

Spring Board of Management & Annual
Meeting

Proceedings

Orlando, Florida

May 19-21, 2017



The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

The SAR Pledge

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

Recessional

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

Constitutional Republic

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

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

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

Meeting Agenda

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

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

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit
Executive
Finance
Medals and Awards
Nominating
Patriot Medal

NSSAR Affairs

Advancing America's Heritage
NSSAR Library

FLSSAR Affairs

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

Liaisons

FLSSAR CAR & SAR Junior Members Aide
DAR
Ladies Auxiliary

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites
Battle of Pensacola
Battle of Thomas Creek
Last Naval Battle
Liberty Tree

Youth Programs

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

Community Outreach

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

Trust Funds

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

Ad Hoc

Ethics

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Florida SAR Winter 2017 Board of Management (BOM) Minutes of 4 February 2017, as recorded and prepared by Recording Secretary Compatriot Charles T. Sweeney. The BOM was held at the Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida 34746, with President Raymond Francis Wess presiding.

1:45 PM

Executive Committee members present included President Raymond Francis Wess; Immediate Past President and Vice President General South Atlantic District Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD; Senior Vice President Robert James Folk, Sr.; Secretary Herman Hall Riediger; Treasurer Walter Richard Young; and Member-at-Large Ronald Eugene Toops. Also present was past FLSAR President and current Executive Administrator Steven Allen Williams.

General Officers of the SAR present included President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.; President General Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); President General Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Former Chaplain General and current SAR Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody.

Quorum Verified by Secretary Hall Riediger.

Approval of the Minutes for the Fall 2016 Board of Management (BOM) Meeting of 15 October 2016 were reviewed and passed subject to Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody recommendation that the motions presented during the presentation of the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee Report include that which follows.

1. **Background.** Compatriot David Kelsey, an Operating Budget Trust Funds Trustee, Chairman, and Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Officer, has serviced three 3-year terms with the Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds Committee. On 31 December 2016, his current term on the committee ends. Compatriot David Kelsey indicated a desire not to serve another term.

Motion. To fill the upcoming vacancy, President Wess proposed that the BOM nominate Compatriot John Stewart for a three-year term as Compatriot David Kelsey's replacement. Since there were no nominations offered from the floor, Rev Dr Randy Moody moved that the nominations be closed.

Motion Passed.

2. **Background.** One of President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr., initiatives included the challenge to each State Society to donate \$1,000 or more to the Council of Youth Awards during his term of office.

Motion. Past President Lindsey C. Brock offered the motion that the FLSAR Donate \$2,000. Rev Dr Randy Moody second the motion. During discussion of the motion, President Ray Wess clarified the funds source: \$1,280 would come from the FLSAR treasury, and \$720 would come from accumulated private donations.

Motion Passed.

Reports of National and State Officers presented as detailed in the Winter Board of Management Meeting Proceedings of 4 February 2017. **Special recap of pg 34 of the Winter BOM (4 Feb 2017) follows. This recap concerns the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the term 2017-2018 of the Florida Officers Candidates.**

President	Robert James Folk, Sr.
Sr. Vice President	Patrick Jay Niemann
Treasurer	Walter Richard Young, Sr.
Secretary	Hermann Hall Riediger
Member-at-Large	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
Recording Secretary	William Lee Popham, Sr.
Registrar	Raymond Clyde Lantz
SW Regional VP	Lee William Matson
EC Regional VP	Charles Anthony Berger
NC Regional VP	David Bussone
WC Regional VP	Charles Robert Butler
NE Regional VP	James Yost Gaskins
SE Regional VP	William Lee Popham, Sr.
NW Regional VP	Christopher Edwin Washler
Chancellor	Carl K. Hoffmann
Chaplain	Dwight Donald Elam
Genealogist	Richard Bruce Cardell
Historian	Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

Sergeant-at-Arms
Webmaster
Patriot Editor

John Logan McCullough
Earle Scott Bushnell
Jeffrey Lee Sizemore

National Officer Nominees:

National Trustee
Alternate Trustee

Walter Richard Young, Sr.
Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

Statutory Committee Reports were given. One significant point of concern was voiced; namely, Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody questioned the true amount on page 31 of the proceedings under “Record Storage.” After discussion between Treasurer Richard Young, and President Raymond Wess, and with input of previous treasurer Hall Riediger, guidance was given that the minutes reflect an administrative correction is authorized to rename “Record Storage” to “Record Stipend.” The storage expense as previously programed (sic) at \$1,000 should be recorded on the appropriate line item on the Finance Report as “Record Storage.”

Committee Chairmen Reports in the order listed on the Meeting Agenda followed. During this process, Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody made the following motion.

Significant Point of Information. During a brief by Compatriot Don Lanman it was suggested that the Florida SAR would benefit from reviewing how we utilize the \$1,000 budgeted funds for the Support the Troops (ad hoc) committee, with a view toward redirecting these funds to other Veterans Programs that are partnered with members of the C.A.R

Motion. Rev. Dr. Randy Dwight Moody moved that the ad hoc Support the Troops Committee procedures be suspended while a special committee evaluate the feasibility of moving in a new direction in partnership with the C.A.R and that funds utilized in executing such study be made available to the special committee for their use accordingly. Motion was first and seconded by Compatriots Lee Popham and John Stewart.

Motion Passed.

Guidance. President Ray Wess appointed Compatriot Don Lanman to chair an ad hoc committee consistent with the motion stated immediately above. Further, President Wess tasked this ad hoc committee to report their finding at the May 2017 BOM.

President Ray Wess Authorization. In view of the upcoming National Society Leadership Conference on March 3rd through March 4th, 2017, the BOM was apprised that select issues will be presented to the Trustees concerning: (1) Matters pertaining to “good moral character and repute,” (2) Matters pertaining to gender identity. The BOM authorized President Wess to present views and votes based upon his conscious.

Executive Committee Motion.

Background. In December 2016, an ad hoc Ethics Committee was created, with Charter. On 3 February 2017, the Executive Committee agreed to propose to the membership that the Ethics Committee (ad hoc) become a standing committee.

Motion. The Florida SAR moves that the existing Ethics Committee (ad hoc) become a Standing Ethics Committee.

Motion Passed.

The Winter 2017 Board of Management meeting ended at 4:15 PM.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

Trustee Raymond Wess rn060873@cs.com
Alternate Trustee Robert Folk, Sr. rfolkrs@gmail.com

The following is a synopsis of the SAR Trustee’s meeting at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY on 03 – 04 March, 2017.

A decision has been made to hire at least one and maybe two new genealogists to help keep up with the backlog of new applications and supplemental applications.

A motion was introduced to create an official SAR Policy dealing with the eligibility of transgender applicants.

Motion Passed

A motion was introduced to accept an “in kind” donation of services valued at \$500,000 from the Solid Light Company to advance the SAR museum project to the next level, phase #2. **Motion Passed**

A motion was introduced to accept the 5/3 Bank's asset allocation for SAR investment funds. **Motion Passed**
 A motion was introduced to adopt a new SAR application signature block declaration including the removal of a minor's signature block. **Motion Blocked**
 A motion was introduced to include a policy in the SAR Handbook regarding the character and background checks of new applicants. **Motion Passed**
 A motion was introduced to purchase \$25,000 worth of carpeting for the first floor of the SAR Headquarters allowing for the greater availability of rentals. **Motion Passed**

Vice President General, South Atlantic District

Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr. lgfnsar@comcast.net

During my tenure as Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, it has been a very gratifying and pleasurable experience to visit the South Atlantic District's events and commemorative celebrations, chartering of new chapters and state meetings. I sincere thank all in the District for their hospitality shown to me and my wife Jeanne. We have enjoyed meeting many local members at the events and making many new friendships.

I especially would like to thank Immediate Past Vice President General Dr. Edward Rigel, Sr. and his Lady Joan for their ready availability in representing the South Atlantic District in my absence or meeting conflicts, such as the North Carolina and South Carolina Society Annual Meetings being held on the same weekend.

A more complete report will be given during the South Atlantic District Annual Meeting.

Since my last report, I have attended the following events;

- 1.) Accompanied PG Tomme and First Lady Cilla to Caloosa and Naples Chapter Meetings on Feb. 8 and 9, 2017.
- 2.) NSSAR Spring Leadership Meetings in Louisville, KY; March 2-5, 2017.
- 3.) April 11-12, Halifax Resolves Commemoration; Halifax, NC.

Respectfully submitted, Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., Vice President General S A D, 2016-2017

President

Raymond Wess rn060873@cs.com

I started my term with two initiatives, conduct an official, sanctioned, Vietnam era veteran welcome home celebration and the presentation of the Florida Society's first Strategic Study and Plan. The Florida Society with the assistance of PG J. Michael Tomme welcomed home 42 Vietnam war veterans at our October 2016 Board of Management Meeting Banquet. Through our Veterans Recognition and Veterans Affairs Committees as well as several chapters, we have continued to welcome home these very deserving veterans who were lost to society during a difficult time of our country.

God Bless all our veteran!

I commissioned an ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee at the beginning of my term. My research indicated that we had never produced a strategic plan or study of our organization. The main purpose was to create an initial examination of our growth patterns, our strengths and weaknesses as well as what needs to be improved and what needs to be implemented.

