



Spring Board of Management & Annual
Meeting

Proceedings

Orlando, Florida
May 1,2& 3, 2015

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those, who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.

Meeting Agenda

Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of allegiance

Pledge to the SAR

Introduction of National Officers

Introduction of first time attendees

Certification of a quorum

Approval of the minutes

Reports of National and State Officers

National Trustee

President

Senior Vice President

ExComm Member-at-Large

Northwestern Regional Vice President

North Central Regional Vice President

Northeastern Regional Vice President

East Central Regional Vice President

West Central Regional Vice President

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southwest Regional Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Chaplain

Recording Secretary

Chancellor

Parliamentarian

Genealogist

Historian

Sergeant at Arms

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Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

Executive

Finance

Medals and Awards

Nominating

Patriot Medal

NSSAR Affairs

Advancing America's Heritage

NSSAR Library

NSSAR Charter and Bylaws

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

Chapter Challenge & Americanism

Documents

Genealogy

Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Membership Promotion & Retention

New Chapter Development

Newsletters and Periodicals

Technology Advisory Committee

Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Liaisons

FLSSAR C.A.R. & S.A.R. Junior Members

Aide

DAR

Ladies Auxiliary

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

Battle of Pensacola

Last Naval Battle

Liberty Tree

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster Contest

Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Good Citizenship

History Fairs

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

ROTC

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

Habitat For Humanity

Operation Ancestor Search

Patriotic Activities

Public Service and Heroism

Publicity

Support the Troops

Veterans Affairs

Trust Funds

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget

Trust Funds

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 theirsacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and out constitutional republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

Constitutional Republic

A Constitutional Republic is a state where the officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern according to an existing constitutional law that limits the government's power over its citizens. In the case of the United States Constitution, the body of the Document defines the three separate and distinct parts of government; executive, legislative and judicial, in addition it defines the duties and the obligations each branch must perform. The Bill of Rights and the Amendments define the rights of the individual and are there to prevent tyranny by both the government and the majority.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes

WINTER BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (BOM) MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 30 & 31, 2015 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

PRESIDENT STEVEN ALLEN WILLIAMS – PRESIDING

3:15 PM

President Williams recognized National Officers in attendance, President General Lindsey Brock, Treasurer General Mike Tomme, and Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody.

President Williams accepted two corrections to the previous BOM session minutes,

1. Offered by Treasurer Richard Young, addition of the approval of a \$500.00 donation from the FLSSAR to the “Hermoine Project”, to be added to the new budget.

2. Offered by Ted Duay, correction of wording regarding motion for prospective FLSSAR Chancellor as mentioned in the “Proceedings Book”, Line 2, 108, change to read: “men of any State Bar or retired members of good standing in any State Bar”

Motion offered by Senior VP Lawrence Fehrenbaker to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Treasurer Dick, Motion – Passed

Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody offered the invocation.

Secretary Hall Riediger led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Vice President Lawrence Fehrenbaker led the assembled in the SAR Pledge

Motion offered from Chancellor Carl Hoffmann – “Move that the Board of Management, (BOM) create the position of Color Guard Commander pursuant to By-Laws Article 3, Section 3, and be appointed by the incumbent FLSSAR President.” Motion – Passed

Motion offered from Treasurer Richard Young and the FLSSAR Finance Committee – “Move that the \$6600.00 budget surplus from 2014 be distributed in the following manner:

1. \$2230.00 designated for the Thomas Creek Memorial Marker

2. \$2000.00 designated for the Fund for the Future of Florida

3. \$1500.00 designated for the Thomas Creek Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony

4. \$82.00 from the Support the Troops fund be transferred to the 2015 account fund

5. Remaining amounts be held as “undesignated amounts” in the Florida Medal of Honor Recognition fund account.

Motion – Passed

Ted Duay, Chairman of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee announced the 2015 -2016 slate of proposed officers:

President-Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr. – Naples
Senior Vice President-Raymond Francis Wess–Palm Beach
Secretary- Herman Hall Riediger – St. Lucie River
Treasurer-Walter Richard Young – Tampa
EC RVP-Jeffrey Lee Sizemore – Central Florida
NC RVP-Earl Scott Bushnell – Lake Sumter
NW RVP-Decody Brad Marble – Panama City
NE RVP-James Yost Gaskins – Jacksonville
WC RVP-Patrick Jay Niemann – Clearwater
SE RVP-Joseph Mark Motes – Ft. Lauderdale
SW RVP-Lee William Matson – Caloosa
Registrar -Raymond Clyde Lantz – Pensacola

Recording Secretary-Charles Anthony McKinley–St. Lucie River
Chaplain-Richard Edward Hagerman – Lakeland
Chancellor -Carl K. Hoffmann – St. Augustine
Genealogist-Richard Bruce Cardell – Jacksonville
Sgt. – at – Arms-Robert James Folk – Withlacoochee
Ex Com Member at Large-Randy Dwight Moody–Caloosa
Editor-Jeffrey Lee Sizemore – Central Florida
Historian-John Clay Jones – Caloosa
Web Master-Earl Scott Bushnell – Lake Sumter
National Trustee-Steven Allen Williams – Brevard
Alt. National Trustee-Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker Sr.– Naples

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM

Meeting reconvened at 9:30AM, Saturday, 31 January 2015

Motion offered by Carl Hoffman – “Move to send a donated check of \$60.60 from the BOM banquet to the NSSAR designating 50% each for the CAAH and JROTC”. Motion – Failed, Proceeds will be held and designated for future needs by the finance committee.

Motion offered by Dr. Randy Moody – “Move that the new Florida Society Color Guard Manual as distributed to the Camp Commanders be recognized as an official FLSSAR document.”

Motion – Passed

Motion offered by Chuck Sweeney – “Amend the Veteran’s Recognition Committee report to resolve conflict over the awarding of the SAR War Medal to veterans who did not serve in a combat zone or received a combat

campaign medal.” A subsequent motion was offered by President Williams – “Move to defer Chuck Sweeney’s motion to the Spring BOM pending further study”. Motion – Passed, Chuck Sweeney motion deferred to Spring BOM.

Motion offered by John Stewart – “Resolve that the FLSSAR protest the ending of the American Battlefield Monument Commission Flower Fund Program and request the National Society to protest the ending of the program also.” Motion – Passed

Dr. Randy Moody led the assembled in the SAR Recessional

Dr. Randy Moody led the Assembled in the benediction

Meeting concluded at 11:00AM, 31 January 2015

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Trustee: Phillip Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com

Report: Alternate Trustee Lawrence Fehrenbaker

Spring Leadership Meeting, March 2015

Phillip H. Tarpley, National Trustee

The best results of my votes for our membership was the overturning of bad genealogy policy instituted several years ago regarding center checked DAR Record copies. President Steve Williams and I are members of the National Genealogy Committee. Had I not been appointed a few months back and drove thru the bad snowstorm in KY to attend, the committee would be one member short of a quorum. President Steve Williams can cover the important changes for SAR applications effective as of that vote. The committee’s full recommendations were approved. Only one member voted nay.

The Board of Trustees held spring meeting in the room (the partly finished future Museum) We spent the morning on National Committee reports but spent a major part of the Saturday meeting on Solid Light and the Museum work in progress. The (what is next) part of the Committee plan is what bothered me. The plan in part is to raise \$30 Million over next 20 years as an endowment to fund the museum. Several comments suggested SAR would be better served, spreading our message some other way and reaching many thousands compared to who will come to Louisville to visit the museum.

Because the committee reports have up to 34 pages it is not cost effective to include them in the Blue Book. I did not find the report link on the SAR Web page for this issue.

SVP Larry Fehrenbaker our Alt. Trustee can most likely supply some answers in my absence.

I have read emails asking Leadership to give the membership time to absorb what the Committee is putting forward.

The email below is part of a string of several that to me, asked the correct questions.

Sam, you have been and are a tireless worker for CAAH and those that have witnessed your untiring enthusiasm are duly impressed and appreciative of your efforts, but it is time for everyone to step back and pause and ask-- is what Solid Light proposing what we really want and need? I was appalled that we would borrow money to pay for this plan--how anyone would agree to something like that is beyond me. Again, it is my hope that some good discussion and a direction will come out of the Saturday morning panel discussion, and that no decisions about moving forward with the present plan results and that raising money will cease until we develop a consensus of what we want to fund for the future. I hope you are prepared to face the possibility that a museum might not be in the mix. Sam, we need to listen to our members. The plank you are walking on-- wanting to raise \$38 million is narrowly focused, too flimsy and most risky. I just don't think the support is there among the membership to make this happen.

Below is one of the State BOM passed Resolutions, suggesting National slow down implementing the Committee’s Strategic Plan:

A RESOLUTION URGING THAT THE PRIORITIES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BE REORDERED BY FOCUSING ON ITS CORE MISSION OF BRINGING HISTORY, EDUCATION, AND PATRIOTISM TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is celebrating its 125th year as the nation's leading male Patriotic Lineage Society, and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Society's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to authorize

- (1) a fundraising campaign that would seek donations of \$8 million dollars for a museum (sometimes called an education center), to be located in Louisville, Kentucky, and
- (2) \$30 million dollars for an endowment to support museum operations by subsidizing anticipated operating losses, that is, costs in excess of operating revenues, and

WHEREAS, recent actions advocated by the SAR Foundation, that includes approval to borrow \$549,000 dollars "for museum design planning" with a Louisville design firm, Solid Light, have highlighted that the Society has strayed from its core mission of bringing History, Education, and Patriotism to the local community via its chapters,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Society of the Sons of the American Revolution adds its voice to the growing chorus of support being expressed by several State Societies and numerous informed SAR leaders across the country to

- (1) Halt the Solid Light museum plans,
- (2) Pause any further action seeking to authorize fundraising for a museum by SAR or its subsidiary the SAR Foundation,
- (3) That the National Society renew its commitment to its core mission of bringing History, Education, and Patriotism to the local community via its chapters by implementing comprehensive web-based resources and programs designed to strengthen the ability of staff, members, prospective members, chapters, state societies, educators, researchers, and historians, to access library and genealogical records for outreach into their local communities with new initiatives such as
 - (a) A SAR Genealogical Research System,
 - (b) Digitization of all genealogical applications and proof documents to accommodate easy access,
 - (c) Development of a thorough online patriot index and
 - (d) Patriot graves index,
 - (e) Create online member training and
 - (f) Orientation programs, and furthermore,
 - (g) To chart new pathways for distributing educational materials through social media such as YouTube, Facebook, and the SAR website, and
 - (h) To cultivate additional avenues for expedient communication with staff, members, prospective members, chapters, state societies, educators, researchers, and historians, and
- (4) for the Trustees of the National Society to exercise their authority as the governing body of the organization to reorder the priorities of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution such that these essential membership and educational outreach services are first accomplished for the benefit of its staff, members, prospective members, chapters, state societies, educators, researchers, and historians, before any further discussion of a museum to be located in Louisville may be advanced, and

FURTHER, that these recommendations approved by the Mississippi Society shall be communicated as soon as possible to the Trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in advance of to their next meeting scheduled for March 7, 2015 for the purpose of informing Trustees of the Mississippi Society's position on these very important issues under consideration.

BE IT FURTHER NOTED,

that the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Society will encourage our membership to make no further contributions to any kind of a building fund/museum effort until these concerns have been addressed.

The above are the reasons I stood up and offered a motion to table and postpone the vote on the Committee's motion to approve until 2015 Congress. There were several seconds to my motion from the floor. President General asked my reason for the motion. I stated the motion is to allow time for our membership to gain knowledge of this report. He agreed and after some discussion at the head table a vote was ordered on my motion. The motion failed 14 (Yea) - 27 (Nay). Some members of the Committee seemed shocked I had that much support.

I did what I thought was best as few members nationwide outside of the Committee and Trustees knew enough about the amount of money involved.

President

Steven Williams williams16@cfl.rr.com

I thank all Florida officers and committee chairs & members for their faithful and selfless support of our Florida Society in this past year. We have accomplished much and will continue to progress in future years as a result of your service and support. Now down to business.

I occasionally receive messages to pass on certain information to our membership. This is for the 2015 National Congress.

"While the Louisville Congress host hotel, The Galt House, is booked, a second hotel is available - The Hyatt Regency Louisville, 311 S. Fourth St. Congress Planning has reserved a block of 25 and as of today there are rooms still available at \$130 for double occupancy. RESERVATIONS: The phone number for reservations is 502-581-1234."

The Florida distribution lists, floridanews@list.flssar.org & floridapatriot@list.flssar.org were created to make any necessary communications from the state society easier, quicker, and more efficient. Invitation messages were sent to 1500+ members with e-mail addresses for the purpose of accepting the subscription. Without members accepting the subscription and being added to the list, it is then necessary to use individual e-mail messages. This creates the need to space out the messages over several days so that the sender isn't labeled a Spammer and the e-mail account shut down. Additionally, some members automatically block messages to their accounts. Members should add the above e-mail addresses to their 'accepted' addresses.

The year in review

Last year we had a record number of compatriots attend the National Congress in Greenville SC. This was heartening to see our members participating in the many committee meetings, meals, and activities at Congress. The Fall and Spring Leadership Conferences had several Florida compatriots attending - some first-timers. Florida has provided many ideas to National that have taken root and become part of the SAR experience nation-wide. This is due to the many excellent compatriots we have in Florida. To take full advantage of what Florida can offer to National, we must be active participants in the process, this means that we need to become members of national committees, attend as best we can the 3 yearly national meetings. Otherwise, we leave others to help guide our national society and we react to what someone else decides.

We've had two successful Board of Management meetings that witnessed the successful completion of the many contests that we engage in every year. Some changes have occurred as will happen in every endeavor. Nothing stays the same and there is always room for improvement.

A new committee has leaped into action - the Operation Ancestor Search committee chaired by Parks Honeywell. At the last reckoning, Florida had the most veterans centers covered of all state societies and we're continuing the coverage. Parks has these members working towards covering more of these Florida areas: Tampa Pat Niemann, St. Petersburg Jerry Halstead, Gainesville David Thomas, St. Augustine William Roberts, Daytona Jack Halsey, Pensacola Ray Judd, Jacksonville Michael McLeod, St. Lucie John Sheppard, Orlando Ralph Nelson, and Miami Richard E. Friberg.

Spring Leadership review

My particular activities involved work in the Genealogy, Membership, Flag, Historic Sites/Celebrations & Reenactments, Color Guard, and IT committees in several of their sub-committees. Others attending the conference may give their reports elsewhere. The Genealogy committee successfully changed Genealogy policy to now accept DAR new & supplemental applications approved after January 1, 1985 excepting those that have documented problem with lineage and/or service. The Flag committee is concerned that more should be done to encourage states and chapter to take part in the Flag Certificate programs. The Membership Committee is developing a list to help states and chapters work to reduce the numbers of 'dropped' members and to increase the percentage of renewals. This has been a significant problem in Florida for years. The IT Committee is developing a comprehensive database that involves an online application building tool which integrates into the National database. The end product will be a database that every state and chapter should use to track their members. For those that wish to review the

recent Leadership and Congress proceedings, you can access those documents from the Florida website: 'Members Only', 'Information' tab, and then "National Conference/Congress Proceedings."

Looking to next year

At this time each year we embark on a new opportunity to be successful in our activities. Each of us should look within ourselves to see what and how we can either provide leadership or support to our chapters and to the state society. Each of us can offer something no matter how small it may be. Our new president and state officers will be looking for us to help them be successful. After all, the Florida Society belongs to all of us and we are all responsible to see that it succeeds.

