding Cadet in the Collier County School District. Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Lake Yoke of Barron Collier HS won the prize. The Naples Chapter competition included an essay, which was judged by Immediate Past President Roy Richardson, First Vice President Jack Dennis, and Second Vice President Harris Tucker. Next, we presented a Meritorious Service Medal and a War Service Medal to Compatriot and 20th Judicial Circuit Magistrate Judge James M. McGarity. And third, we inducted new chapter member Ed Lary.

March 2012. During this month, our Chapter celebrated the 39th Birthday of its founding. The evening dinner-meeting was held at the Country Club of Naples. FLSSAR President David Ramseur and First Lady Marjorie were the guests of honor. In addition to special recognition given to select SAR members, DAR members, and guests, the highlight of the evening was the induction of no less than 25 SAR members into the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. The featured speaker was Dr. Patrick Bottiger, Florida Gulf Coast University. His topic was: A Revolutionary Link to American Indian Wars.

Early April 2012. On April 5th the Naples Chapter inducted Jay Jewett, awarded one War Service Medal and two Military Service Medal, and presented to the membership the slate of officer for 2012-2013. Induction of the new chapter officers will occur May 4th.

Prepared by Chuck Sweeney, President

Caloosa Chapter

April 2012

Caloosa Chapter's January 11 meeting was at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. The Chapter Officers presented the program about their duties and responsibilities encouraging members to understudy each position for future leadership.

The Caloosa Chapter met February 8 at the Edison Restaurant in Fort Myers. George Colom of the Marine Corp League spoke about the refurbishing of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Cape Coral—one of three made by Felix DeWeldon showing the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi in WWII. President Moody presented Compatriot Rick Warren the SAR War Service Medal with Vietnam Bar.

Caloosa Chapter also met March 9 at the Crown Plaza in Fort Myers. New member Larry Rubin was inducted. The Chapter also presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal to Officer Justin Altman of the Cape Coral Police Department for exemplary police work and saving the life of an infant during a traffic stop.

The April 11 meeting was at the Hilton Garden Inn near Edison College in Fort Myers. Caloosa Chapter member Harold Theiss who was one of the designers of the Space Shuttle and NASA Chief Engineer spoke about his work at NASA. The SAR Fire Safety Commendation and Medal was presented to Battalion Chief Alan Carter of Cape Coral Fire Department, Fire Marshal for the City of Cape Coral.

The Caloosa Chapter is exploring new meeting locations. A committee identified three locations which were "auditioned" February through April. Currently, Registrar Lee Matson is working on applications with 16 prospective members and the President is working on 4 additional applications; most are documented and ready for submission.

Respectfully, Randy D. Moody, President

Highlands Chapter

April 2012

The Highlands Chapter has reelected our current officers for this May 2012 – May 2014 term.

J. Ron Smith will become our 2nd V.P., consequently our officers will be as follows:

O.W. “Woody” Woodard President

John Frey 1st V.P.

J. Ron Smith 2nd V.P., Chancellor

George Frey Secretary

Mike Flood Treasurer, Register and Newsletter Publisher

Rev Wm Van Duzer Chaplain

Dr. Don Ware Surgeon

New members: Milton Krom National #182799

New Appl Bill Wilder

Pending Appl: Bill Geiger, James Dean, Wilford Beaton, Rod Dilling

Woody

Sarasota Chapter

January 2012

- FLSSAR President David Ramsuer installed the Officers during his visit to the Chapter for the December 2011 Meeting. The President and Mrs. Ramsuer both gave a presentation on the famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware.

- This Chapter continues to have difficulty recruiting members to participate in some of our most worthwhile programs to include publicity, newsletter editor and a few other activities. Positive action is being taken with the goal to encourage our membership to step forward to keep this Chapter operating successfully.

DISTRICT AMERICANISM/VETERANS’/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Our Saramana Vice President and Veterans Affairs Chairman was invited to address the Sarasota County Veterans’ Council with a presentation for awareness of actions being taken in Washington D.C. to use the Military Veterans Medical Care System (TRICARE PRIME) and TRICARE for LIFE (Retirees Medical LAW-Not an Insurance) to reduce the budget deficit. The presentation was received with extensive applause. The Council Chairman immediately arranged a personal appointment to bring this issue directly to Congressman Vernon Buchanan, District 13, as our voice in Congress. The appointment is set for 20 April 2012 and the Saramana Veterans Affairs Chairman has been invited to attend and make the same presentation. The presentation is a-political and merely voices serious concerns for the health and welfare of all Veterans from all wars and conflicts. The proposed action contemplated by Congress also severely impacts negatively, the entire families of all veterans and our economy on the National and State level.

- The Saramana Vice President was invited and reported on the events conducted at the George Washington Birthday luncheon where recipients of the Purple Heart and Women Veterans were honored by our Congressional Representative for their military service with a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation.

- The Saramana Chapter conducted a Wounded Warrior program during our George Washington Birthday Luncheon Meeting. The meeting was held at the Laurel Oak country Club in Sarasota, Florida. There were 218 members and guests present for the program. Thirty six Purple Heart Recipients from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 156, were escorted between two columns of a 12-man Honor Guard, up to a podium. A synopsis of their of their experiences was read and each member received a Special designed medal prepared by the Saramana Chapter. Further, each recipient received a congressional Certificate of Appreciation and a separate Certificate of Appreciation from the Saramana Chapter. The Women Veterans were also escorted through the Honor Guard by JROTC Students from four separate High Schools. They too, received the Congressional and Saramana Certificates of Appreciation for their services.

- ABC Channel 7 videotaped an interview with one of the Co-Chairs of the Wounded Warrior Program. This interview was aired on the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 pm newscasts.

- As of the March 2012, the Saramana Chapter has presented 15 WWII Certificates to our member veterans.

PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM

- Saramana SAR submitted this report in accordance with the NSSAR directions.
- #### NATIONAL CEMETERY

- Compatriot Harold Crapo, Jr. and Auxiliary Member Elaine Crapo responded and received two American Burial Flags for two Military Veterans buried without family members present. The recipients gave one flag to CPO/AGC Harold Crapo III and he is having the flag flown at Norfolk Naval Base in honor of the deceased Seaman from WWII. The other flag was given to a Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart recipient, and he is flying the flag in front of his Hydroponic Farm Business in honor of the Army Private who died and was buried on the same day. We hope to refine this process further.

FIREMEN and EMT AWARDS

- Medal Awards and Certificates were presented during our March Luncheon Meeting to four Firemen/EMT's that were nominated by their supervisors as Firemen/EMT's of the year 2011. The awardees represented North Port, Venice, Sarasota and Bradenton.

Secretary

Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Referrals As of April 25th, I have received and referred to the appropriate local chapter 23 prospective applicants. These contacts are from the FLLSAR website or the National website only – not from the DAR Liaison efforts at the FSDAR Forums.

New member and Supplemental application packet processing Once I receive these packets from National Registrar, I have to add the new member information (name, National & State numbers, USPS & e-mail addresses, phone numbers, birth date, chapter membership, Patriot Ancestor information) into the secretary's database, record the state number on the member's Record Copies and add a letter from the Florida President to the packet. It is then ready to be mailed. Some chapters have wondered why I add some peanut packing material to the envelope. In order for me to mail the packet and have a Delivery Confirmation notification (so that I know that the packet didn't get 'lost in the mail') per USPS regulations, the packet must either be sent Priority Mail (expensive), a box package, OR be at least 3/4" thick. Thus, I add peanut material to increase the thickness to at least 3/4".

New Members:

From January 12th to date, the Florida Society has 62 new members approved:

- 7 Junior members
- 2 Memorial members
- 53 Regular members

Annual Chapter/State report Once again, as happened in 2011, National has not been able to complete the Annual State reconciliations (as of April 20th) due to other states having issues that need resolution. Part of the problem for National is that not every state society has a secretary that uses a computer; meaning the he doesn't have e-mail and can't use the electronic Reconciliation report format that National has developed. This adds time for the state society to complete their report and National in processing and reconciling that report. What this means is that any transactions that National needs to process such as Transfers In/Out between Florida and other state societies have to wait until ALL states have had their annual reports reconciled. This highlights the need for any compatriot that is considering transferring from or into the Florida Society do so before December 1st. Waiting until the chapter report is due in December will be too late – he will have to wait until after the 2012 Annual state reports are reconciled at National – perhaps as late as May 2013. This is frustrating for the member and the chapter. See below for steps in requesting a transfer.

Once again this year, I will send each chapter roster to the designated chapter officer for him to start collecting dues, verifying the chapter members' information (Address, e-mail address, phone number, member type). It will be sent as an EXCEL worksheet. PLEASE return the EXCEL worksheet in an E-mail message **attachment**.

Updating member information such as mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number is ultimately the responsibility of the member. He needs to know how and who to contact with that change. He should contact his chapter secretary so that the chapter records are correct. The chapter secretary should then contact the state secretary with that information. To update National's database, the member or the chapter secretary can log into the National Member Database and make the appropriate corrections. When a member dies, the chapter notifies the state secretary and the state chaplain and can then

use Compatriot Death Report Form found in the Forms link at sar.org. These updates will help to ensure that members get the communications and publications that come with membership.

Requests for Transfers The form (Form 0919) used by national for this transaction delineates the steps required for this to be completed. It seems that some members wanting to transfer membership from one state society to another state society are confused as to the process. When a chapter has a member contemplating this transfer action, they should inform their member that the Form 0919 goes **first** to the demitting state society's secretary for signature. It does not go to the receiving state society's secretary. The demitting state must affirm that the transferring member is a member in good standing. In other words, that he is a PAID member.