Through the appointment of co-chairs, John Stewart, Charles Butler, Ralph Nelson and Lee Matson, they were able to produce a stellar examination of our society with remarkable recommendations for the future growth and efficiency of the Florida Society. Their Executive Summary will be available and discussed at the May Annual Meeting. The Florida Society owes a sincere debt of gratitude to these four compatriots.

I am recommending that this committee be moved from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee. This initial plan is elementary and needs to be monitored and expanded as we move forward. As we are the second largest state society in the NSSAR, it is extremely important that we remain focused and a continued Strategic Plan is very important to our continued success.

My wife who is the President of Ladies Auxiliary set a goal of an increase in the membership of 10%. She started her term with 100 members and the auxiliary membership now stands at 112, a 12% increase, thereby exceeding her goal. I am very grateful to the ladies for their continued support of our youth programs through their basket raffles. Their donations have enhanced the prize/scholarships of our contest winners. God Bless You, Ladies!

During my term, I continued the concept of holding Regional Meetings. This was first introduced by Past VPG Randy Moody and Past State President Steve Williams. Past State President Fehrenbaker continued it last

year and I expanded on it this year. It has been a very successful program allowing many members to participate in a state leadership forum.

The Florida society continues to support and implement PG Tomme's Youth Education Outreach Program. We have implemented phase one and phase two will be implemented soon. Phase one involves the training and certification of our members in the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training Certification. Steve Williams is the State Coordinator and Lee Popham is Training Coordinator. Please attend Lee's group training class at the BOM.

We have also implemented PG Tomme's Mentoring Program. Randy Moody introduced the program at the February BOM and will make another presentation at the May BOM. Mentoring our new members is extremely important to keeping them beyond their initial membership year.

Since this is my last report as your President, I want to thank each one of you for your support, guidance and most of all, your friendship. Although it has been a challenging year at times, we made significant progress for the future of the society. Being elected as your President has been one of greatest honors of my life. Thank You and May God Bless You with good health and happiness.

With Respect and Admiration to all, Ray

Senior Vice President

Robert Folk, Sr. rfolksr@gmail.com

This year has been a very interesting and great learning experience. I have traveled to five of our seven region meetings along with Ray Wess. I noticed the slight differences each of our regions have.

March 25th I traveled to the Tallahassee for a joint SAR, DAR and CAR meeting. After the meeting we went to a grave marking ceremony for Ansel Ferrell. This was the second grave marking ceremony I have attended. These ceremonies are very touching. Several of Ansel Ferrell's descendants were there for the ceremony.

Executive Administrator

Steven Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Late reports are to be emailed to me on/before 5/25/2017.

I will cover a couple topics in this report.

- **Contact Information.** For those compatriots needing to get various contact information for state and chapter officers, please use the flssar.org website's Officers tab. The names USPS addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses (when provided) are there for all officers. Calling or emailing the state president, the state secretary or me for this information will take longer than for the compatriot to look it up for himself. It saves time for both parties. The email addresses for Florida's committee members are accessed by the hypertext link for their names. Again, using this facility saves time for all involved.
- **BOM Registration forms** are created in PDF format and are fill-able. This means that a registrant can SAVE the form to their computer, OPEN it with Adobe Reader and fill it out – they do NOT need to print and handwrite anything. Once that is completed then they can email it to me. I receive forms that have been downloaded, then printed, hand filled, scanned into a JPG format then emailed. Too often this creates a mostly illegible form.
 - NOTE: You must use Adobe Reader for this and the latest version. Other PDF readers may not work. Adobe Reader is a **FREE** download.
- **Youth Protection System.** This requirement is a two facet program. The first being the requirement for members to take the BSA YPT course and report their certificate to me. As of this report, 16 FLSSAR compatriots have forwarded their Certificate number to me; 11 chapters. The second facet is to identify those compatriots who do presentations or living history/reenacting and get them to do their Presenter Information Sheets (PIS). See Addenda at back of Proceedings for an example of what must be in the PIS form. And what will take the longest to implement is establishing a centralized data base at National and digitizing/cataloging all the PIS and Presentations. NSSAR will have to establish the standards for the PIS and work with the History Committee to establish standards of historical accuracy for the presentations, then establish a standard for videotaping them. What this infers is that the National History Committee will have to 'vet' every presentation given by a compatriot. Also, part of this is the requirement that there be new presentations made.
 - Education Outreach Team Leaders track the number of new presentations and venues presented by their team members and report to the State Education Outreach Coordinator NLT than 30 April annually

- Education Outreach Coordinators track the number of new presentations and venues *presented by chapter*
- States report the chapters who have met the required number of new presentations to National Education Committee POC NLT 31 May annually. Note the requirement in the graphic below. A small chapter is required to create 3 new programs each year, large chapter 7 new programs – and have them vetted by National.

**Required Number of New Programs for
Existing Educational Outreach Teams with the Following Membership**

Size of Membership	Required Number of New Programs
Less than 41	3
41 to 80	4
81 to 120	5
121+	7

The presentations to new groups could be existing programs or newly developed ones.

In order to be considered for streamers all Education Outreach Program materials are **due to the Education Director and Education Committee by email on or before 31 May 2017.**

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- These activities are to be reported to me as the appointed state coordinator.

ExComm Member at Large

Ron Toops

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Like earlier, I appreciated all of the thorough feedback that I received at the various Florida Society chapters. At all of these personal visits, I found the participation in the surveys satisfactory. I had similar satisfactory results when I called, again personally, the responses of the various Chapter Presidents. One of the discouraging results, was that associated with the On-Line Surveys. Only about 1% of the membership participated in this approach. I do appreciate the effort of Scott Bushnell in creating these surveys. I have other comments, but I will leave that to those who want to ask me about them.

In my continuing efforts to understand some of the interests and concerns of our Florida Society Members, I have added to our knowledge during this period. They still in most cases, are satisfied with the benefits that they receive at the chapter level, including recording their patriot, observing historical presentations and socializing. The new results added family research - genealogy assistance as another benefit. Benefits from the FLSSAR and NSSAR were more vague. I must repeat, the chapter members and officers, and especially the chapter presidents are the customers of the Florida Society. If we take actions without their support, we are making a big mistake. I think of the recommendation: "Do No Harm!"

It was surprising that no members mentioned either the FLSSAR or the NSSAR magazines as benefits. They laughed frequently at the idea that being an officer or committee chair was a benefit, although a number of past FLSSAR officers did look at their service as an officer as a benefit ... maybe an honor would be a better word!

The next comments are related to the NSSAR efforts called OUTREACH. It is a great thought, which includes not only the personal Outreach to our chapter members, but the various members of our local communities. The ideas expressed by Randy Moody and Scott Bushnell about the various brochures and new member/officer "packages" are a great start for spreading and implementing Outreach to this audience.

The idea of a mentoring program for new members at the chapter level is another way to proceed with Outreach to these individuals. It takes the efforts of current members, setting down with new members and letting them know what the NSSAR is all about. The various brochures and new member packages are part of that effort. These "new member" packages need to identify the various NSSAR and FLSSAR Education and other programs and also describe briefly the content and purpose of the programs.

One of the opportunities, identified by a number of chapter members, is to clearly identify the contacts associated with the various programs. They indicated it was difficult to identify some of the program chairmen and to make contact for assistance. They were not mentioning the Reg. VPs!?

When it comes to Strategic Planning, the FLSSAR needs to first identify the current performance of the items of interest. Most of the performance elements reside, I believe around member and officer participation. This is participation as society officers and committee chairmen. It also includes the participation rate in the various programs. It is clear that the Boy Scout and the JROTC are our leading programs. Even knowing this, the participation by the number of chapters can be increased with Outreach. Outreach can also be implemented with the other selected programs.

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Chris Washler

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This spring, it was my pleasure to attend the Patriot Grave marking ceremony sponsored by the Tallahassee Chapter and hosted by past NW Region VP, Brad Marble (now the Panama City Chapter President). We had a fantastic turnout from the Region chapters, attendees from the DAR and CAR, and numerous members of the public. Compatriot Marble and the Tallahassee chapter deserve a huge thank you for putting on this event that represented the SAR very well.

I send my apologies that I am unable to attend the Annual meeting this year. Unfortunately, unexpected family duties took precedence and I will be driving to Washington, D.C. this weekend rather than Orlando.

Aaron Snowden Chapter;

Brad Marble, from Tallahassee Chapter gave presentation on cemetery dedication of Ansel Ferrell in Tallahassee on Saturday 25 March. Four of our Chapter members attended the event in Tallahassee.

SAR, Chapter shirts were decided on, ordered. Chapter shirts will include SAR logo and Aaron Snowden name. Vietnam era Vet recognition awards presented to chapter members. These were previous awards not presented at last BOM.

Ned France presented Bronze Medal for many years of SAR service as he resigns due to health.

VP Hillsman attended DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon in colonial dress.

Registrar reports 5 new prospective members in work.

Two Flag Awards presented.

Sea Cadet award presented to Sea Cadet Dave Nickerson at NAS Whiting Field.