I encourage and challenge each Regional Vice President to have a Regional meeting sometime during the year between BOMs. The SW region was successful in bringing information and outreach to the chapters in that region. These meetings can expand the interaction between the state and the chapters and help both be more successful in promoting SAR goals and activities through short presentations and training. The meetings can be 2 hours or less and centrally located within the region making for shorter drives and increasing the participation of more of each chapter's members. A win-win situation.

Florida is likely to have an increase in the number of Congress Delegates this year. The number is based on our current membership. We should have approximately 42 Delegate slots. Each delegate will need to be listed and submitted to National by our State Secretary, Hall Riediger, soon after the BOM. Please inform him of your willingness to attend and be a Florida Delegate. The Congress registration form will be available from the SAR.Org site in the coming weeks so be sure to look for it. Let's use all of our Delegate slots and be a united and engaged Florida voice at Congress.

Senior Vice President

Lawrence G. Feherbaker, Sr. lgfnsar@comcast.com

On February 22, 2015, I had the pleasure of attending the Miami Chapter's Annual President's Luncheon and Installation. I presented a talk on Bernardo de Gálvez, and it was a distinct honor and privilege to install the new officers, in one of the Florida Society's oldest chapters.

I attended and participated as a member of the Color Guard at the Jacksonville Chapter's dedication of the Thomas Creek Revolutionary Battle Marker on March 21, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida.

As chairman of the Meeting and Arrangements, Medals and Awards, Documents, Membership Promotion & Retention and the NSSAR Charter & Bylaws Committees, my reports concerning these committees appear elsewhere in these proceedings.

Although there were no other opportunities for the FLSSAR leadership to attend additional Regional meetings, I would recommend that the concept of Regional Meetings with Florida Society leadership continue into the 2015-2016 term. The concept is an excellent opportunity for Chapter officers and members who are unable to attend Florida Society Board of Management Meetings to interact with the Society's leadership.

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Robert Canavellorcanavello@cox.net

No Report

Aaron Snowden

No Report

Emerald Coast

No Report

Panama City

No Report

Pensacola

No Report

Tallahassee

No Report

William Dunaway

No Report

North Central Regional Vice President

Scott Bushnell

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Gainesville Chapter,

- The Gainesville Chapter of SAR lost our President and friend when Ambassador Shurtleff succumbed to a heart condition on January 22, 2015. The family has announced that no service will be held in Gainesville. The Foreign Service Department in Washington, DC is in charge of the arrangements at the Rock Creek Cemetery.

- The Regional VP for the North Central Florida Region, Scott Bushnell, installed these Chapter Officers for 2015-2016 on February 17, 2015:

President Dr. Larry N. Smith

1st Vice President David C. Thomas

2nd Vice President/ Secty Randal L. Highsmith

Treasurer David W. Cromer

Due to the death of the elected president and the vacancy of an elected first vice president, an election was held at the start of the meeting. Officers elected were installed with the 2015-2016 officers.

- President Smith inducted four new members during the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on February 17, 2015. These new members are: Charles Richard Goodnight; Thomas Little; Gary Weed and William Weed.

- During the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on February 17, 2015, the group was entertained by Bill and Cara Elder, Historic Interpreters of 18th Century 1st Persona, who enjoy depicting life in the colonial era. The chapter was presented a topic called "The President and "Lady" Washington—1783-1797" The President and Martha shared their contributions during the Birth of Our Nation, and they explained the events surrounding the Constitutional Convention, and the elections as the Chief Executive.

- In February Chaplain Ray Davis Jr. expressed his pleasure in attending 11 Naturalization ceremonies in 2014. He described his admiration of the work involved by the new citizens and his pleasure in presenting a US Flag lapel pin to each new citizen. He closed with "...That my friends, is how to have a wonderful day, and reminds me just why I love my country....."

Lake City Chaptersubmitted byJames Craig

Our Chapter meetings are now held on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 6:00PM in the conference room of the Ole Time Buffet, located at the Lake City Mall, 2469 West Highway 90, Lake City.

1/5/2015 President Jim Craig presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Suwannee County, Deputy Sheriff Lt. Wayne Musgrove for saving fellow officers life. While conducting live fire on the rifle/pistol range, a fellow suffered a heart attack, in which Lt. Musgrove began CPR until EMS arrived, thus saving his fellow officers life.

Our guest speaker tonight was Constitutional Law Expert and College Professor Dr. Sean McMahon from Florida

Gateway College, his subject was Citizens Rights and Equal protection, guaranteed by the United States Constitution. This was very informative and reminded us of what our Constitution stands for, why it was written and how it gives equal rights every citizen of our country. At the conclusion of his presentation, president Jim Craig presented Dr. McMahon with the chapter's Certificate of Appreciation.

The Nomination committee presented the names of selected members for the 2015-2016 Chapter Officers which were accepted, approved and voted on by the members present. The Lake City Officers for 2015-2016 are as follows:

President Vernon Douglas

2nd Vice President Charles Kime

Secretary James Craig

Treasurer RayMillican

2/2/2015 We had the Formal Installation of elected officers, conducted by Past President Al Williams.

President Vernon Douglas
Second Vice President Charles Kime
Secretary James Craig
Treasurer Ray Millican
Appointed Officers

Chaplain Al Williams
JROTC James Craig

After the installation of officers, past President James Craig and newly elected President Vernon Douglas presented awards to members of the Lake City Chapter.

Five year membership pin to robin McDaniel
Life Membership Pin was awarded to Jim Craig
Past President Pin and Certificate was awarded to Jim Craig
Chapter Distinguish Service Medal was awarded to Ray Millican

3/2/2015 Our meeting was a special musical program presented by Compatriot Skip Johns and the "Hopewell Band" of musicians, consisting of Dr. Roighcard Wright, Buck Buchanan and Craig Wolford. The musical program featured folk, blue grass and country classics. They put on a terrific musical show for our members and guests from the DAR, Florida State Attorney, local political officials and even customers in the restaurant came to listen. A great time was had by all and they will return at a future date.

Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR, Scott Bushnell, President

Eight members of the Chapter participated in the 114th George Fest Parade in Eustis on Feb. 28. This was the 26th year of our Chapter's participation in this parade.

Our January Speaker was Don Wyman on the topic of General Benedict Arnold.

Our February Speaker was Bill and Cara Elder performing as George and Martha Washington.

Our March Speaker was Alan Lane on the topic of The Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Massacre.

Our April speaker was Lt. Col. Bill Hayes on the topic of the Medal of Honor.

January Meeting attendance was 26 members & 11 guests, February meeting attendance was 24 members & 13 guests, March was 27 members and April was 24 members and 13 guests.

We held our Annual Financial Audit and received a clean bill of health.

Several members participated at the BOM meeting on Jan. 30-31 as part of our Chapter's contribution to the NC Region's Hosting responsibilities. A basket was donated to raise funds for the Florida Society SAR.

Compatriot Chuck White received a 45 year membership pin at the March 4, 2015 meeting.

Withlacoochee Chapter SAR – Ed Gingrich, President

Eagle Scout Jeremiah Lovestrand was honored at our March General Meeting. Charles Day past President and Eagle Scout Chairman was the Master of Ceremony. Eagle Scout Lovestrand received numerous awards, certificates, medals and checks from the Withlacoochee Chapter, FLSSAR, LAFLSSAR and the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary. Eagle Scout Lovestrand will be honored at our Spring BOM, May 1,2,3 ,2015. We are all very proud of the accomplishments again this year with Charles Day's hard work and dedication with our Chapter's Eagle Scout Program.

Our Chapter's resident Artist and Chairman of our SAR Elementary School Americanism Poster Contest was on WYKE TV with Host Dennis Miller to talk about this SAR program. They talked about the Contest Theme, Contest Rewards and recognition. The number of schools participating and the vast number of students that submitted posters.

At our April we selected the three winners for the Poster Contest. All three winners will receive Outstanding Citizen Award Certificates along with cash Awards. First Place winner attends Floral City Elementary and received \$100. Second place winner attends Brooksville Elementary and received \$75. Third place winner received \$50 and attends Inverness Primary School.

There are three main programs that we are currently working on during the months of April and May. They Are: JROTC, Elementary School Programs - outstanding students and Veterans Appreciation.

We award Good Citizenship Certificates to the top 4 or 5 students at about 6 different Citrus and Hernando County Schools. The winners are selected by the teachers and are presented by SAR members in uniform at the fifth grade class graduation ceremony. The ceremonies are well attended by family and friends. A lot of publicity and goodwill for all.

At the end of the school year we honor the Outstanding JROTC Cadets at the local county schools. Currently we are working with 3 Air Force JROTC, 1 Army JROTC, 2 Navy JROTC, 1 Navy Sea Cadets unit and a US Civil Air Patrol unit. The outstanding cadet from each unit that meets the standard criteria will receive a SAR Good Citizenship Award. We are very proud to be a part of these recognition programs.

May is a time to Honor our Veterans. We do this by placing flags on many of the Veterans grave sites. We also honor those living with our participation in local Veteran Memorial services

Northeastern Regional Vice President

James Y. Gaskinsjgaskins0152@comcast.net

Daytona –Ormond Chapter

The Daytona – Ormond Chapter awarded Certificates of Achievement to three Scouts, who have attained the rank of Eagle, the chapter donated 50 plus hours at the city island Library Genealogical Room, and one board member participated in the Honor Guard at four VA funerals and one memorial service.

FLAGLER CHAPTER

01/09/2015: NSSAR approved an application for membership from Donald Henry Brock. Compatriot Brock was sworn in, furnished his Membership Certificate and given an SAR Rosette.

01/17/2015: A six-mile hike was led through the trails of the “Thomas Creek Battlefield” at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve near Callahan, Florida. The Flagler SAR Flag was proudly carried by Compatriot John Thomas, Bill Knisely, Randy Morris and David Kelsey (and wife Victoria) to the battle site and possible encampment areas.

01/29/2015: Chapter Meeting: Mr. Jacob Oliva, Superintendent of Flagler County Schools and Mr. Tom Tant, Finance Director for Flagler County Schools were the guest speakers for our meeting. They discussed the Flagler County School District and how it serves the County.

Installation of Flagler Chapter Officers for 2015/6 was conducted by Compatriot President David Kelsey. The incoming officer line-up is as follows: Chapter President – Randall Morris, 1st Vice President – David Hammond, Secretary-Treasurer – William Knisely, Sergeant-at-Arms – John Thomas, Registrar-Genealogist – Ronald Stark, II and Past President – David Kelsey.

Mrs. Catherine W. Hammond was presented the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate for her assistance rendered to our Chapter in securing two new members and one supplemental application approval.

Compatriot Rick Staly, Flagler County Undersheriff, was sworn in and presented his Membership Certificate and Rosette.

02/08/2015: Compatriot John Thomas carried the Flagler SAR Chapter Flag in the Four Chaplains Service held by the American Legion Post #115 and hosted by the VFW Post #8696. Compatriots David Hammond and Randall Morris also participated in the Service.

02/25/2015: Chapter Meeting: Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Timber Weller with the Florida Division of Forestry was our guest speaker. His topic was: “Are You Prepared for the Next Wildfire?”

Sergeant-at-Arms Compatriot John Thomas received a “Come and Take It” ribbon from Past President Compatriot David Kelsey. Compatriot Kelsey attended the National SAR Fort Morris event in Southeast Georgia and represented our chapter by presenting a wreath as part of a remembrance ceremony during the event.

03/20/2015 Chapter Meeting: Captain Lee Diggs and Staff Sergeant Glenn Wade of the 1-265

Air Defense Regiment, Florida National Guard were our guest speakers. They discussed the activities of the Florida National Guard unit stationed at the Flagler County airport. One Company of the Regiment is currently deployed in Afghanistan.

February/March: Compatriot Scott Bushnell, FLSSAR Webmaster, at the request of the Flagler Chapter Board of Directors, totally recreated the Flagler Chapter Website. The Flagler Chapter wishes to convey a special thank you to Scott Bushnell for his outstanding effort on our behalf.

Jacksonville Chapter submitted David Bahn

The major activity of the Chapter during the winter was preparation for the dedication of the Marker commemorating the Battle of Thomas Creek on May 17 and 18 1777. The dedication was held on March 21 with more than 80 in attendance led by Chapter Member and PG Lindsey Brock. Other National and FLSSAR officers also attended as well as officers from Georgia and the Carolinas. The Color Guard had 27 members representing several states. The dedication was the culmination of a multi-year effort spearheaded by former FLSSAR President David Ramseur that began with the purchase of an 846 acre site in North Jacksonville.

The Chapter continues to grow with 10 approved applications through March, including supplementals.

The Color Guard participated in the DAR Regents' Council Washington's Birthday luncheon. Additionally, the Chapter presented certificates to 35 Eagle Scouts of the Black Creek Council on February 7.

St. Augustine Chapter - Jerry Hanchett, President

January 2015 Zachary Jones, Chapter contestant for the Rumbaugh Oration contest, gave his oration to enjoyment of the members and guests.

Compatriot Thomas Lucas passed on January 7, 2015. Several of the members attended the funeral.

February 2015 new member Stewart Leeth joined the Chapter but lives in Virginia. Speaker for the meeting was Dr. Roger Smith who represents the Colonial Research Associates, Inc. He enlightened us on the important role Florida played on the Revolutionary war.

Compatriot William McPherson was awarded the wear the Vietnam War Service Medal. The OAS program for St. Johns and Putnam Counties was initiated starting with the Clyde E. Lassen, State Veteran Nursing Home.

Three Fire Safety Awards were presented to St. Johns County employees.

March 2015 new member Hancel Woods Jr. joined the Chapter and a short bio was presented on his Patriot ancestor, Corbin Lane, from Virginia.

Speaker for the meeting was Professor Hershel Shepard. He is a Historical Architectural Professor and explained the significance of the Spanish influence on how St. Augustine developed as a community.

April 2015 The Chapter award's Cadets from two High Schools the Bronze JROTC Medal. OAS program started signing up and introducing them to Ancestry. Com, 9 signed up.

East Central Regional Vice President

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Brevard Chapter

Over the past winter season, the chapter has inducted 23 new members. The responsibility of finding presentations has been delegated to Compatriot Bob Humker. He has lined up some good presentations, but is always interested in hearing about new sources for upcoming presentations. At present, the chapter is working with 13 individuals interested in SAR.

The upcoming celebrations for this year for the chapter were the joint SAR/DAR George Washington Celebration in February & the annual Last Naval Battle Ceremony that was held on March

7, 2015. Refer to FLSSAR Florida Patriot for pictures of this event.

The Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America was done by the Brevard Chapter at the Florida Memorial Garden Cemetery in Rockledge, FL; as well as, at the Edgewater Cemetery in Edgewater, FL.

In February, the chapter announced to their membership the passing of long time member John Earl Hayes. As of the end of January, the chapter had 114 members.

Central Florida Chapter

For the month of February, the Central Florida SAR Chapter was privileged to have Laura Garand, Sallie Harrison DAR Regent as our speaker. She spoke on "Working with Junior Members – CAR". It was also announced that the chapter had reached their Endowment Fund Goal.

For the month of March, Compatriot Don Green gave an in-character presentation of the life of Benjamin Franklin. He came in Colonial period attire that looked similar to what we would recognize Benjamin Franklin wearing when he was in Europe and in Philadelphia. Compatriot Green is also willing to speak at other Chapter meetings upon being requested. The chapter also announced the passing of Lt. Colonel Renaldo Hamilton. His memorial was held in Winter Park on March 7, 2015 upon which many members were in attendance. A Resolution of Regret was presented to the Hamilton family at the recession that followed the memorial mass.