E-3 Status Everyone needs to be reminded that E-3 status is required to be requested on an annual basis – **it is not a permanently granted status**. For those chapters that have E-3 members, you must request approval of that status, with appropriate justification, to the Executive Committee at either the Summer or Fall BOM meeting.

Note to 2012-2013 Nominating Committee. I will be relinquishing the Secretary's office after this coming term, 2012-2013. So, a search for this position should start almost immediately. I will work with and (hopefully) help the next Secretary become familiar with the database and the various tasks involved.

Treasurer

Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 1/1/2012 to 5/1/2012

| <u>RECEIPTS:</u> | <u>2012 Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dues Income | 74,910.00 | 93,000.00 |
| Operating Trust Income | 2,623.94 | 2500.00 |
| BOM Income net of expenses | 116.14 | 856.49 |
| Other Income | 1,403.00 | 672.00 |
| TOTAL | 78,930.65 | 97,028.49 |
| <u>DISBURSMENTS:</u> | | |
| State Officers | 2240.71 | 6470.00 |
| Youth Programs | 4927.00 | 9400.00 |
| Other Committees | 0 | 92,010.00 |
| Other Expenses | 54,794.16 | |
| TOTAL | 61,961.87 | 107,880.00 |
| Receipts over disbursements | 16,968.78 | (10851.51) |

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION 5/1/2012

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|---|---------------------|--|
| Assets: | | |
| Checking | \$ 39,453.85 | |
| Wachovia CD #2020 @ 1.01% | \$ 8,640.99 | |
| Wachovia CD #5795 @ 0.05% | \$ 8,522.90 | |
| SM BUS MM #1823 @ 0.85% | <u>\$ 37,400.23</u> | |
| Investments: | \$ 94,016.98 | |
| Pepco Holding 400 shares @ 18.83 | <u>\$ 7,556.00</u> | |
| TOTAL | \$101,572.98 | |
| Funded Liabilities: Fund 4 Florida's Future | \$292.00 | |
| Deland Chapter Escrow | <u>\$5,903.38</u> | |
| TOTAL | \$6,195.38 | |

Finance Committee: Lindsey Brock, David Kelsey, Elwin Moore, Jay Wise and Hall Riediger, Chairman

NOTE: Deland Chapter has ceased as a viable Chapter and the members have given the Chapter funds to the Florida Society, this money will be held in order to fund a new Deland Chapter in the future. We thank the members of the Deland Chapter and Henry Sellars for their understanding and commitment to the FLSSAR.

- 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.
- Recommend using paper clips instead of staples.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.
- Any name, date or location used in the application generation requires a document to prove that information. Do not enter names, dates or locations in this section a proof document has been provided that exactly matches that information.

Notes of Interest:

- New Registrar's Manual / Genealogy Policy Manual has just been released and can be downloaded from www.sar.org by click on Compatriots, then on NSSAR Committees, then on Genealogy Committee, then on Genealogy Policies and Registrar's Manual. All FLSSAR Chapter Registrars are required to comply with these two documents when submitting any application.
You must now create a user account for access to the NSSAR Application Status Report and is highly recommended all chapter registrars apply for a user account so they will be able to monitor chapter applications. NSSAR Pended Application Status Report still available without NSSAR login and is normally updated on a monthly basis and available for viewing/download at <http://www.sar.org/hq/application/PendingApps.pdf> .
- 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

Randy Moody

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The following compatriots have graduated from this life on earth to their eternal home. I sent condolences on behalf of the FLSSAR to the families of our deceased compatriots for whom contact information was provided.

| Compatriot | National | State | Chapter |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|---------------|
| Frank A. Smith | 133297 | 6059 | Brevard |
| Alfred Richard Honeywell | 181738 | 9961 | Clearwater |
| Woodrow Vinson Register | 99124 | 2262 | Clearwater |
| Herbert Flanders | 179395 | 9809 | Saramana |
| Albert Little | 136397 | 6348 | Deland |
| LTC Edward S. Hoyt | 107647 | 3308 | Saramana |
| Terence Walton | 161936 | 8437 | Caloosa |
| Basil Lancaster | 142521 | 6964 | Saramana |
| Frederick N. Boswell | 160983 | 8375 | Emerald Coast |

It has been a pleasure to serve as the FLSSAR Chaplain for the past five years. During this time, 216 Florida Compatriots entered the Memorial Roll. Rev. Dr. Roy Martin is nominated to succeed me at this meeting and I am confident he will serve the Florida Society admirably. I hope to continue serving you as the next Chaplain General if the election goes in my favor at Congress in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain Randy D. Moody

Recording Secretary

William Fuller

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Please provide name/chapter when speaking to BOM.

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Nothing to Report

Parliamentarian

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Nothing to report at this time.

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Nothing to report

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Nothing to report

Historian

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Nothing to report

Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

I am gratified and pleased that I have received articles for publication in *The Florida Patriot* from compatriots. I will gladly accept more content of photos of *special events* and articles on the revolution or that period of time. Now my only regret might be that I would have a difficult time in deciding which submission to use in which issue and what to do with those I don't have room for. A unique dilemma to be sure. Remember when viewing *The Florida Patriot* online, the size of the image is dependent on what level of zoom you have Adobe Reader set at. You can increase or decrease the size of the view to suit your needs. The Issues are placed on the FLSSAR website just as it is printed in hardcopy. Trying to create a second 'version' of the issue to preclude the necessity of following an article to another page and structure it as a long e-mail message is counterproductive and a disadvantage to our state magazine in the NSSAR competition for best publication – the judges will be looking at the online version for the competition.

Summer Issue DEADLINE is June 11th for submission of the standard reports: President's message, Chaplain's report, Recording Secretary's BOM report, Chapter's report for the Chapter News section.

For USPS Mailing to all Florida members of the Spring Issue for 32 pages, the cost was \$2,150.00 + 565.00 in postage = \$2,715.00. For USPS Mailing/**e-mailing** to all Florida members of the 2012 Winter Issue for 28 pages, the total cost was \$1,648.46. A difference of \$1,066.54.

Reader Survey A Reader Survey form is at the end of this booklet that I would ask you to fill out and return to me. If possible, make copies and give it to your chapter members for them to respond. As a note concerning the 'President's Message' and 'Editor's Cut' articles, it is typical among **organizational** magazine to have both these types of articles. Publications such as the New England Historical and Genealogical Society's *The Register*, AAA's *Going Place*, The Smithsonian's magazine and others have both. So our inclusion of both is the norm.

Note to 2012-2013 Nominating Committee. I will be relinquishing the Editor's office after this coming term, 2012-2013. So, a search for this position should start almost immediately.

Webmaster

Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

The State Members Area Site continues to be in development with the testing and modification of over 600 different pages. Increased capabilities for access to Past Member Records, More information regarding individual awards and increased search capabilities. Additional work is on going on a Source Book. This will be a one stop shop to get all kinds of information about the State Chapter, Committees and all of the information now kept in the Original site in "Procedures Manual" plus much more. The website is a work in progress and there will be a demonstration on Saturday the 5th at 9am at the Spring BOM.

Submitted by
Scott Bushnell

National Officer Report

Lindsey Brock, Registrar General

Gave report on the progress of application approval process; society size status as #3. SAR membership level stands at 28,656 as of May 3rd.

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

Chairman: Roy Martin, Jr. rmartin398@aol.com

Members: Roy A. Martin, Jr. (Chairman), Charles Kime, and Samuel Martin

Gives thanks to Hall for all his assistance in providing needed information.

In accordance with its charter, the Audit Committee performed an internal audit of the books and records of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Audit Committee performed the following procedures during its internal audit:

1. Reviewed copies of all bank statements of the Florida Society for 2011.
2. Reviewed copies of all cancelled checks that cleared the Florida Society's accounts during 2011.
3. Based on the review of cancelled checks, judgmentally selected a number of disbursements for testing and asked the Treasurer of the Florida Society for an explanation of these disbursements. All explanations were reasonable and satisfactory.
4. Reviewed all bank reconciliations as of December 31, 2011 noting that the balances agreed to the records of the Florida Society at December 31, 2011.
5. Reviewed a copy of the stock certificate for the Florida Society's restricted investment noting that the stock was registered to the Florida Society and that its value at December 21, 2011 agreed to the records of the Florida Society.

Based on the procedures performed during its internal audit, the records of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution appear to be in order as of the year ended December 31, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

In article five, section two of volume one of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Procedures Manual, that the phrase, "or Financial Review," be added after the word, "audit," in each instance so that the section would read:

"The President shall appoint an Audit Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, and audit or financial review of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such audit or financial review shall be presented to the BOM for approval . . .etc."

RATIONALE

The word, "audit," when used in relation to for profit and not for profit organizations, generally refers to the type of financial inspection performed by firms of practicing accountants who are experts in financial reporting. The

International Standards on Auditing (ISA) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) is considered as the benchmark for audit process.

When an organization conducts its own internal audit, this is generally referred to as a Financial Review which is considered satisfactory for legal purposes but is typically not as thorough as an audit.

While the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution may wish to have an actual audit conducted periodically such as when the incumbent treasurer resigns or completes his term, in most years, a financial review should suffice. By adding the language we suggest to the definition of the Audit Committee, such freedom to conduct an audit is maintained while more accurately defining what is actually done on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted, Roy A. Martin, Jr., Chairman, Audit Committee

Executive

David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

This report will be given orally.