Officers for 2017 were nominated, elected during this Quarter.

Aaron Chapter were given an official invitation to the grand Opening of the new Santa Rosa County Genealogy Library. Several members attended the opening ceremony and others visited during the day. It is staffed with volunteers, and has computers, micro film readers as well as books, other reference material, in addition it has free access to Fold-3 and Genealogy Bank web sites.

SAR presentation were made at 2 NJROTC school events in Pace and Navarre Florida.

Emerald Coast Chapter;

No Report.

Panama City Chapter;

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 18 Feb 2017, 09:00 AM CST, Milton, Santa Rosa Library, DeCody B. Marble spoke to FLSSAR Aaron Snowden Chapter about coming event, Ansel Ferrell Dedication Ceremony.

Saturday, 18 Feb 2017, 1:00 PM CST; Bay County Genealogy Society Program at Bay County Public Library, 898 W. 11 Street, PCFL. President DeCody Brad Marble. Gave class on application requirements and procedures. Hand out to over 50 participants: Free CDs featuring examples, and pdf of application, manual and guide and other SAR Information and printed blank forms with sample forms.

Saturday, 18 Feb 2017, 05:00 PM CST / 06:00 PM EST; DeCody B. Marble spoke to GSSAR Iron City Chapter about coming event, Ansel Ferrell Dedication Ceremony.

Sunday, 19 Feb 2017, 03:00 PM CST; DeCody B. Marble presented the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter, Registrar, Secretary, Chaplain, Walter C. Sherman with the (Award) Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Medal and 15 Year Service Pin at his bedside, Bay Medical Sacred Heart Hospital, Panama City. To this day, Walter is still recovering from a right foot infection related to his diabetes illness.

Monday, 20 Feb 2017, 11:30 AM; Panama City Chapter Meeting, presented (Award) SAR 35 Year Service Pin w/certificate to WWII Veteran, Age 94, Charles Edward "Ed" Doyle. "We love him and his stories."

MARCH

Friday, 10 Mar 2017, 09:00 AM EST; Drove truck over 40 miles from Tallahassee to the Strickland – Ferrell Cemetery carrying a garbage can filled with water and two bags of cement. Installed (cemeted-in) SAR Patriot Grave Bronze (Marker) Stake at footstone of Patriot Ansel Ferrell.

Friday, 10th – Saturday 11th Mar 2017; DeCody B. Marble, FLSSAR Liaison to the 86th Annual Conference of the Florida Children of the American Revolution, FSCAR and attend all meetings and associated events. Also, a FLSSAR Color Guard with Kennedy Dunaway, both lead the parade of FSCAR Officers into the Saturday Evening Banquet Meeting.

Saturday, 25 Mar 2017, 11:30 AM CST/ 12:30 PM EST; 2017 FLSSAR NWR Joint SAR/DAR/CAR Luncheon – Meeting with Patriot Ansel Ferrell Dedication Ceremony at Strickland Cemetery, sponsor by FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter. Award Ceremony, lead by DeCody B. Marble. Presented (Awards) follow:

Presented by DBM

FLSSAR Panama City Chapter, Treasurer, Victor B. Johnson – Past President Pin and the 5 Year Service Pin
FSDAR Saint Andrew Chapter member, Sara Ann Parham "Sally" Johnson – Bronze SAR/DAR Appreciation Medal

FSCAR Chipola Chapter Honorary Senior President, Mary Neale Robbins – Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation from SAR Panama City Chapter.

Tallahassee Chapter Awards: Presented 25 Mar 2017

FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter awards presented by President John Paul Folsom & Registrar Don Wilham:

SAR Years Service Pins: John Paul Folsom – 5, Kevin Michael Vislocky – 10, William Joseph "Bill" Gladwin Jr. – 35, Leon Henry Corbett – 10, and Donald Michael Wilham – 25.

Registrar, Donald Michael "Don" Wilham with the (Award) Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Medal

End of Award Ceremony, SAR Tallahassee Chapter Registrar Don Wilham swore in dual member, DeCody Brad Marble.

Saturday, 25 Mar 2017, 01:30 PM CST / 02:30 PM EST; Ansel Ferrell Ceremony with participation from Strickland – Ferrell descendants, SAR, DAR, and CAR, a head count of 83. Master of Ceremony, DeCody B. Marble. SAR Tallahassee Chapt. Registrar, Don Wilham presented (Award) Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation to DAR/CAR Laura Lee Corbett of the FSCAR San Luis Chapter.

APRIL

Sunday, 02 Apr 2017, (Google Search) "Ansel Ferrell Ceremony 25 Mar 2017 – You Tube", was uploaded after two days of editing and formatting by DeCody B. Marble. (Slideshow & video mix with sound, length 33 minutes). All SAR, DAR, & CAR participants accounted for in slideshow portion.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4_AcRwAyWU

Tuesday, 04 Apr 2017, 05:30 – 07:00 PM CST; GCSC, Gulf Coast State College Alumni members meeting. Alumni member, DeCody B. Marble attends his first Alumni meeting dressed in American Revolution Color Guard Uniform. The kids think he is a pirate. SAR has long way to go in Panama City, Florida!

Monday, 10 Apr 2017, 07:00 PM; DAV, Disable American Veterans meeting at American Legion Post 17, Panama City Fair Grounds, DeCody B. Marble attends his first membership meeting dressed in American Revolution Color Guard Uniform. The DAV members think he needs to be evaluated at the VA Clinic?

Thursday, 20 Apr 2017, 06:00 PM CST; DeCody B. Marble presented SAR ROTC Bronze Medal at Vernon High School "Army" ROTC, in Washington County to Army ROTC Cadet Nolan Burch.

Saturday, 22 Apr 2017, 06:00 PM CST; DeCody B. Marble presented SAR ROTC Bronze Medal at the Majestic Beach Resort, Panama City Beach, for the Arnold High School "Navy" ROTC to Petty Officer First Class Ewan Martin.

Tuesday, 25 Apr 2017, 05:00 PM CST / 06:00 PM EST; DeCody B. Marble presented SAR ROTC Bronze Medal at Port Saint Joe High school, "Navy" ROTC, in Gulf County to Petty Officer Third Class, Jonathan Love, a Junior appointed to be next years Senior ROTC Commander.

Pensacola Chapter;

Chris Washler, President.

In January, we held our monthly meeting on January 10th with a "State of the Chapter" presentation. We also presented 3 Eagle Scout certificates this month. We also began discussions about moving the chapter meeting to a different location and time.

In February, our monthly meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with Valentine's Day and no appropriate date that we could reschedule it to. However, on February 4th, we had three members who volunteered as judges for the Escambia County District History Fair competition. While we had intended to give out an award to the

High School division this year, there were unfortunately no exhibits that focused on the Revolutionary War period. We have begun working with the County coordinator to better publicize our award and the cash prize that will go with it so that perhaps next year, we will be able to do this award.

Our March meeting was our annual First Responders Awards dinner. We had 20 guests from the public in attendance. The chapter presented three SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to FHP Trooper, Joshua Tucker, Major Andrew Hobbs of the Escambia Sheriff's Office and Police Officer Charles Restifo of the Pensacola Police Department. We presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Mr. Raymond Melton of the Escambia Fire Rescue, District Chief Anthony Manning of the Escambia Fire Rescue, and Lieutenant Darrell McClammy of the Pensacola Fire Department. EMS Chief Steve White from the Escambia County Department of Public Safety was our guest speaker. We also had the pleasure of inducting two new compatriots into the Pensacola Chapter. We were pleased to have this meeting featured in a spot on the morning news by WEAR-TV3. Also in March, on March 24th, a Silver ROTC Medal was presented by the chapter.

The April meeting was definitely more low-key than March. We had a video presentation on the Battle of Yorktown, and discussed the future of the Battle of Pensacola. The chapter has run into a situation where we are competing with the Galvez Day celebration that is put on by another organization in Pensacola each year. This is making it harder and harder for us to host an effective event.

Also in April, the chapter presented 6 Bronze Medals to JROTC cadets from local high schools, and an Eagle Scout certificate to one of our local scouts.

The chapter has undertaken an extensive survey of active and inactive members to evaluate our meeting location and time to see if changes need to be made in order to boost attendance. The decision was made that we will be taking the months of June and July off from meetings in order

Tallahassee Chapter;

No Report.