For the month of April, the Patriot Dinner was held on April 18, 2015 in the evening at the Mayflower Complex. Bill and Carrie Elder came and spoke at this dinner. Their in-character presentation of George and Martha Washington was well received by those in attendance. The chapter also announced the passing of Lt. Colonel Fred MacLean whose funeral was 4/9/2015 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Winter Park, Florida.

St. Lucie River Chapter

(Submitted by John Auld, Chapter President)

VETERAN ACTIVITIES: The Chapter participated in numerous Veteran activities with American Flags and SAR colors. We recently completed our review of all chapter members to determine eligibility of members for the National and State Battalions and increased our number of chapter members in those battalions. We now have 3 members who serve in the National Battalion and 14 members who serve in the Florida Battalion. At the January FLSSAR BOM, the medal ceremony was significant for our chapter as Compatriot Jack Irvin received his War Service Medal with Vietnam drape and Carl Wade received his War Service Medal with drapes for his Vietnam and Gulf War service. Both Compatriots were also presented signed Certificates of Patriotism by the President General for the National Battalions. Our chapter was especially proud to have our two members receive their awards directly from the President General in a formal ceremony such as this, acknowledging their efforts on a State and National level. Also at the BOM, Chapter 2nd VP John Sheppard was awarded the Liberty Medal for National Service for entering over 600 records into the Patriot Indexing Project database.

ROTC: In March the Outstanding ROTC Cadet Award was presented by Compatriot Carl Wade to Sergeant Major Robert Hopkins at an awards ceremony at the Port St. Lucie High School

RECRUITING: The chapter has recruited new members by three means: (1) Recruiting efforts at a local community farmers' market. We do this in cooperation with a local DAR Chapter. (2) We have created a new handout that depicts Revolutionary era pictures and the history of the SAR as well as our local chapter activities and information. We give these out at any public function that we attend. (3) Our Chapter was recently assigned Okeechobee County, and we now represent all 3 counties. Our recruiting efforts have increased our membership by 16 new members with more candidates in the pipeline and/or awaiting National approval.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Okeechobee DAR Chapter 20th Anniversary: Some of our officers and spouses attended the 20th anniversary of the Okeechobee DAR chapter on February 7 at the invitation of the Okeechobee Chapter, FSSDAR. Not only was this an opportunity to support a local DAR chapter it also became a recruiting activity.

Liberty Tree: On Saturday March 28 the 34th Florida Liberty Tree was dedicated at the Fort Pierce Women's Club on 29th Street. St. Lucie County Commission Chair Paula Lewis attended and provided us a proclamation. Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson was called away to meet President Obama's arrival at the airport, but the City's proclamation was presented. Congressman Murphy was with the President, but represented by Candace Walls. We greatly appreciate the granite marker gift of Matt Buxton from Okeechobee and the efforts of Elizabeth Bowen of the Women's Club to provide the site for the tree. FLSSAR President Steve Williams attended and participated in the ceremony. Much credit goes to Chuck McKinley, Joe Regan, and the tree nurturer, Jay Wise, to make this a wonderful event.

Habitat for Humanity: On March 28, 2015 St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity dedicated a home for the Devon Fray family at 202 SW Dillon Court in Port St. Lucie. Compatriot Joe Leinbach presented the family with a Constitution booklet, an SAR flag presentation booklet, a new American flag, and a flag bracket from the SAR. Devon is a single father with a 20 year old daughter, Lamoy, and a 15 year old son, Kyle. Devon is a devoted Habitat volunteer who plans to continue volunteering so that he can help others that are working on their Habitat sweat equity.

Last Naval Battle: On March 7, 2015, Compatriots Hall Riediger and Chuck McKinley proudly attended the 8th annual Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at the Veterans Park in Merritt Island, Florida. We had the honor of carrying our Chapters' American Flag as well as the Chapter SAR flag to lead the parade. The ceremony was conducted by Compatriot Ben DuBose of the Brevard SAR Chapter. As Compatriot Riediger was the Senior Officer of the Florida SAR present, he gave a discussion on the history of the ceremony.

Judge Mark Klingensmith

The St. Lucie River Chapter, SAR was honored and thankful to have Fourth District Court of Appeal Judge Mark Klingensmith, a member of our chapter, address the attendees of the March 11th chapter meeting. Judge Klingensmith's topic was the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, particularly issues related to search of persons and property. Mark outlined how the judicial interpretations are evolving with societal and technological changes. For instance, could police use a listening device (without warrant) to listen to a drug dealer's phone conversation from a glass phone booth? Can a police dog be sent to walk around a house to sniff out drugs that may be in the house? In both of these cases, appeals courts have thrown out the prosecution verdicts on the Fourth Amendment interpretation of illegal search. "A person's home is his/her castle." Clearly, in the 225 years since the original Bill of Rights was passed by Congress, methods of communication have greatly changed. No longer does it take four days for express mail by horse to deliver a letter from Philadelphia up the Post Road to Boston. Now a text message gets there in one nanosecond (sometimes). We learned that the Justices today must struggle to interpret how the original Bill of Rights apply to current conditions which were never anticipated by the Founding Fathers.

Canes for Purple Heart Veterans: In February, the St. Lucie River Chapter SAR enjoyed a presentation by Lloyd Lasenby, spokesman and local Master of Ceremonies for the Indian River Woodcarvers. Lloyd passed around two examples of their current canes. The program has awarded nearly 200 free canes to Purple Heart Veterans in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Brevard counties. Both men and women work as cane carvers, taking up to six months to craft one personalized cane. As a matter of reference, the color purple originated from George Washington and was used on a medal that he commissioned in 1782. On August 7, 1782, his general orders established the "Badge of Military Merit":

"... The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit directs whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding."

The use of this badge became dormant until 1932, when on May 28, 1932, 138 World War I veterans were conferred their Purple Hearts at Temple Hill, in New Windsor, NY. Temple Hill was the site of the New Windsor Cantonment, which was the final encampment of the Continental Army in the winter of 1782-1783. Today, the National Purple Heart continues the tradition by honoring wounded veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. The FLSSAR and the NSSAR identify these recipients. There is a special SAR medal to designate our members who are Purple Heart recipients. The carved cane idea is believed to be the next step in recognizing our veterans for their service. The St. Lucie River SAR Chapter is the first chapter in Florida to recognize this program

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Regular Chapter meetings have been held monthly. Two Chapter Board of Directors meetings have been held. The Chapter in March approved modifications and clarifications to our Constitution and By-Laws, cleaning up minor confusions and conflicts. The presentations at our monthly meetings have been informative and varied.

LINKS TO SLRSAR CHAPTER WEBSITE, WHIG PUBLICATIONS:

January, 2015:

http://www.stlucieriverflssarc.org/St__Lucie_River_Chapter_FLSSAR_The_Whig_January_2015.pdf

February, 2015:

http://www.stlucieriverflssarc.org/St__Lucie_River_Chapter_FLSSAR_The_Whig_February_2015.pdf

March, 2015:

http://www.stlucieriverflssarc.org/The_Whig_March_2015.pdf

West Central Regional Vice President

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Clearwater Chapter Jim Phillips - President

January 2015

Inducted 1 New Member – Ray Furnish
Presented Sea Cadet Medal to PO2 Gray Wilson
Eagle Scout Trevor Case won the Eagle Scout Competition
Presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Caleb Hudak
Presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Darren Dowdy
Speaker was Tom Nocera

February 2015

Knight Essay Contest was judged
Color Guard presented Colors at DAR Seminar
Presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Eric Briggs
Speaker was Compatriot John Stewart in character of Thomas Jefferson

March 2015

Inducted 3 New members – Neil McMullen, Jr., Neil McMullen, III and Donald McMullen

Compatriot Parks Honeywell presented a talk on Privateers in the Revolutionary War
Presented Monetary Award to Pinellas County History Fair Winner

April 2015

Poster Contest was judged
Inducted 1 New Member – Kent Stevens
Knight Winner Cameron Ehmig present his Essay to the membership and was awarded the Chapter Essay Medal and a monetary award
Speaker was Capt. Thomas Chaby, Navy Seal
Presented JROTC Medal to Jordan Hoover of Dunedin High
Presented JROTC Medal to Nicholas Madrigal of River Ridge High

Tampa Chapter Dick Young – President

In January, Tampa held its first Official Event as a Commemorative Partner in the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration. Mike O'Dell, President of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 787 (Tampa) and Jim Fletcher made a presentation on the purpose and scope of VVA 787 and some of their more recent projects to assist veterans of that era and their families. Seven SAR Compatriots present who served in the US armed forces during the Vietnam Era were also recognized and invited to join the VVA 787.

The February meeting saw Steven Dante of the Florida Friends of Hermione/Hamilton show a

video presentation on the construction of the Hermione and its scheduled visit to US shores this summer. Having spent some years in France himself, Mr. Dante has a personal and special attachment to the Hermione. February was also Color Guard recruitment month as the Sons of Liberty Hillsborough River Camp members came to the meeting in full uniform to explain the purpose of the Color Guard and show how easy it was to make up a militia type "uniform". On February 15, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Colonial Dames XVII Century marker dedication at the Chinsegut Hill Manor House in Brooksville.

Thomas Jefferson visited the Tampa Chapter in March to give a brief summary of his importance to the founding of our nation and his influence as President, followed by a meaningful Question & Answer period. Many thanks to Compatriot John Stewart for his portrayal of Mr. Jefferson. March was also a busy month for the Color guard as Commander Alan Bell and Dick Young participated in the presentation of the colors at the Last Naval Battle commemoration on Merritt Island and Chapter President Dick Young participated in the Battle of Thomas Creek marker dedication in Jacksonville.

April and May will be busy months as the Tampa Compatriots will be making JROTC Bronze medal presentations at 16 high schools in Hillsborough County as well as three ROTC Silver medals at USF and the University of Tampa. The April meeting will be a recognition luncheon for those honored cadets and their families who can join the meeting. After the May meeting, the Chapter will take its usual summer break.

Lakeland Chapter

Joseph Hill – President

Two new members inducted

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Sheriff Grady Judd

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Tara Tillmannshofer

Certificate of Appreciation presented to LTC Scott LaRonde

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal presented to Tara Tillmannshofer

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal presented to Sheriff Grady Judd

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal presented to LTC Scott LaRonde

ROTC Medal presented to Florida Southern College

Participated in the Polk County History Fair

Hosted the Americanism Poster Contest

Compatriot John Dame passed away

South Shore Chapter Mark Dean – President

The South Shore Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held their January monthly luncheon meeting on January 10, 2015 at the Plaza Club at Freedom Plaza, Sun City Center, Florida. There were 22 in attendance. The meeting commenced with welcome comments from chapter president, Mark Dean. An invocation was offered by Chaplain Alan Tisdale and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. Treasurer Bill Love reported there was a bank balance of \$659.11 as of December 31, 2014. Registrar Luke Lloyd reported that the outlook was good for the chapter to meet the goal of 15 new members by year end 2015. Mark Dean announced that the Col. George Mercer DAR chapter would host their annual George Washington birthday luncheon meeting on 18 Feb 2015. Per Mark, an NSSAR Directory listing all SAR members will become available on a CD. Ross Lamoreaux, guest speaker, spoke on the topic, "Continental Army verses Militia Service during the Revolutionary War." The differences were similar to those between the US Army and the US Army National Guard. The Minutemen also known as a Militia, who unlike the Continental Army soldiers, were volunteers who carried their own arms and clothing. The Minutemen lacked written training (manuals.) The Continental Army had drill rules and regulations. Both the Continental Troops and the Militia were strongly opposed to a British type of Monarchy being established in America. Lamoreaux has been a professional historical interpreter for the state fairgrounds at Cracker County, and at the Tampa Bay History Center. He is currently writing a monograph on Fort Brooke. The meeting came to a close after Alan Tisdale led the Benediction and all members recited the Recessional. Next BOG meeting 17 Feb 2015 and next luncheon meeting 21 Feb 2015.

The South Shore Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held their February monthly luncheon meeting on February 21, 2015 at the Plaza Club at Freedom Plaza, Sun City Center. There were 22 in attendance. The meeting commenced with welcome comments from chapter president, Mark Dean. An invocation was offered by Chaplain Alan Tisdale and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. Treasurer Bill Love reported there was a bank balance of \$1,555.38 as of January 31, 2015 and the financial condition of the SSSAR chapter is good. Registrar Luke Lloyd disclosed that the chapter would be reimbursed for expenses in connection with awards. A donor has provided payment for medals. Donald Gunn announced that the next SSSAR meeting will be offsite at the Tampa Bay History Center on March 14. A guided tour of the History Museum will be conducted by Ross Lamoreaux. Seen on the guided tour will be the World War II Exhibit that will include submarine operations. Lunch will be available at the Columbia Restaurant at various prices as found on the menu.

The luncheon speaker was retired Army Col. Luther (Luke) Lloyd. His topic was "From Barbary Pirates to Terrorists, Islamic Goals Unchanged."

The South Shore Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held their March meeting at the Tampa Bay History Museum. There were 20 in attendance that included Mark and Donna Dean, Rebecca Jakobson, John & Kathryn Glynn, Jack and Nan Dorsey, Gordon & Jan Bassett, Luke and Jeanne Lloyd, Doug and Emily Brown, Tom and Sheila Turpin, Chip Churchill, Helen Halm, Kathleen Taylor, Richard Rude, and Donald Gunn. After entering the museum Chapter members and guests greeted one another and had lunch in the Columbia Café, which is a branch of Ybor's Columbia Restaurant. After lunch a brief meeting was held in a private room on the second level. Mark Dean, president, welcomed members and guests. He announced that a transfer to the South Shore Chapter is in process for John Glynn. Also in process is an application for SSSAR membership for Jack Dorsey. Mark also disclosed that application requirements for SAR membership will now accept DAR record copies. Don Gunn is in the process of getting dates from eleven schools in Hillsborough County where he plans to present SAR medals to worthy JROTC cadets. Following the meeting Ross Lamoreaux, historian and museum tour guide, explained that there are three floors of exhibits, two of which contain permanent galleries. There are rotating galleries on the third floor. The World War II exhibit was of interest, especially the German mini-submarine which was on display. A large number of the submarines were in production when the war ended. Other exhibits covered Tampa Bay area's first native inhabitants, Spanish Conquistadors, historical figures as well as a reproduction of a 1920's cigar store. The History Center has a museum store, classrooms, the Witt Research Center, a map gallery and an event hall. The next chapter BOG meeting will be April 7 and the monthly luncheon meeting will be April 11.

Maj. John Devane Chapter David Knox – President

No Report Submitted

St. Petersburg Chapter Charles R. Butler - Chapter President

No Report Submitted

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FT. LAUDERDALE CHAPTER:

Submitted by President William W. Zimmer wwz2620@gmail.com

The Ft. Lauderdale Chapter reports the following for the first quarter of 2015:
Membership: Four new applications were processed and approved.
Eagle Scouts: Four certificates were issued.

January 17th Meeting

The Naval Sea Cadets presented at our luncheon. Master Chief Alan Starr and Cadet Aaron Diener (last year's recipient of the award) spoke briefly about the purpose of their organization and its many successes. This organization has been supported by the Chapter for many years.

The Chapter contributed \$50.00 to the Veteran Appreciation and VA Volunteers Appreciation.

Ted Duay inducted the officers for 2015.