Finance

Chairman: Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

Expense and Budget Report May 1, 2012

| Income/ Expense Account | Income /Expense | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Actual 2011 | Actual 2012 | 2011 Budget | 2012 Budget |
| 101 Dues Income | \$71,520.00 | 73,205.00 | \$85,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| 103 OTF Distribution | 2,665.88 | 2,623.94 | 2,500.00 | 2600.00 |
| 106 State Registrar Receipts | 6,790.00 | 1,705.00 | 8,000.00 | 8000.00 |
| 109 State Secretary Receipts | 1,275.00 | 0 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 112 Hospitality Income | 376.56 | 10.71 | 0 | 0 |
| 115 Other Income | 1,375.00 | 1000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| 201 Pepco Stock Dividend | 432.00 | 108.00 | 432.00 | 432.00 |
| 205 Interest Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 301 BOM Receipts | 12,056.00 | 2,548.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 303 50/50 Income | 323.00 | 48.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| 306 Donations Received | 1,360.79 | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| F4F2 Income | 104.00 | 47.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | 98,278.23 | 81,495.65 | 111,372.00 | 101,472.00 |
| 401 President's Expense | 1,332.30 | 1,215.08 | 2,400.00 | 2400.00 |
| 403 Sr. VP's Expense | 119.88 | 0 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 406 RVP's Expense | 0 | 0 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 409 Secretary's Expense | 1,156.71 | 568.42 | 1,000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 412 Treasurer's Expense | 158.34 | 0 | 360.00 | 250.00 |
| 415 Registrar's Expense | 528.53 | 49.31 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 418 Recording Secretary's Expense | 0 | 0 | 120.00 | 100.00 |
| 421 Editor's Expense | 0 | 0 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 424 Chaplain's Expense | 86.40 | 0 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 427 Webmaster's Expense | 0 | 407.90 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 430 Other Officer Expenses | 97.47 | 0 | 300.00 | 300.00 |

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|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 440 Secretaries Archive & Records Expense | 4,800.00 | 2,400.00 | 4800.00 | 4800.00 |
| 450 BOM Expense | 12,333.20 | 2,236.67 | 15000.00 | 15000.00 |
| 455 Web Expenses | 38.97 | 257.94 | 0 | 0 |
| 460 FLSSAR Internet | 54.00 | 54.00 | 0 | 0 |
| 462 BOM Reimbursement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 464 BOM Reimbursement HOSPITALITY | 204.41 | 205.90 | 0 | 0 |
| 466 Technology Committee | 864.88 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 501 Knight Essay Contest Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 503 American History Teachers Contest | 84.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 506 Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee | 1,877.30 | 1,750.00 | 2000.00 | 2000.00 |
| 509 JROTC Committee | 2,224.21 | 0 | 2000.00 | 2000.00 |
| 515 Good Citizenship Committee | 892.58 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 518 Patriotic Education Committee | 475.00 | 475.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 521 Rumbaugh Oration Committee | 2066.82 | 1,702.00 | 2500.00 | 3500.00 |
| 524 Education Committee | 1000.00 | 0 | 1000.00 | 500.00 |
| 527 Americanism Poster Contest | 360.50 | 0 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| 533 FSCAR Collection Payments | 700.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 536 FSCAR Annual Donation | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 539 History Fair | 0 | 0 | 600.00 | 100.00 |
| 601 Center for Advancing America's Heritage | 1000.00 | 0 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 606 NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 609 NSSAR Library | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 612 Battle of Pensacola | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 2000.00 |
| 615 Last Naval Battle | 829.60 | 1,561.89 | 1500.00 | 2000.00 |
| 621 Sons of Liberty Brigade | 90.82 | 0 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 624 Support the Troops Expense | 1780.33 | 0 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| 701 National Dues | 36830.00 | 42,955.00 | 51000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| 703 Dues Refunds | 305.00 | 580.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 705 Reinstatement Dues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 712 National Officers Development | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 801 Chapter Challenge | 0 | 50.13 | 0 | 0 |
| 803 Medals and Awards Committee | 579.68 | 0 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 806 Patriot Medal Committee | 71.45 | 0 | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| 809 Newsletter and | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 | 500.00 |

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| Periodicals Committee | | | | |
| 812 Publicity Committee | 450.00 | 0 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 901 Executive Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 903 New Chapter Development Committee | 617.57 | 400.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 906 Audit Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 909 Genealogy Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 918 Procedures Manual Committee | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 927 Other Committees Expenses | 0 | 0 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 933 Bank Charges and Expenses | 14.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 936 Miscellaneous Expenses | 300.97 | 1,641.25 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 939 D&O Insurance Expense | 769.23 | 0 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 1001 Florida Patriot Expense | 9769.84 | 2,720.95 | 10000.00 | 10000.00 |
| 1003 Postage & Delivery | 24.41 | 27.00 | 50.00 | 75.00 |
| George Washington Trust Fund (Pensacola Chapter) | | 1,000.00 | | |
| Total Expenses | 92,337.49 | 64,458.44 | 107,880.00 | 101,450.00 |

RVP's please notify your Chapters that they need to file their 990N with the IRS.

Also RVP's let your Chapters know, also yourselves that the following checks are still outstanding.

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|------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2600 | Pensacola Chapter | Earl Marlin Contest | 25.00 |
| 2648 | Sarasota Trophy and Award | Patriot Medals | 69.95 |
| 2690 | William Stanley | NSSAR Refund | 40.00 |
| 2693 | Malcom L. Reed | NSSAR Refund | 45.00 |
| 2711 | Aaron Snowden Chapter | Dues Refund | 50.00 |
| 2715 | Nathan Lovestrand | Eagle Scout | 1,000.00 |
| 2721 | NSCAR | Annual Donation | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| | | Total | 3,184.95 |

Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net

The Medals and Awards Committee approved awarding The Silver Good Citizenship Medal to T. Terrell Sessums, a member of the Tampa Chapter. It was presented at the Chapter level.

The State was asked to participate in the recognition of Compatriot Karl Briel a member of the Massachusetts Society, Col. Henshaw Chapter who had been a 40 Year member of the Society and dual member of the Florida Society. Compatriot Briel was a pilot in WWII and the Korean conflict. A certificate of Distinguished Service was approved by The Committee, signed by President Ramseur and mailed to the Chapter President, Verne L. Thayer, II for presentation at their March 17, 2012 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gerald E. Meeks, Chairman Medals and awards Committee

Nominating

Chairman: Gerald Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net

Proposed slate of 2012-2013 Officers:

President – Phil Tarpley, Saramana
SVP – Theodore Duay III, Ft Lauderdale
Secretary – Steven Williams, Brevard
Treasurer – Herman Riediger, St Lucie River
Member-at-large – Gerald E Meeks, Palm Beach
VP NW – Ed Young, Pensacola
VP NC – Scott Bushnell, Lake-Sumter
VP NE – Dr Oscar Patterson III, St Augustine
VP EC – Jeff Sizemore, Central Florida
VP WC – Nelson Jantzen, Clearwater
VP SE – Douglas H Bridges, Miami
VP SW – Victor McMurry, Saramana
Recording Secretary – William Fuller, Brevard
Chancellor – Carl Hoffman, Saramana
Registrar – Ray Lantz, Pensacola
Chaplain – Roy A Martin Jr, Lake City
Genealogist – Richard B Cardell
Historian – Harold Crapo
Editor, *The Florida Patriot* – Steven Williams, Brevard
Sergeant-at Arms – Clarence A Barrett, Saramana
Webmaster – Scott Bushnell, Lake City
National Trustee – David Ramseur, Jacksonville
Alternate Trustee – Phillip Carr, St Lucie River
Alternate trustee – Victor McMurry, Saramana

Gerald E. Meeks, Chairman, Nominating Committee

Patriot Medal

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

The Patriots of the Class of 2012 will be recognized on Saturday evening. My thanks to the members of the Committee: John Cahoon, Edward “Bud” Casey, Ron Hamilton, and Carl Hoffman.

NSSAR Affairs

Advancing America’s Heritage (ad-hoc)

Chairman: David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

An average donation of \$250 for each and every member of a society is the funding goal of the CAAH. Nine states have already qualified and will have their names prominently displayed in the new Center. Florida’s average donation increased from \$80 to \$120 during the year – still far short of the goal. North Carolina is the only state in our District to qualify so far with an average of \$329 per member.

All donors need to continue to donate and those who have not donated yet should fill out the donation/pledge form and send their contribution to the SAR Foundation promptly. In Vermont 60% of its members have donated to the CAAH as individuals. Florida’s percentage is 20%. Five states have donation rates of 30% or higher.

In March the Trustees authorized the expenditures for detailed design work on the first phase of renovating the Fulton-Conway building (the future CAAH). With luck in fund raising, construction on this phase could begin within the next year. About 2.5 million dollars is needed for this initial structural work. So far Florida has contributed a little over \$200,000 since the beginning about 10 years ago. Our goal should be near \$500,000.

The CAAH is NSSAR's new flagship outreach education program designed to reach a national audience including programs for states and chapters to use. It is in addition to all the usual programs we now have. The programs will accomplish things that states cannot possibly do by themselves. As loyal SAR members and patriotic Americans, we all should support its creation.

Credentials

Chairman: Vic McMurry vicmc4@gmail.com

The National Congress credentials have been delivered and signed by the Secretary and will be ready for the National Congress.