William Dunaway Chapter;

- Jan. 14, 1. Held annual Chapter Officer Installation Meeting with guest speaker. 2. Pres, Earl Mathews, Jr. presented new member Alfred Kohn the New Member Certificate and Rosette Pin.
- Feb. 2, 1. Held monthly meeting with video program by Pres. Mathews on "Winter Patriots", Part I.
2. Presented the Past President Certificate to outgoing President James F. Dunaway.
- Feb, 11 Compatriot Fletcher Dunaway and daughter Melanie attended the annual Battle of Kettle Creek Observance in Washington, Ga., and presented the Chapter Wreath at the Wreath Laying Ceremony at War Hill.
- Mar. 2, 1. Held monthly meeting with program on the second segment of video, "Winter Patriots". This meeting was a planning and working meeting about chapter monthly, calendar activities.
- Mar. 11 1. Compatriot Robert K. Dunaway and NWFL. Reg. Vice-Pres. Brad Marble attended the annual 86th annual C.A.R. State Conference that was held in Tallahassee this year. Compatriots Dunaway and Marble, in uniform as a color guard, presented and retired the Colors. This C.A.R. conference was hosted by the Blue Springs Society, C.A.R. in Marianna. William Dunaway Chapter is Co-sponsor with the Chipola Chapter DAR, of the Blue Springs Society C.A.R.
- Mar. 12 Compatriot Lionel Young and wife, Sheila Young, in period uniforms, displayed and explained the Rev. War materials in the Traveling Trunk at the Folk Festival in Port St. Joe.
- Mar. 25 Chapter Pres. Earl Mathews attended the grave marking ceremony for Rev. War Patriot Ansel Ferrell, in Leon County, presented the chapter wreath, and was the videographer for the event.
- Apr. 1. Comp. Lionel Young and Sheila Young, displayed and explained the Traveling Trunk items at Falling Waters State Park Historic Event.
- Apr, 6 Held monthly meeting with Jackson County Sheriff, Lou Roberts, as guest speaker. Pres. Mathews presented Sheriff Lou Roberts the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate. Pres. Mathews also showed a video of the Ansel Ferrell grave marking ceremony in Leon County
- Apr. 7 Pres. Earl Mathews, Comp. Jim Dunaway and Robert Dunaway, attended the Holmes County JROTC Awards Banquet and Ceremony. Comp. Robert Dunaway, in uniform, presented Cadet Major Jacob Murley the SAR JROTC Medal and Certificate.
- Apr, 9 Comp. Earl Mathews and Robert Dunaway attended the Blue Springs Society annual Officer Installation Meeting in Marianna. Pres. Mathews served as the Installing Officer for the C.A.R..

- Apr. 11 Pres. E. Mathews, Comp. Fletcher Dunaway and Robert Dunaway, met with members of the Chipola Chapter DAR, Blue Springs Society C.A.R., two WW II Veterans, members of other patriotic organizations and the public, to honor the motorcade for WW II veteran Whitehurst's remains as it passed by, waving the U.S. Flag, State and SAR Flags. Veteran Whitehurst died in battle in 1943, Pacific campaign.
- 12 Comp. Earl Mathews, Fletcher Dunaway and Robert Dunaway, attended the funeral for the above WW II Veteran Whitehurst, in Cowart, Al.
- Apr. 14 and 15th, Compatriot Lionel Young and Sheila Young, displayed and explained the Traveling Trunk activity at the Pioneer Village, Blountstown.
- Apr. 24 and 25th, Compatriot Lionel Young and Sheila Young, displayed and explained the Traveling Trunk activity at the Holmes County Elementary School.

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The Villages Chapter – David Bussone, President

At our February meeting the membership voted to approve an “associate” affiliation to the Chapter. This affiliation allows individuals who are not able to prove lineage to a patriot, but nonetheless are interested in the history and events surrounding the period of the ARW. Affiliates may participate in the activities of the chapter but may neither serve as officers nor vote on matters that come before the membership. Associates must also pay the equivalent of chapter member dues on an annual basis.

At the February meeting, three new members were inducted:

David Hein

Christopher Hermann

Charles Murphy

Ian Walmsley was our guest speaker. His topic concerned the impact and interaction of Caribbean trade on The American Revolutionary War.

The Chapter sponsored an education booth at the regular meeting of The Villages Genealogy Club.

In March, Glenn Langston spoke about his experiences in Japan at the end of World War II. Compatriot Langston is a member of The Lake Sumter Chapter and his talk was very warmly received.

Compatriot Frederick DeCelle, Sr was the sole inductee for March.

It was reported that The Villages Chapter had a new website which was developed by Compatriot E. Scot Bushnell. The new website has many advantages, including a “members only” area and real time member status changes directly from the FLSSAR website.

The Chapter is in the early stages of encouraging formation of a color guard. Compatriot Al Gipson is leading this effort. Three members offered to participate before the adjournment of the meeting.

The membership discussed the potential of planting a Liberty Tree at an appropriate location in The Villages. With membership approval, exploration of this topic will continue.

During the April meeting, Al Gipson reported that 5 individuals were agreed to participate in a Chapter color guard. It is hoped that the group could become active in the Fall. Compatriot Ron Toops provided an update on introductory materials being produced for member recruitment and new member orientation. Examples of various materials were circulated for review.

Compatriot Al Gipson was presented with the War Service Medal for his service during the Vietnam conflict.

A superb and very interesting presentation was given by David Head, Ph.D. Dr. Head is a faculty member of the History Department at the University of Central Florida. He specializes in the history of the Colonial and Early American periods. Dr. Head discussed privateering in the seas off South Georgia and Florida. Dr. Head is the author of a book - Privateers of the Americas, Spanish American Privateering from The United States in the Early Republic. This book served as the basis for his presentation.

The concept of a Liberty Tree has blossomed since the March meeting. Two DAR chapters in The Villages have agreed to participate in the project, and officials of The Villages have agreed to support it as well.

At the end of April the Chapter's membership stands at 76 compatriots.

Withlacoochee Chapter - Clyde Johnson, President

February 11, 2017 General Members Meeting FLSSAR Sr. Vice-President Robert Folk received his Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate. John Mark Frazier, David Francis Hitchcock and Ray Homer Cable were inducted into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Withlacoochee Chapter, Inverness,

- Florida. Charles Day and Norman Freyer presented the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest 1st Place Chapter winner, Rachel Sheppard, a check for \$200.00 and Orations Medal – Chapter with Winning Recognition Certificate. George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest 2nd Place Chapter winner, Caleb Sheppard, received a check for \$100.00 and Winning Recognition Certificate. Rachel Sheppard gave her oration on Coventry, Connecticut Revolutionary Patriot Nathan Hale. President Larry Sturgeon presented Norman Romeyn Freyer and Ronald Lee Powell a Certificate of Appreciation for their work with our Homosassa Walmart partner and Veterans without Families. Compatriots Freyer and Powell will be presenting a plaque to the Wal-Mart employees for their December 2016 Christmas donations.
- March 11, 2017 Thomas Jefferson Camp #11 of the Withlacoochee Chapter participated in the 234th Anniversary Celebration of the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island, Florida. FLSSAR Commander Charles Louis Day led the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard for the event. Color Guard participants were Russell Gibson, Bill Ferguson and Charles Day. Members who attended were Larry Sturgeon, Dan Hans and FLSSAR Sr. Vice-President Robert Folk on behalf of the FLSSAR State Society.
- March 17, 2017 Withlacoochee Chapter Thomas Jefferson Camp #11 Color Guardsmen Charles Day, Larry Sturgeon, Jack Townsend, Russell Gibson and Bill Ferguson marched with the Colors in the St. Patrick's Day Parade State event.
- March 18, 2017 General Members meeting William Michael Scheiterle II, Kenneth Franklin Lancaster Jr. and James Clifton Booth were inducted into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Withlacoochee Chapter. Past President William Teater and Veterans Chairman presented a Vietnam Service Medal, War Era Bar, Certificate and Wounded Warrior Coin to James Clifton Booth and George Emory Edge Jr. Compatriot Teater also presented a Vietnam Service Medal, War Era Bar and Certificate to Douglas Lee Brock, William David Ferguson and William Michael Scheiterle II.
- March 25, 2017 Compatriots Ronald Powell and Norman Freyer presented the Homosassa Wal-Mart employees with a plaque for their 2016 contribution to the Veterans without Families at the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes on December 6, 2016.
- April 8, 2017 General Members Meeting Compatriot Daniel Hans was presented his 10 year membership certificate. Compatriot Norman Freyer was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and certificate for his continuous duties as our Chapter Chaplain, Americanism Poster Contest Chairman, Publicity Chairman and working with our Veterans without Families and Christmas Partner Homosassa Wal-Mart.
- April 15, 2017 Thomas Jefferson Camp #11 Color Guard participated in the Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Color Guardsmen who participated were Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, Bill Ferguson and Leonard Crawford.

Gainesville Chapter – David Charles Thomas, President

David Thomas represented the chapter in the following events:

- 1-11 DAR Luncheon
- 2-4 BOM
- 2-8 DAR Luncheon, in Revolutionary War Attire.
- 3-8 DAR Luncheon, in Revolutionary War Attire.
- 4-21 Patriots Day – St Simon's Island, Represented the Gainesville Chapter in the Patriots Day Parade and present a wreath on behalf of the Chapter, in Revolutionary War Attire..

Gainesville SAR Member Sean Tonnelier represented the chapter in the following events:

- 3-11 The Last Naval Battle of the America Revolution, participated in the Color Guard and presented a wreath on behalf of the Gainesville Chapter.
- 4-8 Ceremony of the 100th Anniversary of WW1, in Revolutionary War Attire..