Attendance: 9

February 21st Meeting:

First Person Interpreters of George and Martha Washington, Bill and Cara Elden, presented an excellent program covering the period from the Continental Congress to the Inauguration of Washington as our first President. Also, in period costume were our guests of four C.A.R. students and their chaperons. We were thanked for all the support we have given this program over the years. The five chapters of the Broward County D.A.R. and members of the U.D.C. also attended.

Compatriot George Dennis celebrated his 101st Birthday.

The Chapter presented the Martha Washington Medal to Stephanie Chouteau Murphy for her assistance in lining up numerous speakers for the past two years. Additionally, Stephanie assisted in revising and updating our membership directory which had not been updated since 1994. Stephanie undertook typing, cover revision and assisted with the print phase.

Attendance: 42

March 21st Meeting

This month marked the beginning of a three part lecture series on the History of Ft. Lauderdale. This lecture series is presented by the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society. Dan Smith presented the first lecture "Early Ft. Lauderdale History". Though some were long timers, they learned some new facts. The presentation was enjoyed by all and provided an opportunity for a lively discussion as well as a curiosity for the next segment.

Attendance: 7

Miami Chapter: Submitted by Immediate Past President Doug Bridges

The Miami Chapter held its monthly meetings at the Miami Elks Club as usual on the third Friday of each month with the exception of February. The February meeting was held at the 94th Aero Squadron, Miami, FL on February 22nd as the Chapter President's Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers. There were approximately 55 in attendance with Dr. Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr. Vice President, FLSSAR serving as the installing officer and keynote speaker. Dr. Fehrenbaker arrived on Saturday PM prior to the installation and he, wife Mrs. Jeanne Fehrenbaker, Richard and Louise Friberg and Douglas and Doris Bridges enjoyed an evening out with dinner at the Chart House in Coconut Grove, Miami, FL. A good time was had by all.

Compatriot Bridges, Chapter President opened the meeting recognizing visiting dignitaries and past chapter presidents. Presentations and greetings were given at this time. Dr. Fehrenbaker was called upon giving his very interesting talk on the Western front of the Revolutionary War. His talk was followed by the installation of chapter officers.

Officers installed were:

President, W. Lee Popham, Sr.

1st Vice President, Otto P. Williams

2nd Vice President, Douglas H. Bridges, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer, Richard E. Friberg

Genealogist/ Registrar, Brian L. Swanson

Chaplain, Donald A. Randolph

Recording Secretary, David Trussell

Historian, William L. Popham, Jr.

Immediate Past President, Douglas H. Bridges, Sr.

CAR: Trinity Putt, President, of the Tequesta Society CAR along with the Sr. President and four (4) past presidents were in attendance. Douglas Bridges, Miami Chapter President recognized

Tequesta President and Sr. President with a certificate and a \$200.00 donation to assist with the Society's expenses.

Membership Applications:

Approved: Ryan Thomas Whiteman

Rafael T. Rodriguez

Pending: Robert James Duncan

Brian David Beers

Cody Alexander Putt

David Case Popham

PALM BEACH CHAPTER: Submitted by President Gary Green – garytgreen@gmail.com

20 January 2015 Meeting:

The first meeting of the year began with the installation of our new officers for 2015. Sworn in were President Gary Green, Vice President Don Laman, Secretary Brian Davey, Peter Johnston Treasurer, Registrar Ray Wess, Samuel "Buddy" Miller, Chaplain Father Sanford Sears and Ben Tidwell Sgt-At-Arms.

The War Service Medal was presented to Ltc Paul Chasteen, U.S. Army, Ret. Our Chapter's Knight Essay winner, Miss Talia Fradkin gave her oral presentation and afterwards she received her first place medal and cash prize. "The Women at the Valley Forge Encampment", was the subject for our guest speaker and chapter member, Ray Wess. Attendance: 43

Attending the BOM in Orlando on Jan 30, 31 were Chapter President Gary Green,

Vice President Don Lanman, Registrar Ray Wess, members Brett Brown and Ed Buckley.

Palm Beach Chapter Member Alex Dreyfoos Jr received the Gold Good Citizenship Award from President General Lindsay Brock. Also our Chapter's Rumbaugh Oration winner, Talia Fradkin won 1st Place in the State Competition and will go on to represent the State at the 125th National Congress in June.

17 February 2015 Meeting:

The Chapter presented 2 longevity pins to members William Rockwell Campbell a 60 year pin and Joel Payne was presented with his 45 year membership pin. Our guest speaker was noted and respected author, Juliette de Marcellus, who presented a fascinating story regarding "The French Financing of the American Revolution". Attendance: 42

27 February, Eagle Scout Certificate was presented to Brett Warwick of

Troop 701. Also on 27 February Cadet Chase Christensen of Atlantic Community High School received the JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate.

17 March 2015 Meeting:

Mrs. Jan Kranich was presented with her late husband's 50 year pin. Two \$1,000 scholarships were presented to two students from Palm Beach Atlantic University, Gary Iscoe and Saija Wilson. Our guest speaker, Edwin Lamont, gave an excellent power point presentation titled "General William Jenkins Worth: Forgotten American Military Hero". Attendance: 39

14 March, 2 Boy Scouts from Troop 215, Christopher Leach and James Leach received Eagle Scout Certificates at their joint held Court of Honor

On 21 March Vice President Don Lanman attend the Thomas Creek Battle Monument Dedication. The Battle of Thomas Creek took place in what is now a part of the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve/St. Johns River Valley under the national Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

Southwest Regional Vice President

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Caloosa Chapter

On Wednesday the 11th we held our February meeting. This meeting was to honor Public Service Employees. We hosted five firefighters from Bonita Springs. These five had received the

District's Phoenix Award for lifesaving. They were a natural pick for receiving the Sons of the American Revolution awards for firefighters and EMS. Their names were Lt Ed Bradford, Firefighter; Paramedic JuvertClero, Firefighter; Mark Simon, EMT; and Eric Vazquez, EMS. From the Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Law Enforcement medal was awarded to Capt. Keith Day of the South District Substation. Major Kathy Rairden and Commander Randy Crone were also present for the presentation.

Three books were presented to the Lee County Library. Receiving the books was Carolyn Ford who also presented our program. The title of her presentation was "One Soldiers Journey" - a story about her patriot ancestor. It was well received and enjoyed by all present.

This was probably the largest attended meeting with 38 compatriots and guests present. The program also featured the basket that was won at the BOM by Elizabeth Moore, one of our Ladies Auxiliary members. The basket was one of the 14 that were raffled at the Winter BOM meeting in Orlando. She and Anne McGuire pre-sold tickets at our January meeting. Since Elizabeth was not at the BOM, Compatriot McGuire and Anne brought the basket back and presented it to Elizabeth at this meeting.

The EXCOM is now meeting at the Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library in Cape Coral. They have an excellent collection of war materials. There is also a display of Revolutionary War items including manikins in period clothing. We presented a Flag Certificate for the proper way they fly the American Flag. We meet the first Monday of the month at noon (which includes lunch) and all compatriots are invited to attend.

Our March meeting focused on the Eagle Scout Scholarship program. Featured speakers were Compatriot Don Cahill the FLSSAR Eagle Scout program chairman, and Paul Dustin the Lee County Eagle Scout Coordinator. When he began his program Compatriot Cahill asked those who had been scouts in their youthful years to stand. Quite a few had been and he was quite pleased. Compatriot Cahill explained the procedures for Eagle Scouts to compete for scholarships at the state and national level. The scholarship at the state level is \$5,000 and is now \$10,000 at the national level.

Paul Dustin explained the workings of the Eagle Scout program in Lee County. He is a non-paid volunteer and has been involved in scouting for 17 years. He explained the procedures and steps that a scout needs to follow to complete the requirements for receiving the Eagle badge at a Court of Honor. It is evident that one needs to be motivated and dedicated to achieving this goal. Paul was awarded with a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his work in scouting. We also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Junior Member Daniel Wood for his presentation on the flags of the Revolutionary War to his scout troop. Daniel wore his scout uniform to the meeting. Compatriot Wood's mother, Linda, also attended the program.

On the 21st of March, our Chapter had a booth at the Lee County Reading Festival held in the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Our table was next to that of several of the DAR chapters, and we made quite a patriotic exhibit. Bob McGuire and John Jones wore their militia uniforms. We fielded a lot of questions, and I believe that we may have five potential new members as a result of our being there. The exposure to the public was very beneficial to us. It was also great to be working with the DAR ladies. Those attending felt that we should be present again next year.

Our April meeting was an interesting one. Our featured speaker was Brigitte van den Hove-Smith, member of the board, Florida chairman, Friends of Hermione-LaFayette in America. Her topic was the ship Hermione that brought Marquis De LaFayette to America to fight with General Washington in the American Revolution. The Hermione is a replica of the original vessel and she leaves France April 18 to visit the eastern seaboard in North America. Chaplain General Randy Moody presented her with a check for \$500 from the FLSSAR. She expressed many thanks for the donation.

Naples Chapter Michael E. Garey, President

We began the New Year with the Rumbaug Oration Contest which Lisa DeWitte won for the second and final year with her oratory "An Eternal Proclamation". She has grown over the past three years that she has participated, and we will miss her as she goes off to college next year.

February saw the JROTC presentations. While not necessary, each of the six Cadets read their papers to the members. This year's winner, Lieutenant Jenna Suid from Barron High School, is

looking forward to participating at the State level competition.

Our March program was Charter Day and a new slate of officers were elected and inducted by our Regional Vice President Lee Matson. We have many new Compatriots serving the Chapter. We also heard from our guest speaker Wendy Hodgson who is the Coordinator of the Social Studies Program for Collier County. She explained her role in creating positive programs in the school system and her great interest in history.

We inducted five new members.

Saramana Chapter

Submitted by: Richard K. "Dick" Mahaffey, Vice President

On January 16, 2015 57 SAR members' guests and DAR ladies met at the Sara Bay Country Club

To listen to Nola Berish and Samantha Hamel compete in the Knight Essay. Nola read her essay about John Honeyman, Legendary Double Agent of the Battle of Trenton. Samantha read her essay entitled Common Sense for the Common Man. She was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate along with a monetary scholarship award. Nola was then awarded the Chapter Knight Essay Medal and certificate along with her monetary scholarship award.

Eagle Scout and SAR Saramana member Colton McVety and Eagle Scout Lee Weis both read their essays. Lee was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate. Colton was declared winner. As he was last year's winner he was presented an Oak Leaf Cluster. He also received a certificate and monetary award.

Two new members Donald Allan Dale and Kenneth Lee Tindall were in ducted.

Past President Harold Crapo read the certificate declaring Nicholas V. Catsakis an Honorable Associate of the Saramana Chapter.

January 30, 2015 past President Richard "Dick" Quigley died at the age of 95. He was a WWII Purple Heart Veteran landing at Normandy on D Day. An SAR member since August 26, 1976 he was chapter president in 1994 and 1995. Services were held with 13 Saramana members in attendance. He was buried at Sarasota National Cemetery with honors and our Color Guard.

On February 20, 2015 111 SAR members, guests and DAR ladies met at the Sara Bay Country Club to celebrate George Washington's birthday and listen to SAR Compatriot John Stewart from the St Petersburg Chapter portrayal of Thomas Jefferson. He spoke of his friend George Washington.

Six contestants participated in the Enhanced JROTC from Sarasota, Manatee and Hardee Counties. A brief bio was read as they were introduced and joined by their instructors and parents. Each contestant was awarded an SAR Bronze Good Citizen Medal, certificate and ribbon bar. President McMurry announced that Cadet Second Lieutenant Benjamin Tamayo of Hardee Senior High School was the Chapter Enhanced Scholarship winner. In addition to the Bronze ROTC Medallion on a neck ribbon, certificate and ribbon bar. He was then given a \$1000.00 scholarship award and will represent us at the FLSSAR completion.

Six new members were inducted and presented their documents. Also two members proved their supplemental Patriots.

On March 20, 2015 67 SAR members guests and DAR ladies attend the luncheon at the Sara Bay Country Club to honor eight firefighters and EMT's from 8 Sarasota and Manatee County Departments.

President McMurry announced the CAR were holding a fund raiser for the Southeastern Guide Dogs. Collection boxes were at each table. He listed all upcoming events at the Chapter, State and National levels.

DAR Jean Catsakis presented certificates to Compatriots Ken Aubrey and Chuck Sweeney as part of a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

John David Dean was inducted as a new member. His dad proudly pinned the rosette on his lapel.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Awards were presented to Mike Dunn, Mark Tuttle Robin Thayer and Brian Gorski.

Fire Safety Commendation Awards were presented to Chris Galbraith, David Hawes, Paul Kurtz and Justin Cochara.

A Heroism Medal was awarded to Ricardo Rivera for outstanding bravery in saving lives during a fire.

At the time that each recipient was called up their supervisor read the letters of recommendation.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER Rob Sprague President

Our January 2015 Meeting was canceled by Vice-president Rob Sprague due to the unexpected death of our president, Larry Hurley. His memorial service fell on the same day, which was in lieu of the meeting. It was determined by the chapter officers at that time that the vice president accede to the presidency pending a chapter election at the next meeting. The memorial service was held in Port Charlotte, and the interment service was at the U.S. Navy section of the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery.

Preceding the February meeting, a special Board meeting was held to elect and install new officers following the loss of the President. Newly elected President Rob Sprague had presided, as vice president, at the December meeting due to the president's illness, during which the members had each brought in many toys for the local Marines Toys for Tots project.

On the Agenda at the February meeting was the recognition of guests, returning members, the out-going local Regent of the DAR and her member husband, both of whom having been hospitalized in recent months. Also in attendance was Mr. Allen and his DAR wife, who have devotedly been attending our chapter meetings for several months in anticipation of National acceptance of his application.

A moment of silence was in order in Larry Hurley's memory. The new President brought up the topic of Law Enforcement and Fire Service awards to be considered. Also, we were in need of someone to replace Larry as Newsletter editor, and compatriot Ren Cushing, a Mayflower Society State official, accepted the position.

The traditional Washington's Birthday joint meeting with the DAR was not held this month by DAR choice.

Preceding the March meeting, the President reached out to Law Enforcement and Fire Service as well as the school district with an invitation to participate in our SAR chapter awards program.

Prospective member Allen and his wife faithfully in attendance at the March meeting continue to await National approval of his application. The meeting was primarily routine and not particularly eventful, mostly taking care of business

At the April meeting, the President announced that he had received award candidate names from Law Enforcement and the Fire Service and that the awards presentations will take place at the May meeting.

In addition, the President announced that, following up on the Proclamation by the Charlotte County Commission last year of the 125th anniversary of the SAR, which proclaimed April 30, 2014 as Sons of the American Revolution Day, he had requested a similar Proclamation for this year, in hopes that an annual SAR Day be established.

The highlight of the meeting was our guest, Lee Matson, President of the Caloosa Chapter and Regional State SAR official, who was our very informative speaker. He was extremely helpful in sorting out the awards certificate and medal procurement process and in showing concern for prospective member Allen's frustration at the delay in the

approval of his application. It was indeed a pleasure to have Lee Matson with us at this meeting

Highlands Chapter

No Report

Secretary

H. Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

The end of the first year as Secretary is fast approaching, and mostly the news is good, we have successfully completed our first annual report, we have kept up the data base so that there are no glaring errors, and the phone calls to Scott have decreased by a huge margin, (I am sure he is pleased). All reinstatements, Transfers In, Transfers Out, Reinstatement/Transfers, Dual, Youth, Juniors, Memorials and Regular members are accounted for, so it has been a good year.