NSSAR Constitution & By-Laws Review (ad-hoc)

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

Nothing to report at this time.

NSSAR Library

Chairman: Open

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National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann hoffmaria@yahoo.com

Nothing to Report

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

Chairman: Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Nothing new to report

Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Nelson Jantzen nelson7772008@hotmail.com

Thank you to Vic for creating the PDF form on the website.

Charter & By-laws

Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

Items previously discussed but no proposals planned until July BOM.

Item open for discussion: Rights of Dual members -

As a dual member of a state society you have all the rights of a regular member of the State Society and can hold offices in either or both of the State Societies at the same time, but you cannot be a voting representative of both Societies at the same Regional or National meeting.

Genealogy

Ray Lantz rclantz@cox.net

Nothing to report

Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Co-Chairman: Lindsey Brock lindsey.brock@comcast.net

Co-Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

Committee Members: Frank Hodalski, Saramana, George Lockhart, Jacksonville, Steve Williams, Brevard,

The Southeast Region RVP is assigned the July BOM duties with his chapters

The East Central Region RVP is assigned the October BOM duties with his chapters

The West Central Region RVP is assigned the January 2013 BOM duties with his chapters

The South West Region RVP is assigned the May 2013 BOM and Annual meeting duties with his chapters

Listed below are the 2012-2013 BOM meeting dates and the Annual/Spring 2013 meeting dates:

Summer - July 27, 28, 2012

Fall - October 19, 20, and 2012

Winter – January 11, 12, 2013

Spring Annual Meeting - **May 3, 4, 5, 2013**

For the contract year 2012-2013 the room rates at the Ramada Plaza Hotel-Inn Gateway, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL will remain at the reduced rate of (\$55.00 + taxes). Plaza tower rooms will also remain at the reduced rate of (\$65.00 + taxes). Plaza tower one-bedroom suites will remain the same (\$99.00 + taxes) for 2012-2013. Meal prices will also remain in the same price range during the contract period.

Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

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New Chapter Development (ad-hoc)

Jeffrey Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

To start a new chapter, the requirements is volunteers that are willing to take on the role of as officers in a new chapter and recruit at least ten (10) members consisting of existing SAR members and potential new members. Based on past experience of chapters that continue to thrive, members need to be enthusiastic and willing to put forth an effort both in the beginning and continue for the sake of the chapter to make an impact in the community it serves.

All new members usually have submitted their paperwork for SAR membership ahead of time so that everyone is a member of the NSSAR and FLSSAR at the time that the chapter is chartered.

Newsletters and Periodicals

Jeffrey Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

This year this committee continued the tradition of evaluating the various chapter newsletters for the 2012 Richard Q. Fowler Newsletter Award. The evaluation guidelines and instructions conformed to the Guidelines for Judging per the NSSAR website.

The chapters that had newsletter evaluated as part of this contest were: Brevard, Caloosa, Central Florida, Charlotte, Clearwater, Flagler, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Highlands, Jacksonville, Naples, Saramana, St. Augustine, St. Lucie River, Tampa, and Withlacoochee. We appreciate all their hard work they have put in to their newsletter to keep their chapter members informed of various events, news items and historical knowledge. We encourage the remaining FLSSAR chapters to consider creating a chapter newsletter so that we can include them also in next year's committee evaluation.

Upon carefully evaluating each of the respective chapter's newsletters, the evaluated ranking of the 1st place through 6th place of the Richard Q. Fowler Newsletter Award is as follows:

1st Place Award Winner: Brevard Chapter

2nd Place Award Winner: Clearwater Chapter

3rd Place Award Winner: Naples Chapter

Honorable Mention Citations:

4th Place: Central Florida Chapter
5th Place: Saramana Chapter
6th Place: St. Lucie River Chapter

All newsletter editors are encouraged to browse other chapter newsletter for ideas so that everyone's publications are fresh and informative to their chapter members. Besides this state contest, there is a NSSAR national newsletter contest that you can find the details on the NSSAR website.

Procedures Manual

Chairman: Phil Wright WrightSAR@cfl.rr.com

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Technology Advisory Committee

Chairman: Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

FLATalk Administrator: There are 180 subscribers out of 1570 members of which close to 1000 have e-mail addresses. I have been asked why all Florida members (with e-mail) aren't on the subscriber list and/or why aren't they automatically added. Part of the reason is that the Distribution List provider's rules are that this type of list is an OPT IN – the member must actively ask to be a subscriber. The other reason would be that we, as a society, have not made it policy that upon submitting an application one must provide an e-mail address and that by doing so one is agreeing to have that address used for delivery of FLATalk messages and any other Florida communications. Such a policy would then enable the Society to broadcast messages of society business to all subscribers. Certainly, concomitant with this new policy we would have to have strict policy rules governing what messages could be sent via FLATalk.

Steve Williams, FLATalk Administrator

Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

NSSAR upcoming Color Guard Events of interest to FL Brigade (see at end of document) J. Michael "Mike" Tomme, Sr., NSSAR National Color Guard Commander

Vigil @ the Tomb of George and Martha Washington

The Vigil will take place again on 8 September 2012. The times are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Past Commander Joe Dooley will be posting information later so you will know where to go. Joe is gathering names of hotels in the area for those traveling from out of state. He will provide me with a list of those so that you can make reservation.

On 8 September 2012, @ 4:15 p.m., the George Washington SAR Chapter will be presenting a wreath @ Arlington National Cemetery @ the Tomb of the Unknown, and they have requested members of the National Color Guard to take part in this ceremony. You would need to arrive at least one hour before the ceremony and no later than 30 minutes before.

225th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the U. S. Constitution. The event is being held on September 14-15, 2012. This is being hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, PASSAR, Philadelphia, PA, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This is information for our Chapter Color Guard Commanders. We would like to see a large contingent of Guardsman at this important event. Also, any SAR member is welcome to join us for this event.

FL NSSAR Color Guard Events

The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremonies

The list of Florida Compatriots of the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty FL Brigade who participated in the event as members of the Color Guard unit: As a national Color Guard event, these compatriots will have this event listed for possible future inclusion in a recommendation for the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Brevard Chapter

Ben DuBose, Phil Wright, Steve Williams, Ron Ryan, George Darby, Ellis Keen

John Malcolm, Carl Green, Fuller 'Sonny' Jones

St Lucie River Chapter

Bob Donnahoo, Jay Wise, Hall Riediger
Lakeland Chapter
Mel Sellers, Richard Hagermann
Withlacoochee Chapter
Charlie Day

Caloosa Chapter

General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp

The General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard participated in the rededication ceremony of the recently refurbished Iwo Jima monument in Cape Coral, Florida on Saturday, February 25 which was two days after the 67th anniversary of the flag raising. It is one of only three made by Felix DeWeldon depicting the scene in the Joe Rosenthal photograph of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the American Flag on Mount Suribachi during WWII. Over a dozen survivors of the Iwo Jima battle attended the ceremony and were introduced to a very appreciative crowd; Caloosa Chaplain Allen Brown provided the invocation and benediction for the event. Guardsmen participating are Randy D. Moody, Philip Moody, Bob Easterly, and Earl Kennedy.

Details participating included (in order) USMC Color Guard, 4th Amphibious Battalion, Tampa, FL; USMC Honor Rifle Detail, 4th Tank Battalion, Hialeah, FL; General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp SAR Color Guard, Caloosa Chapter; VFW Post 8364 Color Guard, Cape Coral, FL; and Lexington CC Veterans Color Guard, Fort Myers, FL.

Randy D. Moody, Commander

Jacksonville, Brevard, and Central Florida chapters

Color Guardsmen President David Ramseur, George Lockhart, Steve Williams, and Norm Myers present Colors for the March 16 2012 FLSDAR Spring Forum and Annual meeting Friday Night Banquet.

Saramana Chapter Nathaniel Greene Camp #8

The Laurel Oak Country Club was the scene Saturday, 25 February 2012 for the annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon hosted by the Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR. The master of Ceremonies was Phillip H. Tarpley, Senior Vice President of the FLSSAR Chairman and originator of the Saramana SAR Wounded Warrior Project. The special guests included members of the 5 local chapters of the DAR, the Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 759, Knights of Columbus Patriot Honor Guard and Lt. Col. Dr. Rich Swier, President of Sarasota County Veterans Commission the featured Speaker. Clearwater and Tampa SAR Chapter CG members joined our Saramana Color & Honor Guard members. The banquet room was full to capacity with 219 honorees and guests including 33 Wounded Warriors, 24 honored female veterans. Two parents were there to receive the medal for their Heroes. Tarpley remarked that the Sons of the American Revolution are descendants of America's first Veterans and this program was our way of thanking all veterans for their service.

The "Wounded Warriors" chosen by the Military Order of the Purple Heart received the Saramana SAR Chapter Wounded Warrior Medal and Wounded Warrior Certificate Award.

Joan Hansen from U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan's Office presented the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. The Female Veterans from several Veteran organizations received the SAR Military Service Award and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

All of the Honorees are military men and women from our past wars, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, current Iraq and Afghanistan war. JROTC Cadets in full dress uniform escorted all of the Honorees through the 12 member Colonial Patriot Honor Guard of SAR and Knights of Columbus to receive their award. The Cadets are from Venice, North Port, Gulf Coast High Schools, and the Sarasota Military Academy.