Gainesville SAR Member Ray Davis represented the chapter in the following events:

Date	Location	Present	Revolutionary War Attire.
1-9	Ocala	Scottish Rite 70	No
1-31	UF –	Veterans Reception 109	No
January Totals 179 0			
2-12	The Village	53 No 2-23 Naturalization	105 No
February Totals 158 0			
3-11	Bell High School JROTC	132 Yes 3-15 Flag Breakfast	17 No 3-16 Naturalization 121 No
March Totals 270 1			
Q-1 Totals 607 1.			

January through April Diner Meeting: Dr. Barbara Oberlander was the speaker at the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on January 17, 2017. Dr. Oberlander delivered an interesting speech on "Women's Role" in the American Revolution.

Patricia Fabiani was the speaker at the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on February 21, 2017. She is the Executive Director, Gainesville Fisher House Foundation and spoke on what the Fisher House does for veteran's families. Florida Society North Central VP Scott Bushnell conducted the installation of Officers for the 2017-2018 terms at the SAR at this same meeting. These Officers were installed:

President	David C. Thomas
1st Vice President	Randal L. Highsmith
2nd Vice President	Randal L. Highsmith
Secretary	David W. Cromer
Treasurer	David W. Cromer
Registrar	James D. Partin
Member at Large	Thomas Sean Tonnelier

David Boyett was the speaker at the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on March 21, 2017. He discussed how different types of DNA testing can assist in connecting family lineage and finding common ancestors.

Tade Sullivan was the speaker at the SAR chapter's monthly dinner meeting at Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua on April 18, 2017. He discussed his role as the regional representative for BSA and the Eagle Scout program. Eagle Scout Liam Sullivan was presented with a Eagle Scout Patch and Certificate. The chapter also inducted 8 new members put the Gainesville Chapter's current membership at 87.

At the 4th Gainesville SAR Executive Board meeting President David Thomas accepted David Cromer's resignation as Secretary/Treasurer due to health reasons. President Thomas then appointed Randy Highsmith in those positions. David Cromer will remain editor of our Newsletter the Gainesville Broadside.

Lake City Chapter – Claudius F. "Skip" Johns - President

Our chapter meets the second Monday of each month with the exception of the months of June, July and August. Officers' Calls/Executive Committee meetings are held the last Friday of each month throughout the year. Meetings are held at the Ole Times Country Buffet in Lake City and include dinner, a program and our business meeting.

FEBRUARY

At our February 13 meeting, our special guest was Regional Vice President Scott Bushnell and his wife, Myra Bushnell, who installed our new slate of officers for the 2017 – 2018 year. The installation received newspaper coverage in The Lake City Reporter.

On February 25, 2017, Secretary James Craig attended the Columbia High School JROTC awards ceremony in Lake City and presented the JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate as well as The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) and Special Forces medals and certificates. Secretary Craig also addressed the cadets and guests assembled. A Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate was awarded to Cadet PFC Trevor Ordos and the Special Forces Association Award was presented to Cadet First Sergeant Tyler Horton. The TREA award was awarded to Cadet SFC Talitha Davis.

MARCH

JROTC Bronze medals and certificates were awarded to Cadet Corporal Even D. Foskey. The Special Forces Award was presented to Cadet Major Dylan T. Smart and the TREA Award to Cadet Staff Sergeant Shawna L. Montgomery at the Taylor County High School on March 3.

The historical program for the March 13 chapter meeting was Mt. Vernon Foundation's The Winter Patriots (DVD). The chapter's spring raffle of two Henry Rifles and a \$100.00 cash award was approved by the membership and the tickets were distributed that month for drawing on July 4. Five hundred tickets were printed. Secretary James Craig resigned as Chapter Secretary at the March 13 meeting.

We sponsored a second presentation and lecture on March 21 at the Florida Gateway College by Dr. Roger Smith who spoke on the women of the American Revolution. The presentation was coordinated with the community in keeping with National Women's History Month and received full page coverage in The Lake City Reporter on March 19. The lecture was free and open to the public. The newspaper also printed a photo on March 17 of Chapter Registrar William H. Williams receiving the Distinguished Service medal and certificate at the March 13 meeting.

APRIL

Chapter Secretary and Past President James Craig passed away on April 7 and Chapter President Skip Johns and Chapter Treasurer Larry Royal spoke at his memorial service on April 12 at the request of his family. The historical program at the April meeting was National Geographic's Arlington, Field of Honor (DVD). A bronze JROTC medal and certificate was awarded Cadet 2nd LT Curtis Knights, the Special Forces Award to Cadet Sergeant Sid Clark and a TREA Award to ShaMya Smith at Bradford County High School on April 13. On April 18, a Bronze JROTC medal and certificate was presented at Baker County High School to Cadet William A. Lowther.

MAY

A final complete revision of our chapter bylaws was approved by the chapter membership at the May 8 meeting after having been under revision with multiple drafts since November 2016. A memorial service for Past Presidents James F. Thrasher and James A. Craig was held during the May 8 meeting with members of the Thrasher family in attendance. The May meeting is our spring family and friends gathering and is a complimentary dinner for all members and guests prior to the summer break.

JROTC awards were presented at Hamilton County High School and at Union County High School on May 4th. Cadet Airman Jacob Ray received the SAR Bronze JROTC Award and Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Leancia Robinson received the TREA Award in Hamilton County. In Union County, the Bronze JROTC medal was received by Cadet Captain Zackary Hardcastle and Cadet SFC Andre Hampton received the TREA award.

On May 6, we presented JROTC awards at Suwannee County High School to Cadet Cason Adams (Bronze JROTC) and Cadet Charles DeMotto (TREA).

This May 6 ceremony completed the presentations of SAR JROTC and other JROTC awards to seven county high schools in north Florida. We are also scheduled to present two JROTC Sea Scout Awards on June 3 at a ceremony at the Lake City American Legion.

Because James Craig was a member of SAR and both The Retired Enlistment Association and the Special Forces Association, he routinely presented these awards annually as a part of local JROTC ceremonies. Following his passing, we as a chapter assumed responsibility for seeing that these awards were presented on behalf of CMS Craig.

Ocala Chapter – Wayne Carlton Curtis, President

The Ocala Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meet every third Wednesday noon at the Ocala Elk's Club on 25th Ave.

During the Spring President Wayne Curtis has been presenting Eagle Scout and JROTC awards and awards for displaying the American Flag. Attendance at meetings has consisted of steady loyal members with two or three new members and transferees. The Ocala Chapter in conjunction with joint members of the American Legion Post 27 have promoted and selected boys and girls for legislative week in Tallahassee.

The membership has enjoyed daily emails from SAR Historian Jack Manning. Treasurer, Alan Snow has been compiling a print out of these snippets for placement in the Marion County Library system.

Joe Voge has given a talk on the Oklawaha, Ma Barker house acquired by the Marion County Parks Commission. Brian Voge has given talks on the painting of Washington Crossing the Delaware River and presented history books from his personal library for purchase by the members for the benefit of the Chapter account.

The highlight of March meeting was the presentation of orations by students, Andrew Williams, seventh grade winner of Marion County Middle School History Day Paper contest at Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks, Ocala on Thomas Paine judged by Chapter Secretary, Alan Clark, M.D. and Nobel Patidar of Vanguard High School on the Founding of our Freedoms insured by the United States Government promoted by American Legion Post 27 and the help of Vice President, Brian Voge.

DAR den mother, Tevis Fitzpatrick has kept us connected yearly with the Memorial Day ceremony as has member Jim Phillips with the Veterans Memorial Park.

With sadness, we lost a dear friend and SAR member Richard Sharps. We voted to place a memorial brick in the Veterans Memorial Park in his name.

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

Officer Rooster Listing:

The Chapter Officers for the 2016-2017 chapter year include:

President:	Gerald C. Hardwich
1st Vice President:	H. Allan Lane

2nd Vice President: George W. Chaffee
Secretary: Edward J. Riley
Treasurer: Ronald L. Grove
Member-at-Large #1 Robert Beightol
Member-at-Large #2 Basil Linville

Meeting Attendance:

The October meeting attendance was 25 including 22 members and 3 guests; November meeting attendance was 26 including 17 members and 9 guests; the December meeting attendance was 23 including 18 members and 5 guests; the January meeting attendance was 36 including 17 members and 19 guests; the February meeting attendance was 26 including 19 members and 7 guests; the March meeting attendance was 26 including 21 members and 5 guests; the April meeting attendance was 19 including 17 members and 2 guests; the May meeting attendance was 29 including 20 members and 9 guests.

Chapter meeting attendance has been reduced by about half since the spinning off of The Villages Chapter in January, 2016.

We are in the process of moving a series of applications through the system. Membership at the end of 2016 was up to 81 members. Current membership is 76. Requests have been made for potential volunteers and future officer candidates to step up to the challenge of rebuilding the chapter. Many thanks need to be bestowed on Compatriot John Moore for his tireless pursuit of new Compatriots.

A pledge was made by the President to contact members, especially those that have not been seen recently at chapter meetings, or those that have been dropped from the roles, to see what can be done to entice them to come to meetings, and hopefully volunteer. If nothing else, good wishes can be conveyed to the members.

The chapter is in the process of re-aligning their fiscal year to correspond with the election year so that incoming officers have total responsibility of the budget for their full term.