At the present the smallest Chapter is Charlotte with 18 members, the largest is Palm Beach with 157, the average for all would be 61 if everything was perfect. We are showing a total of 2019 on the Florida books, which will differ from National because we count dual members 73, and youth 37 which National doesn't, the National count is 1909. All in all we have done very well, only losing about 200 in drops, resigns and final passing's.

We should all plan on putting out a good effort to recruit new members, but we should plan now to put most of our effort in keeping those that the Registrars have put the effort to recruit, there is a lot less effort to collect the dues, then there is to find 9 generations of ancestors.

Treasurer

W. Richard Young dyoung22@aol.com

Florida Society - SAR
Treasurer's Report

Summary of Receipts & Disbursements
January 1 to March 31, 2015

Checking Account Balance Dec 31, 2014		\$68,070	*
Receipts			
Member Dues - 2015*	86,840		
Operating Trust Fund	2,850		
Donations	350		
Other Sources	228		
	90,268		
Disbursements			
National Dues	47,825		
Youth Programs	4,465		
Public Outreach Programs	2,090		
Battle of Thomas Creek	2,612		
Officers Expenses	3,108		
Other Committees	-		
F4F Donation	-		
ETF Donation	2,066		
BOM - Net Cost	1,911		
BOM Hotel Deposits	1,000		
Other Expenses	500		
	65,577		
Net Cash In-flow	24,691		
Checking Account Balance March 31, 2015		\$60,326	
Money Market Account Balance Dec 31		\$63,219	
Market Value PEPCO Stock March 31		\$10,732	

* Includes \$32,435 of 2015 Dues collected in 2014

Registrar

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FLSSAR Application Stats
17 January 2015 – 17 April 2015

	Application Type				
Totals	Regular	Supplemental	CAR	Transfer	Junior
Submitted					
To NSSAR	72	68	1	8	149
Approved*					
By NSSAR	110	89	0	10	209
Pended*					
By NSSAR	1	2	0	0	3
Pended					
By FSSAR	22	8	0	3	33
DAR Finder Total Year to date			2014 = 62 and 2015 = 14		

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

NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

- Family history information not accepted for maiden name of wife or no documentation submitted to prove maiden name when required for generation linking.
- Generational links for generations one or more generations not accepted due to missing or unacceptable documentation.
- SAR previous application proof of service or lineage no longer accepted due to DAR source application is red flagged by the DAR.
- DAR record copies not accepted due “center check” phenomena due to validation based on a previous DAR record with unacceptable proof references. DAR or SAR application is older and does not contain generational locations and no additional documentation was submitted to document the locations.
- SAR applications printed incorrectly wrong orientation of page 1 to page 2. Must be head to head.
- Unacceptable documentation for lineage and/or service.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper that is insufficient for the job.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.

- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. This does not apply to multiple supplemental applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.
- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page, but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

Notes of Interest:

- ***NSDAR/NSCAR Record Copy Acceptance Criteria Changes***

2011-06, Applications from other lineage organizations. SAR will now accept an official record or chapter copy of a DAR or C.A.R. application approved after 1 January 1985 as evidence of lineage and related fact except where DAR, C.A.R. or SAR has determined that the facts have been determined to be incorrect. In other words, center checks on applications approved after 1 January 1985 no longer prevent a DAR application from being accepted in lieu of other documents. Applications approved before this date are acceptable for corresponding facts marked as individually-verified on DAR and C.A.R. applications. The subcommittee acknowledged that there were arguments on both sides of the issue and what it proposed was a middle ground that it deemed in the overall interest of the organization. No review process is perfect, but the overall DAR review process is an excellent one that includes a number of checks and balances. The old policy was clearly confusing to many applicants, chapter registrars, and state registrars, and the genealogy staff was spending a great deal of time requesting further information relating to DAR applications. Compatriot Peterman made a point in discussion I think all of us share: we do prefer copies of the documents themselves.

- ***Applicant Birth Proof Acceptance Criteria Changes***

2005-03, Application completeness. The applicant's certificate of birth stating the names of parents, date, and place of birth of the applicant, if available, is no longer required. Other evidence for this information is now acceptable. Basically evidence that is acceptable for all other generations is acceptable for the applicant's generation. A birth certificate with the information above conveniently proves multiple points on the application.

- 2011-06, Applications from other lineage organizations. SAR will now accept an official record 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.

- 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

Richard E. Hagerman

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The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has received obituary notices of some 32 active Compatriots, who belong to 14 Florida Chapters. These notable men, who gallantly supported the cause of freedom and liberty, have answered the call to depart this world and begin a new life that has been set aside for them by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during the calendar year ending 31 December 2014. We, who remain will miss them

dearly until the day we are likewise summoned to join them. A Memorial Service will be held beginning at 8:00AM on the 2nd of May 2015 as noted on the schedule. All are welcome.

Recording Secretary

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Report under Minutes January BOM Meeting

Chancellor

Carl Hoffman, PGhoffmaria@yahoo.com

Nothing to Report

Parliamentarian

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody sarrevdoc@concast.net
Parliamentarian Report

This informational report addresses the Motion to Commit or Refer:

“The subsidiary motion to Commit or Refer is generally used to send a pending question to a relatively small group of selected persons—a committee—so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better condition for the assembly to consider.” RONR (11th ed.), p. 168, ll. 3-7

When an issue is referred to a committee, the original motion does not return with the committee’s report. The committee is free to make its recommendation to resolve the issue without regard to the wording of the motion before the assembly when the Motion to Refer was adopted.

“When the committee reports, even if to the same meeting that made the referral, the matter stands before the assembly as if introduced for the first time...” RONR (11th ed.), p. 176, II. 27-29

If the Motion to Commit or refer was referred to a standing committee, the standing committee includes the issue in its report to the assembly. If the Motion to Commit or refer was referred to a special committee selected specifically for the purpose of the referral, the special committee reports to the assembly at the time specified in the Motion to Commit or Refer.

Genealogist

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- I recently gave a talk to a genealogy club at one of the Clay County Libraries. Because most of the members were from New England or the Middle Atlantic states my topic was immigration between Canada and New England. In my own chapter I am aware that few of our compatriots have southern roots. In my own family, my cousins are generally aware of their family background and that they are eligible for membership in the SAR and DAR. What I am wondering is what does it take to motivate potential compatriots to join us.
- A similar situation is where compatriots do the research and pay the dues of sons and grandsons and often find that the younger members rarely get involved in chapter activities. Looking beyond the obvious, that younger members need to earn a living and don’t have much leisure time, how can we keep younger compatriots involved?
- Thanks to television there have been excellent specials about genealogy which have sparked interest of young people. Whenever our color guard performs at a public event or in schools or churches we get questions about how to research our backgrounds and it provides an opportunity to exchange cards or e-mail addresses.
- On a positive note, I had my DNA tested through Ancestry over a year ago and receive updates about potential matches. It is interesting to see how many 4th cousins I have!

Sergeant at Arms

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Nothing to report.

Historian

Ralph Nelson depatriot@aol.com

Since my last report (for the Fall 2014 BOM)

-- I participated in recruiting booths for the FLSSDAR fall meeting (Oct.) and the Leesburg Kinseekers genealogy club annual public event for lineage societies (Nov.).

-- I made one presentation to a DAR chapter on "Pensacola -- The Battle that Doubled the Size of the United States" (Jan.).

-- I returned the remaining chapter items from the state archives that were more appropriate for chapter archives: chapter newsletters, contest submissions, and photos.

-- I participated in uniform at GeorgeFest 2015 (Eustis, Feb.), at the annual commemoration of the Last Battle of the American Revolution (Merritt Island, March) and at the installation ceremony for the marker at the Thomas Creek battlefield (near Jacksonville, March).

-- As part of the SAR's contribution to developing the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail I was managing editor for the W3R-US website.

The plan to develop a FLSSAR archiving policy remains unfinished. This would provide policies and guidelines for the state society and chapters to use in deciding what records and items to keep, how to keep them, and when and how they should be further condensed by summarization and disposal. I am passing on to my successor

Supplementary information provided by Ralph Nelson

Information Supporting Designation of
The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution
Date & Place: March 1783, near Cape Canaveral Florida,
as a National SAR Event

Criteria and Response

1. A recognized battle or event of the Revolution must have occurred at or near the proposed location.

==> The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution was a sea battle off the coast of East Central Florida in the close proximity to the current Cape Canaveral. The current site of the annual celebration is on Merritt Island, Brevard County which is the closest Florida location to the sea battle location.

2. Established history of an event being held by a NSSAR Chapter or State Society.

==> The Florida Society and the Brevard Chapter have held the commemoration ceremonies since 2007 up to and including March 2015.

3. Evidence of participation by multiple NSSAR State Societies or Chapters and other organizations at the event.

==> Past Celebrations have included compatriots from the following:

-- SAR State Societies: GASSAR, NCSSAR, SCSSAR, INSSAR, TNSSAR;

-- Florida SAR Chapters: Brevard, St. Lucie River, Daytona-Ormond, Caloosa, Saramana, Jacksonville, Tampa, Withlacoochee, Lake-Sumter, and Clearwater

-- Non-Florida Chapters: several from GASSAR, chapter representatives from NCSSAR, TNSSAR, SCSSAR, and INSSAR.

-- Other organizations: FLSSDAR chapter members, JROTC units, BSA troops, US Coast Guard Color Guard units, Florida Navy League, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), various WW II veterans group, and various youth groups.

4. The history of the event that indicates that it will continue into the future.

==> As indicated above, the 9 years of successful events indicates that the event will continue.

5. A written packet of information prepared for distribution to the Committee in advance and to contain:

-a- Information about the battle or event

==> Attached is the recent flyer participation request sent by the Florida Last Naval Battle Committee. This is representative of the typical flyer sent out each year with changes in the date of the event.

-b- Evidence as to why it is important that the event be considered of national significance

==> As demonstrated in the above items, this event marks the only sea battle fought in Florida waters and is the acknowledged last naval battle. As such it generates public awareness of this historic event and promotes the Historic, Educational, and Patriotic goals of the Sons of the American Revolution

-c- In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance

Ray Lantz and Ben DuBose -- 2015-03-11 CC to the addressees of the attachment

As leaders in the chapters responsible for the Pensacola and Last Naval Battle commemorations, please read the appended letter from President Williams. I am co-chair (with Hall Riediger) of the FLSSAR Historic Sites Committee, and I said that I would help you prepare a packet for each commemoration. The packet should include the following:

-- Title of the Commemoration, date for the packet, your name and chapter as compiler of the packet

-- Location and date of the historical event and same for the commemoration (include a marked map with scale indicated)

-- Brief summary of the historic event (numbers of participants, outcome, and effect on subsequent historical events)

This could be the flyer / brochure that you hand out to explain the event to the audience.

-- Timeline of commemorations since it started, with numbers of participants and audience whether SAR or not.

-- List of SAR State Societies, SAR Chapters that meet more than 50 miles away, and non-SAR organizations who participated in the planning, parade, wreath-laying, greetings, or other ceremonial roles in 2014, 2013, 2012 (list years separately). This might be the program from the commemoration in those years.

-- One-page discussion of the planning process, describing how you find and train a successor for the lead organizer and how organizations other than the lead chapter are involved in the planning for the event and scheduling future events.

-- Three pages of photos (one page for each of the past three commemorations) with titles telling what is going on and/or the groups represented, not naming the people in the photos.

Please let me know if you could get this together in time for the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. You could display one copy of the pages on a table for delegates and family to appreciate, and submit a copy to the Historic Sites Committee for review and forwarding to the National Historic Sites Committee. Thank you, 353-385-7644

----- attachment -----

Subject: SAR - Historic Sites Date: March 10, 2015 at 5:56:45 PM EDT

From: "Steven Williams" <swilliams16@cfl.rr.com> To: "Riediger Hall" <allriedi42@bellsouth.net>, "DAVID RAMSEUR" <davidramseur12@gmail.com>, "Kelsey, David" <pcoast@mindspring.com>, "Nelson, Ralph" <depatriot@aol.com>

Cc: "Fehrenbaker, Sr., Lawrence G." <lgfnsar@comcast.net>

Compatriots, The National Committee for Historic Sites, Celebrations and Reenactments is looking to document all such sites/celebrations/reenactments such that a 'book' can be put together listing all of the these events for referencing by any interested party - SAR or non-SAR.

To that end they would ask that all states having any of these events provide a document that details those bits of information that are needed to have such events recognized as official/sanctioned National events. THIS IS NOT TO IMPLY OR REQUIRE that the current recognized events have to be re-approved. They just want those pertinent pieces of data captured - now. Apparently they don't have records of all recognized events.

Such submission(s) would be for our current recognized events: Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, and the Battle of Pensacola. Thomas Creek cannot be submitted as yet since it doesn't meet the criteria set in bullets #2 to #4. That will be accomplished in a couple years.

Please consider compiling the necessary information, with assistance from the appropriate chapters, to accomplish this action item. Once such a document(s) is finalized send it to the national chair, Mark Anthony.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Yours in Patriotism, SteveWilliams Florida State President 2014-2015

Receiving a Designation of a National Historic Event

Last updated: Mon, 2013-09-16 09:26

The following criteria were adopted by the Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee at its meeting during the Fall 2012 Leadership meeting in Louisville.

1=>A recognized battle or event of the Revolution must have occurred at or near the proposed location

2=> Established history of an event being held by a NSSAR Chapter or State Society

3=> Evidence of participation by multiple NSSAR State Societies or Chapters and other organizations at the event

4=>The history of the event that indicates that it will continue into the future

5=> A written packet of information prepared for distribution to the Committee in advance and to contain:

o Information about the battle or event

o Evidence as to why it is important that the event be considered of national significance

=> In a state with no Revolutionary War battle or event sites, an explanation as to why the proposed event should be considered of national significance

A chapter or state society wishing to have an event considered for designation as a National Historic Site or Celebration should prepare a written proposal addressing each of the criteria cited above. The written proposal must be submitted to the Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Leadership Meeting to allow time for distribution prior to the meeting. Any submissions received after the deadline will be held until the next meeting.

-----I replied all -----

I have not had any response from Pensacola in two years of inquiry about their plans, but I'll ask Ray Lantz if someone there could accomplish this. Ben DuBose could easily put together the required information, and I shall ask him to submit this to the FLSSAR Historic Sites Committee. I'll be at the Thomas Creek event on March 20-21. Perhaps David Ramseur can develop a package for submission after the 2016 (next year's) ceremony there, since that will establish a two-year track record of commemorations.

Editor, The Florida Patriot

Jeff SizemoreSwampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com

To continue to make improvements to this publication, I need your assistance in submitting various articles of different sizes. Pictures of your color guard or historical locations that you visited are also requested. At present, my goal is to produce a 28 page magazine layout. The FLSSAR is also interested in getting more ads or reciprocal ads for our publication. If you know of an organization or business that would be appropriate to advertise in the FLSSAR Florida Patriot, please provide me your contact that I follow-up with as to whether they may be interested.

In order to get more on a better schedule, I request that all submittals for the upcoming two editions be sent to my attention as follows:

Summer 2015 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 10, 2015
Fall 2015 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= August 15, 2015
Winter 2016 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= December 1, 2015
Spring 2016 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 1, 2016

With the option of submitting The Florida Patriot electronically has allowed the FLSSAR to cut down on the cost of mailing; as well as, make the magazine readily available to our membership that otherwise could take up to 3 to 4 weeks for mail copies to arrive. To account for the timeline to get the magazine printed and mailed is the reason I request that you submit your articles per the schedule listed above or sooner.