The Honor Guard members then marched forward and stood at attention in front of the head table. Florida SAR Society Sgt. at Arms Chuck Barrett escorted the Parents of two Heroes from the Afghanistan War past the Honor Guard to introduce them. Harold Crapo, past President of Saramana SAR, FLSSAR Historian read the report for the issuance of the Purple Heart Medal for each, as the parents received the Awards. Phillip H. Tarpley, Lt. Col. Dr. Rich Swier, and Joan Hansen presented them the SAR Wounded Warrior Medal with certificate and the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition Award.

Chief Petty Officer Brian Robert Bill, 31 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, was killed in action on August 6, 2011 in Wardak province, eastern Afghanistan. Born August 23, 1979 in Stamford, Connecticut he was the son of Scott Bill of Sarasota (left of Tarpley above) who received his medal. Chief Special Warfare Operator Bill was an Eagle Scout, graduated from Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford and Norwich University, Norwich, VT with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. In June 2001, he enlisted in

the United States Navy to pursue his life-long dream of becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL. After Basic Training in Great Lakes, Illinois he attended Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training in Coronado, CA

He was designated as a SEAL in 2003 and assigned to a SEAL Team based in Virginia Beach, VA During his career, he received the following personal awards: 3 Bronze Stars with Valor, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons and three Good Conduct Medals.

Pamela Becker escorted by Junior SAR Member Percival Hill V (JROTC Cadet) is mother of 25 year old, U.S. Army Spc. Tamara Maria Becker, a recent graduate of Venice HS. She accepted the SAR WW Medal for her because Tamara is still serving in Afghanistan as a Medic. She received the Purple Heart Medal on October 26, 2011 Tamara was in the Tangi Valley, Afghanistan when her convoy ambushed twice and she was wounded. Her mother spoke and said Tamara told her after all the bombs went off and trying to walk was like being in a little boat in a storm. I was walking as if I was drunk. After her adrenaline rush subsided, she took stock of how bad she was wounded, and then went into action to help the other wounded. Later the wife of an Army major who credited Tamara as saving her life said of her, "she was a Hero that day". Tamara set down days later, cried, and wrote her mother a letter saying she could finally articulate her life's purpose.

The Audience gave them a standing ovation and as Taps played to close the ceremonies there were tears in the eyes of nearly everyone. Several Veterans came forward afterward to say this was the most emotional event they have ever been involved in and thanked Saramana SAR for remembering the service of America's real heroes. ABC News carried the story of the event on the 6 and 11 PM news.

Reported by Clarence A. Barrett

Vice Commander

Saramana Chapter FLSSAR .

1st Quarter 2012 Cape Canaveral Camp Color Guard Report by Guardsman Ben DuBose

Compatriot DuBose's granddaughter Tina created a graphic of the JOHN BARRY / ALLIANCE FLAG using a painting from the 1700s at a Dutch museum. After contacting all elected Chapter Officers it was decided to order 7 3'x5 flags @ \$50 each, so they will be ready for the LNB event. Our Chapter will be selling them for \$55 to members of Brevard's SAR & DAR, others will be charged \$60. So far all 7 are spoken for, so we'll be taking orders.

One flag was donated to the FLSSAR Color Guard.

1/13.. Guardsman S. Williams joined the FLSSAR Color Guard at the BOM dinner.

1/14.. Guardsmen, DuBose, Green, Keen & Jones attended the genealogy seminar at Cocoa Library, over 80 were in attendance. Displays were set up, recruiting flyers & Last Naval Battle flyers were handed out. We found two prospects who are presently preparing membership applications and attending meetings.

1/16,..Guardsman DuBose attended the Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the DAR where he was presented with the NSDAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Over 50 were in attendance and NLB flyers were handed out.

1/21.. Monthly Chapter meeting at THE TIDES, PAFB, about 3-dozen were in attendance. Guardsmen; Davenport, DuBose, Johnson, Keen, Williams & Wright participated in the induction of three new members.

1/26.. Guardsman DuBose gave a talk on Colonial Flags at the Capt. J.J. Dickinson Camp SCV with over 3-dozen in attendance. He also did recruiting and handed out LNB flyers which every member agreed to distribute at local libraries and businesses. They will be at the LNB event.

1/28... Guardsman DuBose, Keen, S, Williams and Wright presented the Colors at the 1st meeting of the newly formed John Barry Chapter of the DAR with over 60 in attendance.. DuBose also gave a talk on Capt. John Barry and LNB flyers were handed out. At least two new possible members were found.

2/4.. Guardsman Wright ran a four hour seminar for over 50 members of the Courageous Sea Cadets, which included: a talk on historic flags and a talk on the Last Naval Battle.

2/8... Guardsman DuBose talked on the BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND to the South Brevard Genealogy Society, did recruiting and passed out LNB flyers.

2/21.. Guardsmen DuBose gave a historic talk at the First Baptist Church of Melbourne, did recruiting and passed out LNB flyers.

3/3.. The Brevard Chapter hosted the ceremonies for the Last Naval Battle. Over 300 attended. Ten Guardsmen attended in uniform: G. Darby, J. Dibble, B. DuBose, C. Green, S. Jones, E. Keen, J. Malcolm, R. Ryan, S. Williams & P. Wright.

3/17.. Four Guardsmen; B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, E. Keen & S. Williams joined the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade. About 1,000 marched while thousands watched.

3/22.. Guardsman DuBose gave a talk on Historical Flags to the Sons of Confederate Veterans with 31 in attendance.

BERNARDO de GALVEZ CAMP #13 – Naples Chapter

Guardsman Charles 'Chuck' Sweeney, John McCullough and Don Cahill served at the Winter BOM January 13, 2012. The color guard consisting of Phil Ballou, Don Cahill, John McCullough and Chapter President Chuck Sweeney presented the colors to open our Chapter meetings in February, March and April. Guardsmen Roy Richardson, Chuck Sweeney and John McCullough will serve in a very special event as part of the Color Guard honoring Big Cypress (Naples Chapter) DAR current Regent Brigitte van den Hove-Smith who will be bestowed Knight in the National French Order of the Legion of Honor. This event also attended by other members of the Naples Chapter FLSSAR at the Country Club of Naples April 13, 2012. Chuck Sweeney, John McCullough and Roy Richardson will participate with the Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade at the Annual FLSSAR BOM meeting May 4, 5 and 6, 2012.

(Submitted by Unit Commander Don Cahill)

George Washington Camp # 1 Jacksonville Chapter

13 Jan 2012 San Jose Yacht Club - Guardsmen Bill Bosworth, Dick Cardell, Wayne Peters and Mills Ramseur posted the colors to the accompaniment of a bagpiper. Attendance about eighty.

3 Feb 2012 Ortega Elementary School - Guardsmen Dick Cardell, Wayne Peters and David Ramseur presented the "History of the Stars and Stripes" to several classes in the school auditorium.

4 Feb 2012 Yulee, Nassau County, Florida - Guardsmen Dick Cardell, Wayne Peters and David Ramseur presented the colors at the opening ceremony of the Nassau County Church Softball League.

24 Mar 2012 Callahan, Nassau County, Florida - Guardsmen Dick Cardell, Jim Gaskins, Wayne Peters, David Ramseur and Mills Ramseur marched in a parade through downtown Callahan for their annual "Railroad Days" celebration. We were between the Girl Scouts and the Fernandina Beach "Pirates" float.

13 Apr 2012 San Jose Yacht Club - Guardsmen Bill Bosworth, Dick Cardell, Chuck Farmer and Jim Gaskins lowered the flag from the flagpole of the San Jose Country Club (where the Jacksonville Chapter regularly meets) and raised a flag which had been donated by a soldier who is serving in Afghanistan. We also collected other older flags which will be properly retired.

Dick Cardell
Camp Commander

Nathan Hale Camp #7 Pensacola Chapter

The color guard activity for the period 13 Jan 2012 – 3 May 2012:

January 19th, 2012, Guardsman Ray Lantz, Price Legg, David Matthews, & Randy Turner presented colors and a musket/rifle salute at the Pensacola Military Officer Association of America (PMOAA) Chapter annual meeting and memorial service.

Samuel Adams Camp # 4 Clearwater Chapter

Pratt, Jantzen, Hooper & Gibson participated in posting the colors at the 1/13/12 BOM.

1/25 Jantzen, Hooper, Kitchen & Pratt posted the colors at the DAR genealogy meeting.

2/25 Pratt & Hooper attended the Saramana Geo. Washington Ceremony.

Hooper presented a Flag Certificate.

Manned a table at the Suncoast Genealogy meeting.

Nelson Weeks Jantzen
Color Guard Commander

Yorktown Camp, St Lucie River Chapter. Jay Wise—Commander

Three members of the Color Guard attended the Four Chaplains Service in Vero Beach on Jan. 29, 2012. A Color Guardsman presented a US flag kit, a copy of the US Constitution and a flag display brochure

at the dedication of a Habitat for Humanity project the by Martin County Habitat for Humanity on Feb. 18. A second Martin County Habitat for Humanity Project was given a US flag kit when dedicated in March.

On March 3rd three members of the Yorktown Color Guard formed up at the Last Naval Battle Celebration in Port Canaveral. Six members of the Yorktown Color Guard volunteered as contest Judges on Feb. 25th at the St Lucie County School District History Fair. Two Guardsmen presented an award to Jackson Sewell of Stuart at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony and four JROTC bronze medals were awarded to JROTC Cadets from local High Schools in April. There will be five more JROTC awards during the month of May and some Good Citizen awards. Plans are already developed for the Yorktown Color Guard Camp on Memorial Day and joining the Color Guard at the massing of the colors at the Annual BOM on May 3rd and 4th.