Meeting Programs:

The past several month's programs have included some very exceptional topics, including:

October 1 Compatriot Glenn Langston: Memories of the Army of Occupation of Japan: 1945 - 1946
November 5 Compatriot Bill Hayes presents "Eagle Scouts who have won the Medal of Honor".
December 3 Jim Brown: Boat Building in New York During the Revolution
January 7 Compatriot Don Wyman, History of Secret Writing, from ancient Greeks to Al Qaeda.
February 4 Ena Dupree. The History of Islam.

Color Guard:

Glenn Langston, Color Guard Commander, led almost a dozen members in the Tavares Independence Day Parade. Participation is planned again for this year.

The Lake-Sumter SAR chapter participated in the Tavares Christmas parade on December 3.

The Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Shiloh Cemetery on December 17.

Participation in The Villages St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The chapter is competing in the Camp Reports Color Guard contest.

Awards:

A variety of awards were made during this period, including:

Compatriot John Moore was recognized at the BOM Viet Nam Veterans welcome home ceremony. John also received the Liberty Medal award for recruiting new members, and became a member of the Florida Battalion.

Chapter Community Activities:

Ralph Nelson led the charge with the Americanism Poster Contest, and the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. He has been a master at both of these important activities. Hopefully, we will have an entry for the Knight Essay Contest.

Lake-Sumter has sent entries in for the Newsletter competition, and the Brochure competition.

A trip to the Thomas Creek Battleground Celebration is being planned.

The chapter paraded in the GeorgeFest Celebration in Eustis, FL. Participation has been continuous since inception of the chapter in 1988.

Tom Wilcox spoke about SAR and manned a recruiting table at a gathering of veterans on Armed Forces Day at Royal Highlands.

Flag placement at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg, FL for Armed Forces Day.

Remembrance was made regarding the Liberty Tree that was planted in Tavares, FL on February 17, 2002.

Memorial Day Ceremony with the American Legion in Fruitland Park, FL.

Information table manned at Hawthorne Community for Veteran's Appreciation Day. Certificates of Appreciation presented to Veterans.

Flag placement and retrieval at Lone Oak Cemetery for Veteran's Day.

Dedication of a new flagpole in the Lakes of Mount Dora on Veteran's Day.
Participation in the DAR Labels for Education Program continues is led by Bob Moody.

Eagle Scout and JROTC:

Compatriot Bill Hayes reported that there are 28 potential Eagle Scouts in North Lake County, 4 potential Eagle Scouts in South Lake County, and 6 potential Eagle Scouts in Sumter county that he is preparing for recognition.

Bill also works with the JROTC Awards Committee which coordinates awards to the outstanding JROTC cadet in each school.

Additional Recognition:

Lake-Sumter is fortunate to have four World War II veterans who were recognized: Glenn Langston, Don Voorhees, Fred Harrison, and Glenn Bowron.

Ron Grove led the Americanism Award effort.

Bob Beightol continues to get members with war service their SAR Military Service Award, as well as entered into the FLSSAR Veteran Battalion.

Programs for the Spring:

March 4 This is the first of a two-part series on "The Winning of the War," the first by Compatriot Al Lane who addresses the British Southern Campaign beginning in 1779, including the disasters for the Patriots at Charleston, Waxhaw and Camden; the appointment of Greene as commander in the south; and Cornwallis' pursuit of Greene culminating in the British pyrrhic victory at Guilford Courthouse.

April 1 Part two of "The winning of the War," by Compatriot Ralph Nelson, who addresses the movement of Washington and Rochambeau's armies south to Virginia to confront Cornwallis; the "miraculous" appearance of the French fleet in the Chesapeake which sealed Cornwallis' fate and led to a collapse of political support for the war in the British Parliament

May 6 Compatriot Scott Bushnell, Battle of Oriskany and Siege of Ft Stanwix.

June 3 Compatriot Tom Wilcox, The Battle of Brooklyn: The Lost Battle That Won the War.

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Flagler Chapter

Randall Morris, President

25 Jan 2017: Chapter regular meeting. Induction of new members Paul and Eason Pritchard by Chapter President Randall Morris. Compatriot Ronald D. Stark, II was presented a Certificate of Patriotism by Past President David Kelsey, Sr. Past President David Kelsey, Sr. presented Chapter President Randall Morris the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of his faithful services to the Flagler Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution. Guest speaker Flagler County Historical Society Archivist/Curator Sisco Deen reviewed events surrounding the establishment of Flagler County in 1917.

05 Feb 2017: Flagler Chapter Sons of the American Revolution members, President Randall Morris, 1st Vice President David Hammond and Sergeant-at-Arms John Thomas participated in the annual Four Chaplains Service sponsored by the American Legion Post 115.

22 Feb 2017: Chapter regular meeting. The NSSAR DVD "The Articles of Association of 1774" was shown to members and guests. A general discussion followed the presentation.

02 Mar 2017: 1st Vice President David Hammond (Flag Chairman) presented Charles and Sally Hayes with the NSSAR Flag Certificate in recognition of their Patriotic display of the United States Flag and the POW-MIA Flag. Chapter President Randall Morris attended the ceremony.

09 Mar 2017: The Third Annual Flagler Chapter Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike was led by Past President David Kelsey, Sr. and his wife Victoria. Joining in the hike were: Compatriots Randall Morris, Bill Knisely, Paul Pritchard and applicant Charles Hayes.

11 Mar 2017: A delegation from the Flagler Chapter participated in the annual celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Attendees included: Chapter President Randall Morris, Past President David Kelsey, wife Victoria Kelsey, Compatriot Bill Knisely and Compatriot Paul Pritchard, accompanied by his wife Dr. Sharon Conley, a member of the DAR. A wreath was presented by Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris.

22 Mar 2017: Chapter regular meeting. NPS Ranger Allen Arnold, Castillo de San Marcos discussed the role of the Castillo and St. Augustine during the American Revolution.

22 Apr 2017: Compatriot David Kelsey & Victoria Kelsey participated in the annual Patriots Day Ceremony held on St. Simons Island, GA, honoring the Georgia Patriots who captured a British warship on April 19th,

1778 off the GA Coast. Compatriot Kelsey presented a wreath on behalf of the Flagler Chapter led the “irregulars” in the annual parade on the Island.

Jacksonville Chapter

Roy Lee Weiland, President

The second half of our year has included some very interesting and educational speakers at our chapter meetings, including:

January: Zachary Gray (UNF doctoral candidate in US colonial history), “Masculinity in the American Revolutionary Era”

February: Jim Hartman (blacksmith), “Blacksmith’s Weddings and Genealogy”

March: Rick Ramsey (attorney), “Mysteries of the Constitution”

April: Compatriot Bill Ziegenfus, “Founding Father Robert R. Livingston”

For 2017, we have inducted 9 new members into the chapter, conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony, presented flags and copies of the Constitution to 6 new Habitat For Humanity homeowners, and commemorated the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek (3rd consecutive year). In addition, we have presented three Silver ROTC medals, 20 Bronze ROTC medals, and recognized 33 new Eagle Scouts.

Compatriots Bob Gant, Martin Schwartz, and Bill Ziegenfus represented the chapter at several Naturalization Ceremonies held at the U.S. District Court in Jacksonville.

The George Washington Camp color guard participated at the DAR George Washington luncheon and flag retirement in February, Patriot’s Day at St Simons GA and the dedication of the A1A Historical Highway marker in April, and the Thomas Creek Commemoration in May.

And sadly, we report the passing of Compatriot Bud Bauchspies, Capt US Navy (ret) and past FLSSAR President (1996-1997). Bud was instrumental in initiating the FLSSAR Color Guard.

St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President

No report

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Brevard Chapter

Submitted by Barry Eller, President

The Brevard Chapter participated in the City of Cocoa and Rockledge Christmas Parade. We decorated a Billy Peter’s pickup with colored lights and bunting. Bob Humker and Barry Eller rode in back giving Christmas greetings to all with the driver Billy Peters, up front doing the same. We were very fortunate to have President General of National Society of the SAR and Brevard Chapter member Michael Tomme, and his wife, Cilla, attend. They walked the length of the parade in full uniform and Colonial dress waving and handing out candy to kids .

The Brevard Chapter color guard presented colors at the February joint meeting with the six Brevard DAR chapters for the annual celebration of George Washington’s Birthday.

The Brevard chapter took part in the 11th annual celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at the Merritt Island Veterans Center with the following members supporting the event by working the event and/or taking part in the parade: Sam Ashdown, Barry Eller, Bob Humker, Ray Norman, Ben DuBose, and Steve Williams. This last fall we presented Veterans Center with an oil painting of the battle at the dedication of the new museum.

On May 1st the color guard participated in the opening ceremony for the moving Vietnam Wall memorial. Phil Wright present the wreath from our chapter. On May 6th our color guard was in the Massing of the Colors along with the DAR. The Brevard Chapter color guard presents colors at the membership meeting election, installation, and awards ceremony on May 20th and will attend the Memorial Day Parade in Melbourne on May 30th. On June 10th the Color guard will do their honors at the Joint SAR/DAR Flag Day Luncheon, at the Rockledge Country Club. Our Chaplain, Dr. David Ralston is the guest speaker. His wife Georgia ias being inducted as their Reagent at the same meeting.