As your editor who also receives other SAR correspondence, I request that you include your topic in the subject line of your email & state it is for The Florida Patriot. Please also include your chapter name and chapter position when submitting material for The Florida Patriot. If at all possible, please type your article in MS Word and submit to either of the following email addresses: swampfoxeditor@yahoo.com or swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. I would also love to have some assistance with individuals that are willing to write historical articles and others that are willing to serve as proof readers. If you can assist in this manner, please let me know.

Note that the Summer issue will be centered around the Thomas Creek Battlefield Marker Dedication and that the Fall issue will be centered around the NSSAR Congress in Louisville, KY. If you have materials or pictures of these events that would be good to include in these issues, please send them to me.

For those receiving The Florida Patriot electronically, please set your browser to accept emails from swampfoxsar@gmail.com. As this is the email address that the database of over a 1000 names is sent from.

Note that all earthlink email rejections cause issues with this database and it is up to the user to address the non-acceptance of the FLSSAR correspondence.

Well over 1000 members of the Florida Society have agreed to receive this publication in electronic format. If you want to opt out of the electronic version, please send your request to Society Secretary so he can update the record query before the next publication goes out. The money saved freed up funds of the Florida Society to put toward other worthwhile Society projects.

Webmaster

Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

Flagler chapter's website was developed per their specifications and is up and running completely now. A presentation on the state website will be made at the BOM (2Hrs) and will be open to all interested parties.

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

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The FLSSAR Audit Committee performed an internal review of the financial records of the Florida society for the year ended December 31, 2014. The following procedures were performed:

- The committee looked at all 2014 bank statements for the FLSSAR Checking account at Wells Fargo.
- The committee looked at all the 2014 bank statements for the FLSSAR Money Market account at Wells Fargo.
- The committee looked at all cancelled checks clearing the FLSSAR checking account at Wells Fargo in 2014. No checks cleared the Money market account.
- The committee agreed the 12-31-2014 reconciled checking account balance (\$68,070 and the reconciled Money Market account balance (\$63,207) to amounts reported to the Florida Society at the winter 2015 BOM Meeting and printed in the respective Proceedings Book.
- The committee confirmed with the current Treasurer of the FLSSAR that the Pepco Stock Certificate was stored in a safe deposit box.
- The committee made inquiries of the current and past Treasurers about certain selected 2014 transactions. All responses were satisfactory to the committee.

Based on the procedures performed the financial records of the FLSSAR appear to be in good order at December 31,2014.

Executive

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To be Presented at the Board of Management Meeting

Finance

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Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Budget Report
For the Three Months Ended march 31, 2105

	Budget 2015	Jan - Mar Activity
Revenue Accounts		
Dues - 2015	76,000	82,285

OTF distribution	2,750	2,850	
Registrar Receipts	6,500	2,410	
Secretary Receipts		4,000	2,145
Other Income		-	-
PEPCO Dividends		324	108
Interest Income	-		
BOM Receipts			
Registration	15,000	4,470	
50/50	200	86	
Hospitality Room	100		
Donations			
Support Our Troops		-	350
Thomas Creek		-	
Undesignated		-	
F4F2		-	
JROTC		-	
LNB Medal Sales		-	
Patriot Mag Ad Income		-	120
Carry Over from 2014	6,659	6,659	
Total	111,533		101,482

Expense Accounts

NSSAR Dues	46,500	47,080	
Dues Refunds		-	
Reinstatement Dues		250	745
Presidents Expenses	3,600	1,660	
Sr VP Expenses	100		
Regional VP Expenses		100	
Secretary Expenses		1,500	196
Treasurer Expenses		250	
Registrar Expenses		500	52
Other Offices Expenses		250	
Record Storage	4,800	1,200	
BOM Expenses			
Hotel (Meals)	16,000	5,938	
BOM Refunds		38	
Hospitality Room	500	132	
Other	359		
Hotel Deposits	-		1,000
Technology Comm		100	
In-House Printing	500		
Knight Essay Comm		1,500	1,500
American His Teacher Comm	500		
Eagle Scout Comm		1,750	750
JROTC Comm	1,750		
Patriotic Education		500	
Rumbaugh Oration Comm		3,600	2,215
Amer Poster Comm		625	
FSCAR Donation	1,000		1,000
NSSAR Library	200		
Battle of Pensacola		500	
Last Naval Battle	750	590	
Battle of Thomas Creek			
Purchase Marker	2,230	2,230	
Dedication Ceremony		1,500	382
Hermioe/Hamilton		500	500

Support Our Troops Cost			1,088
Medals & Awards Comm			750
Patriot Medal Comm			150
Newsletters & Period Comm	600		
Publicity Comm		600	
New Chapter Dev Comm			500
Other Committee Cost			1,200
Medal of Honor Recognition			840
Bank Charges/Fees			100
Miscellaneous Costs		500	500
D&O Insurance	400		
Patriot Mag Cost	7,500		
Other Postage/Delivery			250
ETF Donation	2,000	2,066	
F4F Donation	2,000		
Total	111,533		70,133.22

Medals and Awards

Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr. lgfnsar@comcast.net

Only Chapters and fellow Compatriots can attest if this committee has processed their requests for medals and awards and information concerning medals and awards, in a prompt and expeditious manner, which was our stated "Short-term Goal."

The second Florida Society nominee for Gold Good Citizenship Award/Medal was not approved by the NSSAR Medal and Awards Committee.

The long-term goal of having Compatriots and Chapter Secretaries update individual medal and awards data on the Florida Society web-site has been done with moderate success. Medal and awards data entry needs to be a continuing, ongoing process. The summer months are an excellent opportunity for Chapter Secretaries to update their records and send them to the Florida Society Secretary.

The Medals and Awards Committee has endeavored for the 2015 May 1st Awards Banquet, to award Compatriots for their service to the Florida Society over the past 5 years. If individuals suspect that their service to the Florida Society has been overlooked, contact the 2015 -2016 Medals and Awards Committee.

Nominating

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The individuals listed below were recommended by the Nominating Committee at the January 2015 FLSSAR Board of Management meeting for election to office for the 2015-2016 term:

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>2015-2016 NOMINEE</i>	<i>CHAPTER</i>
PRESIDENT	LAWRENCE GENE FEHRENBAKER, SR.	NAPLES
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	RAYMOND FRANCIS WESS	PALM BEACH
SECRETARY	HERMANN HALL RIEDIGER	ST. LUCIE RIVER
RECORDING SECRETARY	CHARLES ANTHONY MCKINLEY	ST. LUCIE RIVER
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Patriot Medal

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The Patriot Medal committee reviewed the applications submitted and determined that the Florida Society will be presenting four Patriot Medals to the honorees this year. This year marks the first time since 2004 that we've been able to honor four members. Such ability is determined by the state membership at the end of each year - one medal for every 500 members. The members submitted likely do not know that they were submitted by someone in their chapter or at the state level..

NSSAR Affairs

Center for Advancing America's Heritage Committee

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The Florida Society will make its annual donation to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage to president general Lindsey Brock at the BOM/ Annual meeting in Kissimmee in May 2015.

NSSAR Charter and Bylaws

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This Ad-hoc committee remains essentially inactive. The committee recommends to the Board of Management, that the NSSAR Charter and Bylaws Committee be discharged at this time according to Article V, Section 6 -c (3) of The Florida Society Governing Documents, May 2013.

NSSAR Library

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I communicated with other committee members via e-mail. Several had visited the old library and a few have seen the new facility. It was mentioned that the DAR library is older and much larger and,

therefore is a valuable resource. However, there is much we can copy and aspire to. We should all consider donating books and materials to our SAR Library as well as becoming Friends of the Library.

FLSSAR Affairs

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All records are stored in an air-conditioned facility under lock and key.

Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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Report by Steve Williams

Chapter Challenge/Americanism

The Chapter Challenge/Americanism contest at the state level continues to use the NSSAR EXCEL spreadsheet list all relevant chapter activities which are submitted at the state and national levels. A BOM Session will be held at this BOM to present the spreadsheet and review the various tabs in that spreadsheet to discuss the proper way to enter data and have a successful submission.

The state competition is divided into three Flights depending on chapter size: Large chapters (>100 members) - Blue Flight; Mid-sized chapters (> 40, <100) - White Flight; Small chapters (<40) - Red Flight. The scoring is a composite of the Americanism Score and the President's Cup score both are automatically calculated in the EXCEL spreadsheet.

Of the 33 chapters in the Florida Society there were 6 of 7 large chapters entering the competition; 7 of 12 Mid-size chapters; and only 2 of 14 Small chapters entering. Ribbons will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Friday night for each Flight winning chapter and the 2nd & 3rd place chapters. Thus, only 13 chapters have entered.

The Florida Society compiles all chapter entries into the state's entry into the national competition. Having less than all chapters submitting hinders the state in its chance to be recognized at the National Congress for our participation in all SAR Goals and programs.

Documents

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The Documents Committee has received no further documents to present to the membership for consideration.

Seven items/documents which were previously submitted and reviewed by the Documents Committee were published and presented to the members of the BOM per the FLSSAR Governing Documents, dated May 4, 2013, Article VIII, Section 3-b, and the committee's recommendations were presented to the BOM membership at the January 30, 2015 BOM. The committee believes that it has achieved the stated short term goal of "handling submitted documents for review expeditiously."

Following the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Florida Society, any new changes to the Florida Society Governing Documents will be updated and published on the Society's web-page. The committee has reviewed all Florida documents and will have corrected some typographical errors in the final published versions in keeping with our long term goal of maintaining a current master copy of the Florida Society Documents.

Genealogy

Ray Lantz

On 2/4/2015 committee submitted a proposed new format for the NSSAR Membership Application form to the NSSAR Genealogy and IT committees. The proposed new form expanded the application to four (4) pages. It added new information options such as patriot children, more room for reference fields, and many other features.

On 3/6/2015 the NSSAR Genealogy Committee was to consider the proposed new application form. However, the proposed revision to the SAR Application Form made by the Florida Society was withdrawn since the IT project to develop an on-line form is well underway.

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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The Florida Hotel and Convention Center (TFH) is the venue for all Florida Society Meeting during 2015 – 2016. However, the Winter and Spring BOM dates have been changed.

By moving the Winter BOM a week later to February 5 – 6, 2016 we have been able to negotiate a \$5.00 decrease in room rates to \$135 + taxes per night. The Florida Hotel service charge of \$18.00 per night is included in the daily room rate and includes the usual amenities which we have been receiving.

We have also decided to move the Spring BOM/Annual Meeting a week later than originally scheduled, to May 13 -15, 2016. This additional change in meeting dates was necessitated by the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and End of Course (EOC) examinations being given on the first weekend in May. In moving our meetings to a later date, we hope that our youth program winners and finalist will be available to attend the Florida Society's Youth Awards Luncheon.

The 2015-2016 Florida Society meeting dates are: No Summer BOM; Fall BOM, October 23 - 25, 2015; Winter BOM, February 5 - 6, 2016 and Spring BOM and Annual Meeting, May 13 - 15, 2016.

Registration and hosting of the hospitality room will continue on a rotational basis among the society regions. Hospitality room coffee, soft drinks, ice and water are being provided by the Florida Society. Limited snacks are being provided for this May BOM and Annual Meeting. Attendees and guests may bring to the hospitality area, their own food items, lunches, beverages, etc. Personal alcoholic beverages may be consumed ONLY in the hospitality room. Any infractions on the policy of prohibiting alcohol consumption outside of the designated hospitality room will result in the loss of this special privilege.

Compatriots are again reminded to submit to the Meeting Arrangements – BOM Committee in late May, their ideas and suggestions for venues and facilities to consider for the Florida Society 2016-2017 meetings.

Membership Promotion and Retention

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As our stated short-term goals, we encouraged chapters to utilize the tools available for membership promotion and retention, which have been enumerated by this committee and previous Membership Promotion and Retention Committees (MPRC). Our long-term goal was to maintain and grow membership in the Florida Society.

The Reconciliation Report from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 as of 3/24/2015 has been received. The Florida Society will remember the 38 members who died during the reporting interval, at our Memorial Service on Saturday, May 2, 2015. One hundred and sixty three (163) were listed as "Drops." Another 39 either resigned or transferred out. There were 307 new members, and another 38 gained through reinstatements and transfers into the Society. As of 3/24/2015 according to the NSSAR Reconciliation report, the Florida Society has 1859 active members. (Note: this number does not include over 20 reinstatements that have been processed by the Florida Society Secretary since the Annual Report was submitted.)

The Florida Society effectively gained more members than were lost. The challenge for all is to maintain our growth by the recruitment of new members and retention of current compatriots. Previous BOM Proceeding reports have discussed the merits of follow-up letters to compatriots who dropped their

membership or resigned, as well as “survey letters,” to members, and will not be repeated in this report. As has been stated repeatedly, the key to retention, is to involve all members in chapter activities.

During the summer hiatus, chapters should explore all venues for exposure in their community, with participation of the Color Guard in parades and local events, such as Memorial Day and July 4th. Visibility at local fairs, civic events, and availability as a speaker for organizations will potentially increase membership interest.

Aaron Snowden, Lake City, Maj. John Devane and the Miami Chapters are to be congratulated their “0” Drop/Resign reports during the reporting interval.

New Chapter Development

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Nothing to report at this time.

Newsletters and Periodicals

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Presentation of the Richard Q Fowler Newsletter award will take place at the Awards Banquet on Friday night. A new winning chapter will receive the monetary prize this year as a result of the determination by the committee last year that a chapter newsletter cannot win two years in a row. If such chapter newsletter is the highest scoring newsletter then it will receive an Honorable Mention Certificate and the next highest newsletter will be the winner. This practice follows that of the NSSAR competition.

Not all chapters have newsletters - and they should. Newsletters help the chapter's members stay connected to the chapter. Of the 33 Florida chapters, 19 are known to publish newsletters sometime during a year. Of those 19, 11 submitted their entry to this year's competition. Last year all 19 chapters submitted entries with most getting some monetary award.

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Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard executive staff members are:

Randy Moody, Commander
Charlie Day, Vice-Commander
Hall Riediger, Adjutant

The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard Manual is now posted on the Florida Society web site. The policies and procedures for all units are outlined therein.

Commander Randy Moody attended the NSSAR Color Guard Committee meeting 6 March 2015 in Louisville, KY casting the FLSSAR vote for NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Also, participating in the meeting were Guardsmen Larry Fehrenbaker, Chuck Sweeney, Phil Tarpley, and Steve Williams.

any Guardsmen had uniforms made by Darlene Neuhaus whose family served the NSSAR as a uniform provider for decades. She retired but it was announced at the NSSAR Color Guard Committee meeting that her business, American Revolutionary Uniforms, was acquired by MoggyKienel of Georgia. You may contact her at:

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Vice-Commander Charlie Day commanded the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution commemoration on 7 March 2015 because Commander Randy Moody was at the National Leadership meeting. A total of 11 Guardsmen from 8 Chapters participated; 5 Guardsmen participated in the Color Guard at National Leadership in Louisville, KY the same weekend.