Thomas Payne Camp:

Four members of the Thomas Payne Color Guard presented colors for the 60th Anniversary of the John McDonald DAR Chapter on February 11, 2012.

Liaisons

CAR Liaison

Chairman: Lindsey Brock lindsey.brock@comcast.net

Committee Member: Doug Bridges, Miami Chapter

Since our January 2012 BOM meeting the following events have taken place at the Florida Society C.A.R. and the National Society C.A.R.

- On February 11, 201 the Princess Malee Society conducted its monthly meeting at the home of Past N.S.C.A.R Vice President Molly Knight's home where the 2012-2013 new officers were inducted.
- Senior N.S.C.A.R. Assistant Registrar Billie Brock and I attended the 81th Annual State Conference of the Florida Society C.A.R. in Boynton Beach, FL where the 2012-2013 new officers were inducted.

C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide (ad-hoc)

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock, III thebrocks@bellsouth.net

The purpose of this committee is to develop a better relationship between the SAR, its Junior Members and the C.A.R. It also provides SAR members an opportunity to promote the many youth programs that SAR offers. Every FLSSAR Chapter should encourage its **Junior Members** and local **C.A.R. Society** to actively participate in our BOM and especially our Annual meetings.

At our upcoming 2012 Spring Annual meeting on 4-6 May 2012 we already have 4-5 Aides/Pages which will be comprised of our Junior Members and Florida Society C.A.R. members. The 2012 Aides/Pages will be assigned duties at our Saturday, 5 May Youth Luncheon.

DAR Liaison

Co-Chairman: Randy Moody sarrevdoc@comcast.net
Co-Chairman: George Lockhart georgelockhart@comcast.net

Dates for 2012-2013 DAR Forums:

- **DAR Florida Fall Forum is September 20-23, 2012.**
- **Spring Conference is March 14-17, 2013.**

George Lockhart coordinated the "recruiting booth" (aka information table) at the FSSDAR Spring Forum (see below). FLSSAR President Ramseur presented Rachel Moody (yes, my daughter), who is the SAR Liaison from the FSSDAR, the SAR Medal of Appreciation at the Saturday evening banquet while promoting this recognition for member referrals from DAR members. Through Rachel, I have learned that many FSSDAR members are discovering the DAR Finder Form which she has been promoting in her reports to the FSSDAR. I have answered questions from DAR members regarding use of the form as well.

On April 13, FLSSAR Chaplain Randy Moody participated in a ceremony of the government of France designating Big Cypress DAR Regent Brigitte van den Hove-Smith a Knight of the French Legion of Honor. Mr. Gael de

Maisonneuve, Consul General of France in Miami, presided over the ceremony. FSSDAR Regent Donna Cullen also participated in the ceremony.

Randy D. Moody, co-chair DAR Liaison Committee

The following is a report of activities at the SAR tables during the DAR Annual State Conference, Orlando, Florida, 15 – 18 March 2012.

Thursday evening, prior to the State Officer's Welcome Reception I was greeted by Rachel Moody, SAR-SR Liaison for the DAR. She offered her assistance and periodically checked with us during Friday and Saturday to see if we needed any assistance.

The table was manned from 8:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., Friday, 16 March by Steve Williams and George Lockhart and by George from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, 17 March. Both George and Steve were in period costumes on Friday. Steve presented a display of revolutionary war items including a musket. The display table was quite a draw for the ladies and often led to discussions about eligible SAR prospective. We maintained a visitor sign in sheet and collected about 75 signatures. We would estimate that this represents about 90% of the total number of visitors to the table.

We handed out copies of the application worksheet, and copies of the tri-fold materials and the information sheet regarding the NSSAR's \$500.00 award. There were several DAR daughters that indicated that they had a male family member that was interested in joining the SAR or that they hoped would be interested. We asked them of the location of the prospective SAR member and referred them to the SAR chapter closest to the prospective members. We encouraged them to contact the nearest SAR Chapter if there were further questions or they needed help. We also referred them to the NSSAR and FLSSAR web site for further information.

In our opinion this event was well received by all visitors and those interested in getting applications for family members seemed to appreciate the information and assistance provided. My general impression was that a number of the ladies visiting the table had already assisted an SAR chapter with obtaining new members. Several of the ladies commented on the award and medal they had been given for their assistance. This is a very positive direction and one that shows the coordination between the DAR and SAR at the Chapter level. SAR Chapters are to be commended for their efforts.

Friday evening the SAR provided a four man color guard for the Regents' Night Banquet. The members were: David Ramseur, carrying the American Flag, Steve Williams, carrying the State flag, George Lockhart and Norm Myers carrying muskets.

Respectfully submitted:

George A. Lockhart, co-chair DAR Liaison Committee

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

The Ladies Auxiliary membership is composed mostly of wives of SAR compatriots. Moreover, any lady may join who has a relationship with a Compatriot, such as aunt, sister, cousin, and/or daughter and is interested in the events and work of the Ladies Auxiliary. Dues are \$5.00 and are renewable every year. A member is also part of the National Ladies Auxiliary organization.

The Auxiliary looks forward to being part of the SAR youth awards every year by giving certificates along with scholarship checks to the winners. A fun way the Ladies Auxiliary raise funds for these awards is by donating beautiful and bountiful gift baskets which are then auctioned off by drawing at the BOM Dinners and the proceeds then used to assist in the various endeavors of the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary also donates and assists in the mailing of various gift packages to overseas troops during the year as well as contributing to worthy causes and assisting various projects of individual SAR chapters.

The Auxiliary also participates and assists in the hospitality room by contributing delicious food and drinks for SAR compatriots during the BOM and annual meetings.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary have also represented the Florida Ladies Auxiliary at Patriotic events held throughout the State such as the Battle of Pensacola, and the Last Naval Battle. Many Ladies have represented Florida in several events in the South Atlantic District in the activities of SAR chapters in other states. Several ladies are active in support of SAR compatriot husbands by wearing colonial dress and in laying wreaths and attending commemorative ceremonies held by various SAR chapters.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

No activity this Quarter.

Battle of Pensacola (ad-hoc)

Chairman: Ed Young ednoy@earthlink.net

Ceremony on May 12, 2012 in Pensacola at Ft George at 9 a.m.
Veteran's Memorial needing further moneys and applying for a Grant to complete the building of the memorial.
Selling memorial brick pavers.

Last Naval Battle

Chairman: Ben DuBose bdubosefl@gmail.com

On March 3, 2012 the Brevard Chapter hosted the 129th Anniversary and 6th LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ceremonies at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island - the new home of our monuments. About 175 marchers, representing over two-dozen individual groups, paraded under sunny skies in picture perfect weather, while over 125 spectators enjoyed the celebration. Over a dozen groups brought greetings, while almost three-dozen presented wreaths. The wreath laying was followed by the playing of taps and a 21-gun salute provided by American Legion Post 117. The New Young Patriots, an award winning group of talented teenage patriots from Ft. Lauderdale, presented three musical interludes to the pleasure of all those in attendance. Each presentation focused as a salute to our American heroes, both at home and at war.

Only one thing was missing, participation by more of the FLSSAR members. Sorry to say only 6 of our 30+ Chapters were represented: Brevard, Clearwater, Lakeland, St. Lucie River, Tampa and Withlacochee. Also joining our unit was a Compatriot from the Huron Valley Chapter, of the Michigan State SAR. Luckily, the Brevard Chapter had 10 Guardsmen in attendance.

In 2007 it was decided to hold our ceremonies on the first Saturday in March and we had a terrific turnout from both our state and national SAR organizations, but two years later the NSSAR decided to hold its yearly leadership conference on that date and since then our SAR ranks have shrunk. To hold this event on the 2ns Saturday in March would conflict with the local St. Patrick's Day Parade and we would loose most of our local Color Guard units, which have become the backbone of the review.. So, it has been decided to move the date as close to the battle date, of March 10, 1783, as possible without conflicting with St. Patrick's Day. Here are the dates for the next few years: March 9, 2013 - March 8, 2014 - March 7, 2015 & March 12, 2016. Hopefully this will allow more SAR members to attend. Please mark these dates on your calendars and print them in your newsletters. If only half of the FLSSAR CHAPTERS would send two or three Guardsmen it would help.

As Chairman of this committee I would like to take this opportunity thank all SAR members who helped make this a huge success.

As usual we held a pre-event dinner and over a dozen individuals enjoyed good food and good times at the local Olive Garden Restaurant.

Liberty Tree (Standing)

Chairman: Harold Crapo

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Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster Contest (ad-hoc)

Chairman: David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

The Americanism Elementary Poster Contest is a great new venue for stimulating interest in the Elementary Grades. I am proud to announce that our Florida Winner from the Jacksonville Chapter came in second place at last

year's Congress in Winston-Salem, NC. The contest this year will be based on "The Battle of Guilford Courthouse". Also, this year's 3rd grade students have been included with the 4th & 5th grade students from public, private and home school students. Marjorie and I were able to tour the battlefield at Greensboro, NC (named for General Nathanael Greene). Even though our contest ends in April 2012 bring your winning chapter posters to Salon 2 by 10:30 AM on Saturday 5 May 2012 for judging. Go to the FLSSAR website for more information.

Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: Charlie Day dmdaycday@aol.com

David Ramseur, Robert Burt, Donald B. Cahill, Steve Stevenson, Ron Toops, and Grant R. Wallin Jr. have faithfully served as the Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition Committee for this past year. I thank them for their years of SAR Scouting, their help and service. I also

I want to recognize those Chapters that submitted applicants to the 2011 Eagle Scout Scholarship program. There were applications from the Lake City, Saramana, St. Petersburg, St. Augustine, Treasure Coast, Clearwater, Central Florida, and Withlacoochee Chapters.

Our Scholarship Winners:

Andrew Popp from the Central Florida Chapter was first runner-up and was presented with a Florida Society check in the amount of \$500.00. Andrew Case from the Clearwater Chapter was judged to be the second runner-up and was presented a Florida Society Check for \$250.00. Popp and Case also received checks in the amounts of \$200.00 and \$100.00 dollars respectively from our FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Thank You to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Nathan Lovestrand, applicant from the Withlacoochee Chapter, is our 2011 FLSSAR Eagle Scholarship winner. He is a member of Troop 415, Chartered to Crystal River United Methodist Church in Crystal River, Florida. He has earned 53 merit badges including,

American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law Of special note is his participation in the National Youth Leadership Training as participant and three year veteran volunteer staff member for Gulf Ridge Council, BSA. This program requires 120 hours volunteer study and leadership time annually. The program is designed to develop youth leaders to teach other youth to lead.

Nathan is a 4 star recipient of God and Country awards: God & Me, God & Family, God & Church and God and Life. He has given campout sermons and the list goes on.

I can't begin to give his many Scholastic and Community Activities. You will meet this fine young American Patriot at the May BOM Youth Luncheon where he will receive his First Place Florida Society check in the amount of \$1,000.0 and a desktop Eagle trophy.

I am very pleased to announce that Donald B. Cahill is being awarded the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. You must be a registered Scouter to earn this award and to have provided significant volunteer service to Scouting over a period of several years.

Until Don's recent award the only previous FLSSAR Compatriots to have received this award were Robert Burt, Grant Wallin Jr. and Charlie Day. If there are other Compatriots that feel they may be eligible please contact me.

It has been a very good year for FLSSAR Scouting. My sincere thanks to all who help keep the SAR Scouting Program running.

George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Robert Yarnell rsyarn@aol.com

The Knight Essay Committee did get entrants this year and a couple were rather good, especially the one chosen as the winner. Committeeman John Stewart did yeoman work in getting the message out about the contest which resulted in entries. Chairman Bob Yarnell has made inroads among the Dual enrolled students at St. Petersburg College and both envision more entrants next year. Since the information on the state web page is out of date and inaccurate, Bob Yarnell is working on an update for the web page that should be completed soon.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Yarnell Chairman

Good Citizenship

Chair: Dr. Oscar Patterson III opatters@comcast.net

To date, two Chapters have requested Good Citizenship Certificates: St. Augustine and Withlacoochee. Good Citizenship Certificates may be presented to 5th and 6th grade students by the local Chapter. If you wish to

make such presentations, send your request for certificates (no cost to the Chapter) to Dr. Oscar Patterson III via email at opatters@comcast.net. These presentations provide an excellent opportunity for FLSSAR Chapters to make themselves known to faculty, administrators, parents and students in our public schools. The presentations also offer an ideal opportunity to generate positive publicity for the SAR and our public schools.

History Fairs

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

By the time you read this report, the Florida History Fair will be history, having been held in Tallahassee 29April-01May. There were three finalists competing for the FLSSAR American Colonial History Prize. I may be able to give a verbal report on the outcome at the BOM or Annual Meeting.

I received a call from KC Smith, the Fair Coordinator. She asked me to relay her thanks to the Florida Society for its long time support of the History Fair, both for its special prize category, and especially for its corporate sponsorship. As chair of the History Fair Committee, I would add my thanks to hers, especially to all of my fellow History Fair "junkies."

Frank thanks Ed Young and Dan Fulsome for attending the ceremony in Tallahassee.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Randy Moody sarrevdoc@comcast.net

Airlines tickets were purchased and hotel reservations are made for the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest Winner, Hannah Stimson, and her chaperone so she can compete in the NSSAR Contest at Congress in Phoenix on July 8.

Thanks to compatriots Phil Carr, Roy Martin, Albert Myers, Jay Wise, David Ramseur, and David Kelsey for the outstanding work assisting me with the FLSSAR contest at the Winter BOM.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy D. Moody, Chairman

JROTC

Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

Chapter Winners of FLSSAR JROTC Scholarship Competition for 2011-2012
1st place-Jacksonville Chapter, Cadet Lt. Winter Harbison, Clay HS by a decisive score
2nd place Saramana Chapter, Cadet 2nd/Lt Alex Pierstorff, Hardee HS
3rd place Central FL Chapter, Cadet Charlotte Harrington, D. Phillips HS

The JROTC forms are being updated for FLSSAR Web page as I requested of Vic McMurry for the coming years. He is now working with the NSSAR Chairman to update the NSSAR ROTC/JROTC web page and NSSAR forms to be filled in online line as we now do in FL. I will appoint Charles "Chuck" Sweeney as new FLSSAR ROTC Chairman as of May 6. He is also working with Vic on this project and other recommendations I have suggested for the chapter level.

Chuck Sweeney will taking over as Chair for 2012-2013.

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

Ramon Smith, bsmith26@bellsouth.net

In mid-January 2012 the Florida state committee for the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher award finished the review of submitted candidates and selected Daniel Flint from Jacksonville, Florida as the State of Florida candidate. His application was forwarded to the National Society SAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. I spoke with Coleen Wilson, Education Director on Friday April 20th and she indicated a final selection has been made and winners will be announced at the 122nd Annual Congress being held in Phoenix, Arizona in July 7-11, 2012.

Habitat For Humanity

Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com Chairman

The minutes of the Winter Meeting reported that we now have 17 chapters participating in the Habitat Flag Program. This is just great. Saramana will attend a home dedication 22April in Hope Landing, the Manatee County Habitat group of homes. I would appreciate reports on other dedications so that I can forward this information to National, and I could use a list of participating chapters.

Thanks to all of the chapters now on board.

Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Hal Miller, Jr. halmiller@verizon.net

Discussion developed on Wreaths Across America and the fund raising opportunity for chapters to participate in this effort and by registering with WAA to get national recognition for chapter participation.

Patriotic Education

Chairman: Jeffery Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

At this time, this committee is looking for volunteers that are willing to join so that this committee can function as it is called forth to do in the SAR handbook. Will you consider joining? Thanks.

Public Service and Heroism

Chairman: Daniel Shepherd dts@bellsouth.net

Committee Members: Compatriots: Lindsey C. Brock – Vice Chairman, Jacksonville Chapter; Herbert M. Greenleaf, St. Augustine Chapter; Jim R. Armitage, DeVane Chapter; Cyril P. Gamber, Tampa Chapter; Robert H. Moody, Lake Sumter Chapter.

Caloosa Chapter

14 March, 2012, the Caloosa Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at their regular scheduled chapter meeting at the Crown Plaza, Fort Myers, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Award

Justin Altman, Officer Cape Coral Police Department, Cape Coral, FL

Media coverage – no media coverage for this presentation.

11 April, 2012, the Caloosa Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at their regular scheduled chapter meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Myers, FL

Fire Safety Commendation Award

Alan Carter, Battalion Chief Cape Coral Fire Department, Cape Coral, FL

Media coverage – coverage of this presentation appeared in the Cape Coral Daily Breeze newspaper 21 April 2012.

St. Augustine Chapter

Media coverage for prior presentations – coverage of the Law Enforcement Commendation Award presentations made 9 December, 2011, by the St. Augustine Chapter to Officer Chris Ashley and PSA Bobby Conyers of the Palatka Police Department appeared in the St. Augustine Record newspaper 9 January, 2012.

25 April, 2012, the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the Putnam Co. Sheriff's Office, Palatka, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Award

Doug Schwall, Detective Putnam Co. Sheriff's Office, Palatka, FL

Fire Safety Commendation Award

Jordan Venable, Driver/ Engineer – EMT Lakeland Fire Dept., Lakeland, FL

EMS Commendation Award

Richard Beasley, Driver/ Engineer –EMT Lakeland Fire Dept., Lakeland, FL

Heroism Award

Michael Braswell, Deputy Sheriff Polk Co. Sheriff's Office, Bartow, FL

Media coverage – no media coverage for this presentation.

Publicity

Chairman: Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

The Earl Marlin Publicity Contest has been judged and results will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Support the Troops (ad-hoc)

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

I am happy to report that we just posted 40 boxes, 30 to Army FOB Units, and 10 to Marine Chaplains for distribution to their troops in Afghanistan.

Thanks to all of you for your support of the SOT activities of the Florida Society. Without the Ladies Auxiliary, the Miami guys, and the Tequesta C.A.R. Society, we would not be able to keep up our regular schedule of care packages.

As reported, the Chi Chi Okobee Society of the C.A.R. decided to send their own boxes, so that one of our major contributors of items is no longer available to us. If we are to send the usual mailings, we will have to allocate or raise additional funds to offset the contributions of the C.A.R. Society and the latest increase in postage, which is now \$13.45 per box. With your help, we will manage.

Veterans Affairs

Chairman: James Gibson ildvgibson@msn.com

Congratulations to the Withlacoochee Chapter on winning first place in the State of Florida in the USS Stark Memorial contest. It was a job well done with an average of nearly 239 points per Chapter member earned.