Central Florida Chapter

Submitted by Randal Allan, Chapter President)

At the March meeting, Compatriot Jeff Sizemore spoke and gave a power point presentation. The title of his presentation was "John Paul Jones – An American Patriot". The chapter also received notice that Robert G "Bob" Murray has passed away on 2/14/2017. He and his wife, Anne, had moved to Azle, TX several years ago to be near one of their sons. He was chapter president from 2005 to 2007 and also served as FLSSAR historian for several terms.

On April 8, 2017, the chapter held their Patriot Luncheon in which John Stewart from the St. Petersburg SAR Chapter was our speaker. He did an in-character presentation of Thomas Jefferson. His presentation was titled "The Most Nasty, Vicious Election of 1800."

From September 2016 to May 2017, the chapter has inducted a total of fourteen (14) new members. Others are being pursued and have their applications under review. At the May chapter meeting, the chapter will install the new officers for the 2017 to 2019 term. Our new chapter president will be Burt Fairchild. Other members have also agreed to serve again in the respective positions for another term.

St Lucie River Chapter

At the January Meeting, the chapter received a wonderful briefing about the Honor Flight Program by Janet Hoose, vice chair of the Southeast Honor Flight Inc. Their efforts are currently directed at WW II veterans and as the list dwindles, they are accepting veterans from the Korean War. In addition to a \$100.00 donation to Honor flight, the chapter audience passed the hat for another \$191.00 which made Janet very happy. Tom Gilmore a director has participated in two honor flights in the past, one being with one of our late compatriots, Bud Rockhill. 3 new members were sworn in for the month of January. We also had 4 members in the honor guard for the Purple Heart Cane Recipients ceremony at the Navy Seal Museum, which is also an annual event for us. Steve Laster one of our compatriots had his daughter received a cane for his late father for his injuries received at the bombing of Fort at Corregidor the following day after the Pearl Harbor event. Five compatriots participated in the Saint Lucie County History Fair. We selected 7 students for awards that were given the following month.

Our February meeting was held as a joint meeting in Okeechobee with the Okeechobee DAR Chapter, which is an annual event with them and to save our Chapter members from that area a trip to our meetings once a year. Hall Riediger gave his well know colonial attire briefing. We also had a Silver Good Citizenship award for Okeechobee Sherriff May, but he was unable to attend and it was mailed to him. We awarded Martha Washington Medals to Cindy Sheppard of the Halpatiokee Chapter and Ruth Pippin of the Okeechobee Chapter for their support to our chapter in recruiting new members and assistance in the research for them also. We also had a new member sworn in, Jay Pruden, a W04 Marine Officer which gives the chapter a total of 3 Warrant officers for the Army, Navy and Now the Marine Corps also, there haven't been any recent Air Force or Coast Guard Warrant Officers since perhaps the Vietnam War. Chapter members also participated in the annual USS Dorchester (4 Chaplains) ceremony as well. The winners were each awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$25.00, which made them happy. We believe this was the highest number of Chapter awards to date, as there were seven recipients for five projects selected based on relevance to Revolution era themes. The topics selected were as follows:

- Taking a Stand against the Tea Act
- John Hancock
- A Revolutionary Hero
- Sybil Ludington: A Ride to History
- Valley Forge
- Sons of Liberty

In March compatriots attended the Last Naval Battle ceremony at Merritt Island. The meeting was moved to the following week in order in Merritt Island. We presented Fire Safety and EMT medal to members of the Martin County Fire Department as well as an Award for a Law enforcement Deputy in the Martin County Sherriff's Department.

At the April meeting, we swore in 2 new members and had a presentation by Wayne Teegarden, the local County Veterans Office Manager for the State of Florida. Two New Members were sworn in.

Once again, the chapter is presenting JROTC awards to the 8 High Schools in Martin, St Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties. At the end of the month we have the remaining two high schools to be attended to for their awards.

Our may meeting will be an outside picnic event with spouses and children present at a local Veterans Park. Our Flag Recognition committee report is that Jim Alderman presented 8 awards this month for the road that his house is on. Congrats to him.

I believe that we are almost finished with the JROTC awards to the 8 high schools in our three counties. When we are finished, I will report that also.

I appreciate the work that our chapter has done for me so far this year. In late January I ended up in the hospital for 3 weeks, had some foot surgery and treatment which continued until a week or so ago. I do not have any shoes as I am waiting on fitted ones. The guys in the chapter continue to help one another, just like in our compatriots' time and I am thankful for that.

Treasure Coast

No report

West Central Regional Vice President

Patrick J. Niemann

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Clearwater Chapter Robert Cundiff - President

February 2017

Brian Barrett presented a talk on the Battle of Saratoga
Presented Certificate of Appreciations to Ron Toops and Brian Barrett
Presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to Stuart Case, Thomas Dukeman
Presented a Flag Certificate to the Palm Harbor YMCA
Presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Award Check to Tia Walker for her project at the Pinellas County History Fair

March 2017

Russell Pebworth gave a talk on money in the Revolution
Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Russell Pebworth
Presented War Service Certificates to Oscar and Jason Gay
Presented an American Flag to Habitat for Humanity recipient, Sarnoff Family
Presented an American Flag to Habitat for Humanity recipient, Piantadosi Family

April 2017

Peter Summers gave a talk on the books and other information on the American Revolution at the Largo Library in Pinellas County
Presented JROTC Medals to Mitchell H. S., River Ridge H. S., Hudson H. S.
Presented Good Citizenship Medal to Pinellas Park H. S.
Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dana Saunders, David Morgan, Peter Summers and Timothy Root
Presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a support check to the Clear Water Harbor CAR Chapter

May 2017

James Grayshaw gave a talk on the differences and similarities of the SR and the SAR
Presented JROTC Medals to Dunedin H. S., Gulf H. S., Ridgewood H. S., Clearwater H. S., Anclote H. S.
Presented Good Citizenship Medal to Indian Rocks Christian H. S., Hudson H. S., Palm Harbor University H. S., Tarpon Springs H. S., Countryside H. S., Clearwater Central Catholic H. S., Osceola H. S., River Ridge H. S., Anclote H. S., Calvary Christian H. S.
Presented Certificates of Appreciation to James Facinella, John McGuire, Mike Cheetham, Kirk Kumagel, James Grayshaw, Wilfred Placeras
Presented an American Flag to Habitat for Humanity recipient, Thompson Family
Judged the posters for the Americanism Poster Contest and awarded Certificates and award checks to the top 3 and certificates to the 74 Participants
Judges the Knight Essay and sent the winning Essay to State, presented Certificates and Award checks to the winners

South Shore Chapter Don Gunn, President

The January monthly meeting was held January 14th. Guest speaker was Jan Bassett, Regent of the George Mercer Brook Chapter of the DAR. Jan presented a very interesting program on the Bill of Rights. Jan is the wife of chapter member Gordon Bassett.

Our February meeting was held February 11th. Guest speaker was Thomas Jefferson (John Stewart), speaking about the US and their fight with the Barbary Pirates. Those present enjoyed the spirited presentation.

The March meeting took place March 11th. Chapter member John Glynn presented a program on the Five Documents of Freedom (from Henry I of England Charter of Liberties 100 AD to the US Constitution). It was a very informative and interesting presentation. Luke Whitmore of Plant City was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship medal for his unselfish act of compassion during a high school track event. Luke stopped to assist a competitor who had fallen during the race and helped the young man complete the race. Our April meeting was held on April 8th. Chapter member Chip Churchill, in Colonial uniform, presented information on the capture and imprisonment of his patriot ancestor, General Freegift Patchin. The May meeting will be on May 13th. Member Bill Bolin will be demonstrating the long rifle he built from a kit. He will discuss his patriot ancestor who participated in the Battle of Kings Mountain. JROTC cadets will also be in attendance at the May meeting. We have two new members approved this year with several other applications in process

St. Petersburg Chapter Alan Craig, Chapter President

January 2017

- Charles Rogers, Chairman of the Central Florida USO, spoke at the monthly luncheon about the USO Clubs located in the Tampa and Orlando Airports. A donation was presented to the USO on behalf of the St. Petersburg Chapter.
- The following new members were inducted into the Society:
 - Robert Pauley
 - James Kent
- A Chapter certificate recognizing service performed during the Vietnam War was presented to Compatriot Jerry Halstead
- A donation was made on behalf of the St. Petersburg Chapter to the Pinellas County History Fair for the first-place winner of their essay contest
- Chapter SAR jackets were ordered by members of the St. Petersburg Chapter and were presented at the monthly luncheon

February 2017

- Mark Welsh, Director of the Honor Flight of West Central Florida, spoke at the monthly luncheon about the Honor Flight program. A donation was presented to Honor Flight of West Central Florida on behalf of the St. Petersburg Chapter.
- The following new members were inducted into the Society:
 - Ron Hays
 - James Lesko (Memorial Member)
- John Stewart reported there were 11 submissions to the Knight Essay Contest and the first, second and third place winners are:
 - Ilijah Soyke
 - Delight Williams
 - Bianca DeSilva

March 2017

- Dr. Roger Smith, fellow SAR Compatriot (St. Augustine Chapter) and co-founder of Colonial Research Associates, spoke at the monthly luncheon about the role of East and West Florida during the Revolutionary War. A donation was presented to Colonial Research Associates on behalf of the St. Petersburg Chapter.
- Compatriot Evan Soileau, the new Chapter Webmaster, previewed our new site: www.stpetesar.org
- President Craig attended the CAR State Conference in Tallahassee and the DAR Spring Conference in Orlando
- President Craig appointed the 2017-2018 nominating committee: Compatriots John Stewart, Will Scott and Charles Butler

Tampa Charles Klug, President

No report

Lakeland Chapter President – Tom Williamson

January 21, 2017 meeting- John Snapp presented "A Time In History" - January 20th, past presidential inaugurations. Roscoe Howard spoke about his Patriotic Ancestors.