Activity reported by report due time is listed under the Camp's name; no information listed indicates no report received:

1. George Washington Camp # 1, Jacksonville Chapter, Commander Dick Cardell
 - a. 30 Jan 2015 - Guardsman Dick Cardell participated in the Florida Brigade Color Guard at the BOM Banquet in Orlando.
 - b. 21 Feb 2015 - DAR Regents Washington's Birthday Banquet. Color Guard members Scott Breckenridge, Dick Cardell, Dennis Carpenter, Jim Gaskins, George Lockhart, David Ramseur, and Martin Schwartz presented the colors.
 - c. 14 Mar 2015 - King's Ferry, Nassau County. Scott Breckenridge, Dick Cardell and David Ramseur presented the colors at the dedication of a historical marker, sponsored by the West Nassau County Historical Society.
 - d. 21 Mar 2015 - Battle of Thomas Creek marker dedication, Seton Park, Jacksonville - David Ramseur, Scott Breckenridge, Dick Cardell, Dennis Carpenter, Chuck Farmer, Darrell Goss, Jim Gaskins, David Ramseur, Mills Ramseur, Wayne Peters, Martin Schwartz and Dan Winko participated.
 - e. 18 Apr 2015 - St Simons Island, Georgia - Patriots Day - Dick Cardell, Darrell Goss and David Ramseur plan to participate in the color guard and present wreaths.
 - f. 18 Apr 2015 - We plan to participate in Callahan's (Nassau County) annual Railroad days parade, two events on the same day!
2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter
3. Cape Canaveral Camp #3, Brevard Chapter
 - a. February joint meeting with the Brevard Regents Council's George Washington Birthday meeting
 - b. St. Patrick's Day parade in Melbourne FL
 - c. Sent Color Guard member to the Thomas Creek Battlefield ceremony in Jacksonville
4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter
5. Yorktown Camp #5, St. Lucie River Chapter
 - a. 7 March 2015 Guardsmen Chuck McKinley and Hall Riediger carried the Colors for the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution ceremony at Merritt Island
6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville Chapter
7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter, (Dormant)
8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8, Saramana Chapter, Commander Kenneth Aubrey:
 - a. 14 October 2014 – Monthly stated Meeting, Ken Aubrey, Chuck Barrett, Harold Crapo, John Fitzpatrick, Ted Hornback, Vic McMurry, Chuck Sweeney
 - b. 7 November 2014 – posted the colors for the Out-of-Door Academy of Siesta Key Veterans Day “Salute to Veterans” ceremony, Ken Aubrey, Chuck Barrett, Dick Mahaffey, Charles Riegle
 - c. 11 November 2014 – Veterans Day Parade in Sarasota, Ken Aubrey, Chuck Barrett, John Fitzpatrick, Ted Hornback, Dick Mahaffey, Chuck Sweeney
 - d. 19 December 2014 – Monthly stated Meeting, Ken Aubrey, Chuck Barrett, John Fitzpatrick, Ted Hornback, Dan Kennedy, Dick Mahaffey, Vic McMurry, Charles Riegle
 - e. 20 February 2015 – George Washington Birthday Celebration, Chuck Barrett, Harold Crapo, John Fitzpatrick, Dan Kennedy, Dick Mahaffey, Chuck Sweeney
9. Thomas Paine Camp #9, Miami Chapter, Commander Douglas Bridges:
10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10, Central Florida Chapter, Commander Andrew Showen
 - a. No events this reporting period
 - b. Continuing to recruit new Color Guardsmen
11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Withlacoochee Chapter, Commander Larry Dean Sturgeon
 - a. January 6, 2015 Guardsmen Larry Sturgeon, Richard Sumner, Charles Day, Robert Folk and Mark Idle Posted the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR January General membership meeting recognizing the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, and those veterans who served with honor in the conflict.

- b. January 30, 2015 Guardsmen Larry Sturgeon, Charles Day, Robert Folk and Edward Gingrich Posted the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade for the Winter BOM.
 - c. March 7, 2015 Guardsman Charles Day marched with the Colors as Vice-Commander of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the 232nd Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle. State Vice-Commander Charles Day laid a wreath at the memorial marker for the Withlacoochee Chapter.
 - d. March 12, 2015 Guardsmen Larry Sturgeon, Richard Sumner, Jack Townsend, Robert Folk and Mark Idle Posted the Colors at the March 2015 General Membership meeting.
 - e. March 17, 2015 Guardsmen Larry Sturgeon, Charles Day, Jack Townsend, Robert Folk, Tim Holme and Mark Idle marched with the Colors at the Clover Leaf Farms St. Patrick's Day parade.
 - f. March 21, 2015 Guardsman Charles Day presented the Chapter flag and laid a wreath to dedicate Florida's Historical Marker Commemorating the 238th Anniversary of the Thomas Creek Battle.
12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12, Lake Sumter Chapter
13. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, Naples Chapter, Commander Don Cahill
- a. Guardsman Larry Fehrenbaker, John McCullough and Don Cahill joined the FLSSAR Son's of Liberty Brigade at the BOM January 31, 2015 Banquet.
 - b. February 12 Guardsman started our Naples Chapter meeting by presenting the colors as we do at every meeting.
 - c. March 12 Color Guard were Mike Garey 'old Glory' SAR flag John McCullough and Commander Don Cahill.
 - d. April 9 The U.S. Flag was carried by Eagle Scout Christopher M. Poteet led by musketeer Larry Fehrenbaker, SAR flag bearer Mike Garey, John McCullough and Don Cahill. Chris Poteet and his parents, Cheryl and William Poteet were our Chapter guests as Chris had won the Eagle Contest and was presented a Certificate, Medal and a check for his good showing.
 - e. Larry Fehrenbaker in later March represented our Naples Color Guard in participating in the Dedication ceremonies at the Thomas Creek Battle Site near Jacksonville.
14. Hillsborough River Camp #14, Tampa Chapter, Commander Alan Bell
- a. Alan Bell and Dick Young marched in the procession at the Last Naval Battle 7 March 2015
 - b. Alan Bell, Dick Young, Terry Doan, and John Sessums presented the Colors at a marker dedication for the Colonial Dames in Hernando County in February
15. General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp #15, Caloosa Chapter, Commander Randy Moody:
- a. Guardsman Bob McGuire participated in the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution ceremony at Merritt Island on 7 March 2015
 - b. 14 March 2015 Commander Randy Moody with Guardsmen John Jones and Bob McGuire participated in a special Saturday Chapter meeting planned to allow Junior Members and working Regular Members to attend
 - c. Guardsman John Jones and Bob McGuire guarded the Colors for the SAR and DAR recruiting booths at the Lee County Reading Fair 21 March 2015

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During the past year we have staffed tables at the FLSSDAR's fall and spring meetings held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center at the Florida Mall in Orlando. We had many productive discussions with DAR members and their guests. We received about thirty referrals of prospects. Members, who

helped staff the tables were Steve Williams, Larry Fehrenbaker, Randy Moody, Frank Nolte and I. We need more volunteers.

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No report from this committee.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

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The Battle of Thomas Creek; Marker Dedication Program / The Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War

May 17, 1777

By; David Hardy Ramseur, Jacksonville Chapter, FLSSAR

On March 21, 2015 the National Society and the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution along with the City of Jacksonville dedicated a Florida Historical Marker in Seaton Creek Historic Park Commemorating the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. President General Lindsey C. Brock, a member of the Jacksonville Chapter brought greetings to the nearly one hundred (100) SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and others who attended the dedication ceremony. Greetings and 34 wreath presentations were also brought by The City of Jacksonville, the National Park Service, and several SAR State Presidents, representatives of the DAR and C.A.R. and Ralph Nelson from the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association. Also, attending the ceremony, were Past President General Roland Downing and his lady Norma, and Dr. Sam Powell, President SAR Foundation.

There were twenty-seven 27 SAR Color guardsmen from NC, SC, GA and FL commanded by Mike Tomme, Past National Color Guard Commander and Treasurer General and Mark Anthony National Color Guard Adjunct and South Atlantic District Vice President General. The invocation and benediction was given by Jacksonville Chapter Chaplain Reverend Robert M. Hale and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout William Merkert. Compatriot Bill Ramsaur, of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the Georgia Society gave a presentation on "Four accounts of the Battle of Thomas Creek". The presentation gave the viewpoints from two Patriot Colonels and two British Colonels.

Purchase of the historic park was unanimously approved by the Jacksonville City Council in September 2012 and finally purchased by the City in late 2013. David Ramseur thanked the former local Director of the Trust for Public Land, Susan Grandin for all the years she worked to make this acquisition possible. Ms. Grandin also got Mr. Ramseur involved in 2011 and encouraged him to contact the elected city officials to purchase the land. As he testified several times before the City Council, it would be a win-win for the city by only paying \$.2M of the \$7.1M cost for the 846 acres that would contain "The Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War".

Battle of Pensacola

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No report

Last Naval Battle

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On March 7, 2015 the Brevard chapter hosted the 9th annual celebration of the LNB at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island. It was a crisp and breezy day for the one hundred plus attendees- split evenly between parade participants and spectators. As FLSSAR Chairman, I once again acted as master of ceremonies.

SAR Chapters, in attendance included: Brevard, Caloosa, Daytona-Ormond, Lake-Sumter, St. Lucie River, Tampa and Withlacoochee. Brevard County DAR Chapters included: Abigail Wright Chamberlin, Brevard DAR Regents Council, Commodore John Barry, Indian River and Philip Perry Chapters. Other DAR chapters included Arthur Irwin (Deland), Lawrence Kearney Chapter (Cape Coral), and Winding Waters (Hernando County). Also participating in the parade were the Children of the American Revolution, Canaveral Light Chapter #2358 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Camp 1387 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans and the Courageous Division Naval Sea Cadets.

Bringing greetings were: Hall Riediger (Florida Society SAR, Carole Cole (Brevard DAR's) Bill Griers (US Coast Guard), Ralph Nelson (Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association).

Our guest speaker was Compatriot Bill Elder (Dayton-Ormond) in the persona of General George Washington. Several wreaths were presented followed by the playing of "Taps" by the Coast Guard Auxiliary man Kachenmeister.

It has been my pleasure to be working on this project for the past dozen years or so, and I must give a special thanks to compatriot Lindsey Brock for assisting in creating this National Event. Plus a big thanks to the members of the Brevard Chapter, without whom these Celebrations could not have taken place.

With that said, I am sad to say this will be my last year as Chairman of this Committee and organizer of this important Celebration.

Liberty Tree

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The committee sent a note to the Chapters via the RVPs and only has 3 responses about providing status back to the committee about providing updates to the data base that we had provided. This is disheartening to our committee to help fulfill our charter requirements to document known Liberty Trees and to stimulate interest in providing an historic event to our communities that can be a good benefit to the Sons of the America Revolution Organization as well as helping our chapters with comparison data in making a decision for to begin a project. All of the current data that we have collected via research and what has been provided in the data that has pictures, sample programs, applications and proclamations. Etc., will be provided to the State Historian to document known Liberty Trees in the State. The committee is also in the process of preparing a recommendation to National Headquarters to stimulate their interest as well.

The Saint Lucie River Chapter dedicated the 36th State Liberty Tree and the first in St. Lucie County in Fort Pierce on the 28th of April. In attendance was the State President Steve Williams, State Secretary Hall Riediger, who gave a wonderful history of the liberty tree origins back to the 1600s to the present. Proclamations were received from the County Commission and the City of Fort Pierce. Also in attendance was representative of our local area Congressmen, Patrick Murphy. Your current State Liberty Tree Committee coordinated the installation and ceremony with the Fort Pierce Women's Club who donated the space. This women's club and a local DAR Cora Stickney Harper Chapter had celebrated a recent 100 year anniversary of service to the community and presented certificates to all participants. Our Chapter Director provided a new flag and a pole for the facility as well as using a local Fort Pierce Central High School JROTC for handing of the Colors. A local domestic violence women's group provided the singer for the National anthem as well as handing the refreshments. We believe that this effort for dedication of an historic event utilized local civic and government organizations, the DAR, JROTC, and even the donation of the marker by a nearby Buxton Funeral Home which will be long living monument to them and their support to their community and Veterans within their own family and community for service to our country

and community. This was not the first marker that this organization had provided and due to their patriotism in all probability will do it in other places in the future.

The bottom line in the Liberty Tree program is that an adult tree can be used instead of planting a new one and with some diligence and planning; costs can be cut down by interaction within their community, not to mention that funds can be also obtained by providing an ETF input for recovering some of the costs. Take advantage of this to help us create a public knowledge of our Organization and to solicit a fervor for Patriotism like our ancestors.

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster and Brochure Contest

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The Americanism Elementary Poster Contest has been a great youth venue for stimulating Revolutionary War period interest in the 3rd -5th grade students. As one of the contest judges at 2014 Congress in Greenville, SC, there were 14 state poster winners including FLSSAR winner from the Naples Chapter.

The guidelines for the 2014-15 years poster and brochure contest rules are detailed on our FLSSAR and SAR web sites. The theme for 2014-2015 Poster Themes is George Rogers Clark and/or Lexington and Concord, MA (Boston Massacre). These two themes cover both the 2015 Congress in Louisville and the 2016 Congress in Boston. Please bring your winning chapter poster to the Legacy South 1 room by 10:30 AM Saturday May 2nd for judging the FLSSAR winners.

At the 2014 Congress this year we conducted our first middle school brochure contest with seven entries. The theme for the Brochure contest is different than the poster contest and is based on 8th grade studies where American History is normally taught in middle school. Submission is on an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper that is created into a tri-fold brochure. The brochure will be judged on student drawn art and student authored theme text. Material cut and pasted from books, magazines and the internet will be accepted but will receive a lower grade than student produced the art work. Our FLSSAR submission deadline from individual chapter winners will need to be mailed to me by 1 Apr 2015. I will then email all entries to our judges for their review and scoring. Hopefully by Mid April I will be able to forward our FLSSAR state winner to our National Chairman Tom Adams who will repeat the process for all the state winners and have a winner for final evaluation at Congress. The NSSAR Americanism Committee has changed the Brochure Contest theme to now fit with middle school curriculums across the nation. While the Poster Contest will continue to follow the traditional annual contest theme approach, 'big brother' middle school brochure contest will follow the essay contest model by establishing a broader theme. Shown below are Committee Chairman, Mark Anthony's guidelines and hopefully, FLSSAR will have a brochure entry next year. If a brochure entry is developed by this late date please bring it to the Legacy South 1 room at or before 10:30AM Saturday May 2nd.

"The permanent Middle School Brochure Contest theme beginning with the 2014-2015 academic term will be "The Foundational Documents of the United States". These documents include:

- Articles of Confederation
- Declaration of Independence
- Constitution
- Federalist Papers
- Bill of Rights

The theme for the Brochure Contest is structured to match up with the Government curricula that is found in the majority of states during the middle school years. The students will be encouraged to pick a particular founding document and produce a brochure within the established criteria. This will eliminate the need to revisit the theme on an annual basis while providing a large amount of flexibility to adapt to the established curricula."

This model will also make it easier for Chapter Youth Contest Chairmen to find classroom teachers who can blend our contest into their history lesson plans.

Eagle Scout Recognition & Scholarship Committee

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Committee members Charles L. Day, Jr., David Kelsey, Sr, David Ramseur, Chuck Sweeney with Don Cahill judged the applications this year and selected the 2014 winners. I wish to thank Eagle Committee members for their hard work. It takes a lot of time to carefully rate each entry in 10 categories. We had ten chapter winners submitted by Brevard, Clearwater, Emerald Coast, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Naples, Ocala, Palm Beach, Saramana and Withlacoochee.

Our FLSSAR Winners

Third Place Emerald Coast winner Charles D. Foy earned 62 merit badges attended 10 summer camps as well as Philmont Scout Ranch, National Scout Jamboree. He has gotten many special awards and in many school activities and athletics.