The USS Stark Memorial contest reflects a great deal of service to our veterans and hopefully, with a little more emphasis, more Chapters will participate and contribute time and effort to our veterans in 2012. There were only three Chapters out of the thirty-three in the state that entered the contest. Keep up the good work Withlacoochee - you are setting the bar for the State!

Trust Funds

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Victor McMurry vicmc4@gmail.com

April 11, 2012

In January we emailed a joint communication from your FLSSAR Membership Promotion & Retention Committee and the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee. This was emailed to all the FLSSAR Chapter Presidents and Officers from a list provided by your FLSSAR Secretary Steve Williams. This was our joint effort at asking all Florida Chapters to pay attention to the many avenues of recruitment. Recruitment is NOT a passive activity – we can't sit back and wait for prospective members to come knocking at our door and begging to be a member. Witness the report from a Regional Vice President at the 2012 FLSSAR Winter BOM meeting where no recruiting for years has left a chapter on the brink of dissolving.

We recommended that every Chapter in Florida endorse, approve, and place into action the DAR Recognition Awards for New SAR members. There is nothing more important than growing our Society and Chapters. The entire article was also printed in the Summer 2012 Florida Patriot Magazine.

Your Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee can help all chapters pay for these awards, and the use of these awards can help your Chapter and the Florida Society grow.

Your Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee 2012 forms, including the ETF Grant Application, Application Instructions, and Suggestions, are on your FLSSAR web site and ready for you to use.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation for the help and input from the other six members of this committee. Without their timely assistance we would not have been nearly as successful in 2011.

Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

NTR

Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

tedduay@yahoo.com

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012

| | | INCOME/ UNITRUST | PRINCIPAL | TOTALS |
|------|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| I. | Starting Balance | | | |
| | Assets per Inventory or on Hand at | | | |
| | Close of Last Accounting Period | 2,623.94 | 86,068.05 | 88,691.99 |
| II. | Receipts | | | |
| | Schedule A: | 384.28 | - | 384.28 |
| III. | Disbursements | | | |
| | Schedule B: | - | - | - |
| IV. | Distributions | | | |
| | Schedule C: | (2,623.94) | - | (2,623.94) |
| V. | Capital Transactions and Adjustments | | | |
| | Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss) | - | - | - |
| VI. | Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period | | | |
| | Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities | 384.28 | 86,068.05 | 86,452.33 |

| SCHEDULE E | ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Estimated Current Value | Carrying Value |
| Exchange Traded Funds | 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU) | 9,796.50 | 8,613.35 |
| | 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF) | 6,712.50 | 4,248.35 |
| | 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND) | 9,160.80 | 8,502.75 |
| | TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS | 25,669.80 | 21,364.45 |
| Mutual Funds | 6,184.907 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEIX) | 47,561.93 | 49,147.57 |
| | 407.53 Shares UMB Scout International Fund (UMBWX) | 12,947.23 | 11,958.71 |
| | TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS | 60,509.16 | 61,106.28 |
| Cash | Schwab Government Money Fund | 266.73 | 266.73 |
| | Wells Fargo Bank Checking | 604.25 | 604.25 |

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|--|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | ING Direct Savings | 3,110.62 | 3,110.62 |
| | TOTAL CASH | 3,981.60 | 3,981.60 |
| | TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND | 90,160.56 | 86,452.33 |

**THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

| | | INCOME/ UNITRUST | PRINCIPAL |
|------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| I. | Starting Balance Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period | 17,627.95 | 261,759.80 |
| II. | Receipts Schedule A: | 1,709.45 | - |
| III. | Disbursements Schedule B: | - | - |
| IV. | Distributions Schedule C: | - | - |
| V. | Capital Transactions and Adjustments Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss) | - | - |
| VI. | Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities | 19,337.40 | 261,759.80 |
| | | INCOME/ UNITRUST | PRINCIPAL |
| I. | Starting Balance Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period | 17,627.95 | 261,759.80 |

| SCHEDULE E | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| | | Estimated Current Value | Carrying Value |
| Exchange Traded Funds | 252 Shares SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average (DIA) | 33,213.60 | 20,417.57 |
| | 306 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (ITA) | 20,541.78 | 11,936.48 |
| | 440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU) | 47,894.00 | 43,329.86 |
| | 360 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR) | 22,428.00 | 11,696.90 |
| | 972 Shares iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund (EFA) | | |

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|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 53,353.08 | 40,252.56 |
| | 180 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB) | 22,194.00 | 11,921.89 |
| | 292 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (IYW) | 22,720.52 | 11,865.96 |
| | 234 Shares iShares Trust S&P 500 Index (IVV) | 33,043.14 | 25,043.01 |
| | 1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF) | 25,060.00 | 15,692.70 |
| | 135 Shares SPDR Gold Trust (GLD) | 21,886.20 | 11,830.77 |
| | 555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND) | 46,220.40 | 43,484.40 |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS | 348,554.72 | 247,472.10 |
| | | | |
| Cash | Schwab Government Money Fund | 1,029.63 | 1,029.63 |
| | Wells Fargo Bank Checking | 7,114.13 | 7,114.13 |
| | ING Direct Savings | 25,481.34 | 25,481.34 |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL CASH | 33,625.10 | 33,625.10 |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND | 382,179.82 | 281,097.20 |



THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

AGREEMENT OF RELEASE

The National Memorial Day Parade
C/o American Veterans Center
1100 North Glebe Road Suite 910
Arlington, VA 22201

(return completed, sign forms to this address:
Under the Sun Productions, Inc
882 South Matlack Street, Suite 202
West Chester, PA 19382)

The undersigned will appear in the National Memorial Day Parade being produced by the American Veterans Center on Monday, May 28, 2012. The parade is being given as a public service.

I assume any and all risks associated with participating in the events and particular activities that I agree to undertake, including but not limited to negligent or reckless acts by other participants and volunteers, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I also agree to abide by the rules of the events as set forth by designated officials and supervisors.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the parade, I hereby, for myself, and on behalf of the members of my organization and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release and discharge the American Veterans Center, The District of Columbia, The National Park Service, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., any and all parade sponsors, and each of them, their officials, agents, designated event supervisory personnel or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all losses, costs (including without limitation, litigation costs, and attorney fees), claims, damages, suits, actions, demands, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or property damage of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising out of or in the course of my participation in the event.

The undersigned does hereby release his/her voice, biography, audio/visual clips and likeness(es) solely in connection with the promotion, advertising for this year and subsequent festivals, and archival use of the Parade (including print, radio, television, and Internet advertising and promotions, including promotional materials). The undersigned hereby grants the American Veterans Center the right to broadcast, and /or to authorize others to broadcast, via radio, television, cable television, Internet, or otherwise. Clips provided that any such broadcast will be solely for purposes of promoting the Parade. Undersigned acknowledges and agrees that prior to, during or after the Parade, producers may, but will not be obligated to, disseminate information and various materials concerning the Event via the Internet, various online services or through other means or media.

The undersigned hereby accepts sole responsibility for the conduct and operation in the parade. The undersigned agrees that he/she/it will not involve or conduct itself in any manner that would negatively impact the good reputation of the parade. The undersigned agrees to be legally bound hereby.

Name _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

Signature _____

(Parental signature required, if under 18 years of age)

New Business

1. Frank Hodalski presented motion from Executive Committee on “Value through History” program.
Motion Passed unanimously.
2. Phil Tarpley presented a letter from a Wounded Warrior.
3. Ron Toops spoke on road blocks in getting schools to buy in to any new programs.

Annual Meeting

Nominating Committee report

Proposed slate of 2012-2013 Officers:

President – Phil Tarpley, Saramana
SVP – Theodore Duay III, Ft Lauderdale
Secretary – Steven Williams, Brevard
Treasurer – Herman Riediger, St Lucie River
Member-at-large – Gerald E Meeks, Palm Beach
VP NW – Ed Young, Pensacola
VP NC – Scott Bushnell, Lake-Sumter
VP NE – Dr Oscar Patterson III, St Augustine
VP EC – Jeff Sizemore, Central Florida
VP WC – Nelson Jantzen, Clearwater
VP SE – Douglas H Bridges, Miami
VP SW – Victor McMurry, Saramana
Recording Secretary – William Fuller, Brevard
Chancellor – Carl Hoffman, Saramana
Registrar – Ray Lantz, Pensacola
Chaplain – Roy A Martin Jr, Lake City
Genealogist – Richard B Cardell
Historian – Harold Crapo
Editor, *The Florida Patriot* – Steven Williams, Brevard
Sergeant-at Arms – Clarence A Barrett, Saramana
Webmaster – Scott Bushnell, Lake City
National Trustee – David Ramseur, Jacksonville
Alternate Trustee – Phillip Carr, St Lucie River

David Kelsey

The FLSAR Corporate Registration fee for 2012 has been paid by the FLSSAR Treasurer.

The FLSSAR Registered Agent has been changed to H Hall Riediger of Port St Lucie, Florida effective April 11, 2012.

The 2011-2012 Solicitation Certificate for the FLSSAR has been filed by the FLSSAR Treasurer with the Florida department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Re the Florida Sales Tax exemption. The Consumer's Certificate of Exemption for the FLSSAR was filed by the FLSSAR Treasurer on June 16, 2010 and will expire on July 31, 2015.

The 2011 IRS form 990EZ and accompanying schedules have been completed files on behalf of the FLSSAR by the FLSSAR Treasurer

Motion to adjourn meeting with thanks to President David Ramseur for his service to the Florida society.