Second Place Clearwater winner Trevor Joseph Case earned 100 merit badges, many summer camps Philmont, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference. Received numerous special scouting and religious awards.

First Place Withlacoochee winner Jeremiah J. Lovestrand earned 93 merit badges. Also many summer camps and National high adventure camps. Lots of community and Religious activities and wards. Our State Society will honor the Youth Luncheon where he will receive his scholarship prize and Eagle trophy.

A thank you to all the Chapter Chairs who foster our FLSSAR Scouting program without your help and dedication our Eagle Recognition and Scholarship Contest would not happen.

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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We had a very successful turnout for our contest this year. We had 66 entries with both public and prep schools participating. There were 8 chapter winners declared by Brevard, Clearwater, Lake City, Palm Beach, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Withlacoochee and an At Large category for entries without Chapter sponsorship. From them the Committee selected the following State winners:

First place	Cameron Ehmig	Clearwater
Second Place	Carolyn Edge	St. Petersburg
Third Place	Jeremiah Lovestrand	Withlacoochee

The runner up awards are being delivered by their Chapter Chairmen. Our winner is expected at the Youth Luncheon to receive his in person.

Thanks to the Yarnell brothers for their guidance and work on our Committee.

Please help your Chapter appoint an Essay Chairman for the upcoming contest this fall. Let's make it the best ever! This year, 51 of the 66 essays came from Clearwater and St. Petersburg Chapters. Let's spread the participation more broadly around the state.

John M. Stewart, Chairman

Kevin Yarnell, member and Past Chairman

Robert Yarnell, member and Past Chairman

Good Citizenship

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The Florida Good Citizenship awards will be coming up with the end of the school year, please if you need certificates let me know (Hall Riediger) . Oscar Paterson reports that there have been only 3 Chapters , who have requested certificates Lake Sumter, Clearwater and Ft. Lauderdale. The chairman of this committee has told us that there is not feed back to him from the Chapters so it is near impossible to keep track of who is and who isn't participating. We hope that all chapters participate in this free program that is truly appreciated by the schools , who benefit.

History Fairs

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The 2014-2015 National History Day events are taking place in States all over the country. Here in Florida, they are History Fairs, and the Florida History Fair begins on May 3 - 5 in Tallahassee. The Theme for 2014-2015 is: Leadership and Legacy in History. We will once again request the Tallahassee Chapter to send a representative to present the FLSSAR Colonial American Heritage Award. FLSSAR will again be recognized as one of the Corporate Sponsors of the Florida History Fair.

The 2015 National History Day event will be held June 14-18 in Annapolis MD. Good luck to our Florida students who will be participating.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

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The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution oration was conducted at the winter Board of Management meeting in Orlando this past January. Four entrants competed. The winner repeated her oration at the banquet, and will represent the FLSSAR at the National Congress in Louisville, at the end of June.

The Oration was judged by Compatriots Ralph Nelson, David Ramseur, and Robert McGuire, with Robert McGuire serving as chief judge, compiling the results. Compatriot Dr. Randy Moody, Chaplain General NSSAR and previous FLSSAR Rumbaugh Committee Chairman, served as time keeper. All four contestants finished at approximately five minutes and thirty seconds, within contest requirements.

This year's orators finished as follows:

First place: Talia Fradkin, of Palm Beach Chapter, Remember The Ladies.

Second place: Esther Jaffee, of Saramana Chapter, The Constitution in the 21st Century.

Third place: Zachary Jones, of St. Augustine Chapter, Mr. George Mason: The Forgotten

Founder.

Fourth place: Lisa DeWitte, of Naples Chapter, An Eternal Proclamation.

Certificates, medals and cash prizes were presented at the banquet.

The contestants are to be congratulated for their exceptional performances, and the judges are greatly appreciated for their dedication and fine work.

JROTC

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Reporting do the enhanced program's outstanding Cadet has been delayed due to a scheduling conflict with the preparation and the Sat testing on May 2. All cadets/students are required to take the national SAT Tests on the same day. Currently, the Committee has received only two applications (normally five to seven) but hopefully additional applications are in process. Regardless, the final selection by the Committee will be made by May 1st NSSAR deadline.

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

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No report at this time

Habitat For Humanity

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The program continues to grow, as our chapters discover the ease of participation, and the welcome received from the Habitat corps of volunteers. The Flag Kits are very reasonable when purchased on sale around Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the 4th of July. The program is a very enjoyable and affordable introduction to community outreach.

Returning veterans are becoming an important part of the Habitat Ministry. The special needs required by so many of our returning veterans are being recognized and met by the Habitat for Humanity. Existing homes are being remodeled as well as new homes built to fit the needs of these very special veterans.

Thanks to the Chapters now on board, and a request that all of our chapters consider joining the FLSSAR chapters now enjoying a fellowship with Habitat for Humanity.

Operation Ancestor Search

Chair: Alfred Parks Honeywell

Patriotic Activities

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Nothing to report at this time

Public Service and Heroism

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I have received informational copies of the SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, PUBLIC SAFETY & HEROISM AWARDS form from the following chapters:

St. Lucie
St. Augustine
Flagler
Clearwater
Naples
Jacksonville
Saramana

Chapter Presidents are reminded to submit the above mentioned form for each appropriate award before 01 June 2015. The form and routing instructions can be found on the FLSSAR website. Informational copies are to be sent to the Public Service & Heroism Committee at the above e-mail address.

All chapters are reminded that submission of a summary of the recipient's deeds will be published in the form of a booklet and distributed at one of the banquets at the 125th National Congress in Louisville, KY.

The FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund will reimburse the cost of the recipient's medal at 100%. The chapter will also be reimbursed for two meals @ \$20.00 each and the certificate folder at 75%.

Publicity /Earl Marlin

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The Earl Marlin Publicity contest will be held as normal at the BOM on the evening of the 1st of May. It has been a very disappointing year with only 4 chapters submitting entires. These Chapters will be presented with awards at the banquet on May 1st.

Support The Troops (ad hoc)

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It is now pretty certain that we will continue to send boxes with no definite end in sight. Barbara and I will continue to box and send your gifts to these wonderful patriots. We received a donation of Miss Helen's Bears from the United Methodist Women's Group. Doug and Doris Bridges, of the Miami Chapter drove them to us in time to get the little dolls into the mailing. We also received a donation of a variety of skin protection items from the Abrams Dermatology Team here in Sarasota. Bears and Derms will head-up our next round of Carepacks. A card from the Abrams Team accompanied their donation that's meant for all of us:

"Thank you for all you do for the country and its people. We love you!!!
(S) The Team at Abrams Dermatology

Veterans Affairs

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The activities, highlights and accomplishments by the various chapters in the FLSSAAR are in their respective Chapter reports. Many thanks to the Chapters for their work and contributions to our veterans.

The USS stark Contest ended on December 31, 2014 and the State of Georgia won the NSSAR award. The State of Florida was again third in the Nation. The rules of the contest stipulate that a State society cannot win consecutively, otherwise Texas would have won in 2014. In both Texas and Georgia there was a higher percentage of participation by the Chapters- between 75%and 80% versus only about 10% in Florida. In Florida, the Withlacoochee Chapter had the highest point accumulation in the state with 9,327. The largest point accumulation by both Georgia and Texas was in visitation to veterans outside V.A.Facilities. The 2015 contest is underway and will end on December 31, 2015 with chapter reports due by February 1, 2016. Good Luck!

Veteran's Recognition

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The VRC is complete with members Chuck McKinley, Jim Gibson, John Jones, Chuck Sweeney, and the SVP Larry Fehrenbaker Sr.

At the Winter BOM our report was referred back to the Committee for further study pertaining to the requirements for awarding Compatriots the War Service Medal.

As a result the Florida VRC reached out to the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee for clarification of the meaning of the requirements for awarding the WSM as outlined in the NSSAR Handbook V.

As a result of that request, the Executive Committee of the NSSAR at their Leadership Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky in March 2015, proposed and changed the NSSAR Handbook V as it pertains to the War Service Medal, as follows with the change underlined and in bold print.

War Service Medal
Precedence: 4

Year Authorized: 1899

Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter (or purchased by a Compatriot)

Approved By: NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society or Chapter

Description: The medal is bronze in color. The medal is available in miniature. A War Service Medal certificate is available. Bronze Service Bars or Oak Leaf Clusters may be attached to the ribbon drape as described below.

Summary: The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

1. Served, or is serving, honorably in:
 - a. the armed forces of the United States,
 - b. the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or
 - c. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force; and
2. Served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
3. Received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form (or equivalent). The National Defense Service Medal is NOT considered a campaign medal for purposes of qualifying for the War Service Medal.

Ribbon Attachments: The following attachments are authorized for wear with the full-sized War Service Medal:

- Bronze Service Bars indicate that a Compatriot received an authorized campaign medal during a specific qualifying period. Available bronze bars include: WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Southwest Asia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terrorism (for service associated with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal).
- Oak Leaf Clusters may be worn (1) to recognize participation in a war or action for which a specific Bronze Service Bar is not available, or (2) in lieu of a Bronze Service Bar or multiple Bronze Service Bars (at the Compatriot's discretion).
- A Purple Heart Pin may be worn by a Compatriot who received the Purple Heart during his military service.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive additional Bronze Service Bars or Oak Leaf Clusters for subsequent qualifying war service.

Special Note on Precedence: The War Service Medal and Military Service Medal have equivalent precedence. However, Compatriots who qualify for the War Service Medal should wear the War Service Medal. A Compatriot may not wear both the Military Service Medal and the War Service Medal.

End of Handbook Change

As a result of the action by the NSSAR Executive Committee in March 2015, all awarding of the WSM from that date forward will be done in accordance of the NSSAR Handbook V.

This committee also understands that those members who received the War Service Medal prior to the date of this change are grandfathered, in that they are entitled to wear the WSM.

The Florida State Veterans Battalion is now at 400 members and has 6 Notations for Purple Heart Recipients. We wish to reiterate that there are two separate applications for certificates available for Florida Veterans as well as different Certificates. The application for the National Level and is used for Four Different Veteran's Corp is located on both the State and the National Web Pages. Their certificates are sent and awarded at the national level and signed by the PG. National does not issue any certificates for the Purple Heart recognition. The Florida Veterans Battalion application is also located on the state web page at <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Tabs.asp> and the certificate is signed by the FLSSAR President and the FLSSAR VRC Chairman, and is sent from the VRC to the chapter Veterans representative for printing and presentation to the Chapter Member. Separate data bases for each are kept also, as there is no interaction on this topic. Additionally, Purple Heart Certificates are issued only at the State and not at the National Level. All applications are to be reviewed by the chapter president or his delegate and reviewed for accuracy before they are sent to the two organizational Veterans Committees. Do not send copies of the DD-214s with your applications to the FLSSAR VRC.

Now we wish to thank the Aaron Snowden Chapter for now becoming the newest chapter with Battalion Members, as they have done an excellent review and provided 12 new members to our State Battalion. I have attached the following information that I have prepared to show the chapters, their regions, and believed members and numbers of veterans. We desire that you review this and provide us with any changes and also solicit new members and others to determine if we can increase the numbers of compatriots in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion as well as the National Veteran's Corps.

Veterans Versus Members 4/15/2015

Chapter Name Veteran Members Total Members

Aaron Snowden	12	21
Brevard	11	103
Caloosa	22	72
Central Florida	5	93
Charlotte	6	17
Clearwater	65	134
Daytona-Ormond	1	63
DeVane	1	21
Emerald Coast	9	27
Flagler	6	35
Ft. Lauderdale	7	57
Gainesville	10	77
Highlands	6	35
Jacksonville	19	138
Lake City	3	26
Lakeland	12	45
Lake-Sumter	7	79
Miami	19	79
Naples	26	91
Ocala	2	26
Palm Beach	23	153
Panama City	6	20
Pensacola	6	32
Saramana	32	150
South Shore	5	30
St. Augustine	17	51
St. Lucie River	14	64
St. Petersburg	7	42
Tallahassee	2	29
Tampa	2	72
Treasure Coast	2	29
William Dunaway	0	24
Withlacoochee	10	45

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Upcoming Activities, as some may know, the State of Florida as the Governor of Florida created executive order number 14-88 "The Governor's Veterans Service Award" to honor Florida Veterans. <http://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Veterans-Medal-Executive-Order.pdf>

Eligibility: Any Florida resident who is either serving honorably as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Coast Guard, or the U.S. Reserve Forces or any Florida resident who has been honorably discharged or retired from active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Florida National Guard, the U.S. Reserve Forces, or Merchant Mariners with veteran status is eligible.

Note: Veterans need not have served in a combat zone to be eligible.

As a result of his signed order, Governor Scott is giving the Gold medal on a red and white ribbon the Governor's Veterans Service Award, with the various branches on the back to all veterans who live in the state of Florida. It requires a presence at a meeting in various areas. The next award ceremony will be held

at the West Palm Beach Armory on the 21st of April of which some members in our area will attend. The committee will give a short dissertation when our VRC report is called to update if permitted. Previous ceremonies were held in Pensacola on the 16th of January 2015 in Melbourne where 121 veterans received the medal, followed by one on the 26th at Panama City. The next one will be held in Orlando on May 26th. A veteran is required to show evidence of their service with any of the following, DD214, VA ID Card, Retirement ID, or a V on their driver's license. A form is available on the Floridavets.Org site on the web. http://floridavets.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/GVSA_Veterans-Form.pdf One has to register to attend the ceremony by contacting the site and also download and fill out the form that tells of your service information, when you check in at the site that is having the ceremony.

Endowment Trust fund Disbursements

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Nothing to report

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	16,919.95	286,428.42	303,348.37
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	1,614.29	2,116.00	3,730.29
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	-	-
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	(342.63)	-	(342.63)
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	18,191.61	288,544.42	306,736.03

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015

SCHEDULE E

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Exchange Traded Funds		
204 Shares SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average (DIA)	36,226.32	16,528.51
248 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (TTA)	30,697.44	9,674.01
440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	48,694.80	43,329.86
324 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR)	25,699.68	10,527.21
787 Shares iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund (EFA)	50,501.79	32,591.32
146 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB)	50,140.78	9,669.98
237 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (TYW)	24,875.52	9,630.93
190 Shares iShares Trust S&P 500 Index (IVV)	39,487.70	20,334.07
1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	26,040.00	15,692.70
175 Shares SPDR Gold Trust (GLD)	19,890.50	16,801.32
555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	46,270.35	43,484.40
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	398,524.88	228,264.31
Cash		
Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	1,414.65	1,414.65
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	9,145.10	9,145.10
Capital One 360 Savings	67,911.97	67,911.97
TOTAL CASH	78,471.72	78,471.72
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	476,996.60	306,736.03

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	2,849.05	95,100.00	97,949.05
II. Receipts Schedule A:	337.66	-	337.66
III. Disbursements Schedule B:	-	-	-
IV. Distributions Schedule C:	(2,849.05)	-	(2,849.05)
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	337.66	95,100.00	95,437.66

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015

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)	9,960.30	8,613.35
375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	6,975.00	4,248.35
110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	9,170.70	8,502.75
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	26,106.00	21,364.45
Mutual Funds		
5,794.531 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEX)	50,470.37	46,566.86
355.371 Shares UMB Scout International Fund (UMBWX)	12,054.18	10,518.22
TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS	62,524.55	57,085.08
Cash		
Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	317.34	317.34
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	16,670.79	16,670.79
TOTAL CASH	16,988.13	16,988.13
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	105,618.68	95,437.66