Our guest speaker was Lloyd Harris who gave a very interesting history lesson on "Stonewall Jackson's Way".

Alvie Davidson introduced our new member's- Three generations of the Putnam Family, for a total of seven new members.

February 18, 2017 meeting- John Snapp presented "A Time In History" - February 18.

Gary Breckenridge spoke about his Patriotic Ancestor, David Alderman.

Alvie Davidson introduced our new member, Eldon Wade.

March 18, 2017 meeting- John Snapp presented "A Time In History" - March 18, Stephen Grover Cleveland, our 22nd and 24th President, who's birthday was March 18, 1837.

Bill Woolwine presented a report on his patriot ancestors. John Mellish, a Fifer on the brigantine-rigged sloop Tyrannicide. Captain Robert Hill who enlisted in 1776 and served several stints during the American Revolution and was commissioned Captain in 1781. John Mellish was his original patriot to enter the SAR and Robert Hill was a supplemental patriot. William Hill was Robert's father and he served in the North Carolina Provincial Congress, which met in Hillsborough, North Carolina and he cast a vote for American freedom. This set up the first state government of North Carolina.

Tom Williamson presented a talk on the Capture of Fort Ticonderoga and the movement of the cannons from there to Dorchester Heights, just south of Boston, to force the British to leave Boston in March 1776.

April 15, 2017 meeting- John Snapp presented "A Time In History" - April 15, Tax Day History.

Our Guest speaker was Dr. Roger Smith.

Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. in Early American History and Atlantic World Studies from the University of Florida in 2011. His work on the American Revolution in the South has received the Aschoff Fellowship Dissertation Award and the Jack and Celia Proctor Award in Southern History.

Dr. Smith now represents Colonial Research Associates and speaks nationally on his Revolutionary War research. He has provided consultation for the AMC television series Turn, and worked on projects with the Florida Humanities Council, the University of West Florida, the University of Florida, and the City of St. Augustine. He is an SAR member in the Florida St Augustine Chapter.

The topic: The 14th Colony: The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret - - On December 18, 1775, General George Washington wrote a letter to John Hancock, warning the Continental Congress that the British were stockpiling weapons and gunpowder in St. Augustine, East Florida. In his letter, Washington was sounding an alarm, as he feared that the British were preparing to reclaim the southern colonies by invading Georgia and South Carolina with an army from East Florida – a colony wholly loyal to King George III. And Washington was correct! The role played by British St. Augustine in the American War of Independence is Florida's most unique story in its 500-year history – perhaps the most unique story of the American Revolution.

Southeast Regional Vice President

Wm Lee Popham

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During the four months ended 30 April 2017, Regional Vice President Popham attended:

- Two Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings;
- One Fort Lauderdale Chapter monthly meeting;
- One Palm Beach Chapter monthly meeting, where he presided over the installation of Don Lanman as President for a second term, and all other 2017 officers;
- The SAR Miami Chapter Annual Presidents Day Luncheon and Installation of 2017 officers;
- The Spring 2017 Leadership Conference at the Brown Hotel in Louisville KY, where I now serve on four National Committees: Finance, Investments, Budget, Eagle Scout, and 250th Anniversary; I was appointed Co-Chairman of the National Budget Committee by PG Tomme, and ratified at the Executive Committee meeting;
- Winter FLSSAR Board of Management (BOM) Meeting, Seminars, and participation in the Color Guard; Subsequent to the Winter BOM, I was appointed by FLSSAR President Raymond Wess to the position of Youth Protection Trainer, and invited to initiate a Youth Protection Training Seminar at the upcoming FLSSAR Annual Meeting and BOM.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter

Submitted by Allen Manning, Chapter President

No report

Miami Chapter

Submitted by Wm Lee Popham

The Miami Chapter now meets at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, located at 1395 NW 57 Avenue (Red Road), in Miami Florida. The Miami Chapter continues its Dutch Treat luncheon meetings on the third Friday of each month, with a \$20.00 full buffet meal cost. All members and guests are welcome.

At the 3-5 February 2017 Winter BOM, the SAR Miami Chapter was represented by President Wm Lee Popham, and President-Elect Bernard and Deloris Wolff. At the Awards and Recognition Banquet, SAR Miami Chapter was recognized for its financial support of the NSSAR Youth Programs, including the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, the Knight Essay Contest, and the Rumbaugh Orations Contest.

The President General – Americanism – Scoresheet was submitted by the Miami Chapter in the Excel Spreadsheet format again for 2016, with indicated scores of 3,645 Americanism Points, and 4,655 President General's Streamer Points.

Membership:

We opened the year with 75 "recorded" members plus 1 dues-paying "dual" member, 70 of whom had paid their dues prior to 1 January.

We have welcomed 3 new members since the beginning of the year.

Our Chapter membership is 77 at 30 April 2017.

We currently have new member 12 applications in process.

President's Annual Luncheon and George Washington's Birthday Celebration:

The Presentation of the Colors by the newly-reorganized Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard, and our Boy Scouts from Troop 336.

Compatriot and Past President David B. Mitchell, Esq., was our featured keynote speaker, and special guest President General J. Michael Tomme Sr. served as our installing officer for our Annual Luncheon and Washington's Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Miami Springs Country Club on 19 February 2017. Accompanying PG Tomme were First Lady Cilla, and Past PG Lindsey C. Brock with his wife Billie.

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff was installed as SAR Miami Chapter President for 2017. The following additional officers were installed for the 2017 year:

President:	Bernard W. Wolff
1st Vice President:	William R. Wicks
2nd Vice President:	Rafael T. Rodriguez
Secretary/Treasurer:	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
Genealogist/Registrar:	Robert A. Sileo
Chaplain:	Otto P. Williams
Historian:	William Lee Popham, Jr.
Immediate Past President:	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.

The following Medals and Recognitions were awarded:

Medal / Certificate	Name of Recipient
Bronze Good Citizen Medal - Knight Essay Award Winner	Karen Lu
Lydia Darrah Medal	Doris Bridges
Martha Washington Medal	Wendy Kirby, DAR Everglades Chapter Regent
SAR Medal of Appreciation	Pam Cadman
SAR Medal of Appreciation	Janice McKay, South Miami Genealogical Society
SAR Medal of Appreciation – Oak Leaf Cluster	Louise Friberg
SAR Medal of Appreciation – Oak Leaf Cluster	Jill Cadman, Tequesta C.A.R. President
C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation – Oak Leaf Cluster	Joy Cadman
Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service	Douglas H. Bridges, Sr.
Chapter Meritorious Service Medal	Brian L. Swanson
Military Service Medal	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
Military Service Medal	Bernard W. Wolff
Service to Veterans Medal – Oak Leaf Cluster	Richard E. Friberg

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	Wm. Lee Popham, Sr.
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal	Bernard W. Wolff

President General Tomme was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in our ceremonies and fellowship.

C.A.R. Activities and Support:

Several adult and youth members of the Tequesta C.A.R. Chapter attended our President's Annual Luncheon. The Chapter was presented with a donation check for \$300.00.

Applications have been submitted for James Edward Popham (age 11), and John Lou Popham (age 10). Both are sons of President Wm Lee Popham Sr.

DAR Activities and Support:

Several officers and members of the local DAR Chapters attended the President's Annual Luncheon, and received SAR Medals of Appreciation for their services and assistance to our SAR Miami Chapter. Compatriot Wm. Lee Popham Sr. was elected Sr. Vice President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R.

Seminars and Speaker Activities:

President Wm Lee Popham Sr presented a seminar to the Genealogical Society of South Florida, where he demonstrated online family research methods, and the process for completing the SAR Application Worksheet.

Membership Applications:

Approved:

Robert Andrew Admire
John Gaylord Admire
Andrew Derek Jack Admire

Pending:

Twelve new applications are pending at this time.

In Preparation:

Erik Charles Popham
James E. Popham – Jr. membership
John L. Popham – Jr. membership
LTC William R "Will" Hogan
Rod Hildebrandt
David Case Popham, Jr.
Dain Thomas Popham – C.A.R. and Jr. Membership
London I. Ross – C.A.R. and Jr. Membership

VA Report:

On the 5th Sunday of the month members of the Miami Chapter serve as pushers/escorts for wheel chair bound patients at the Miami VA Hospital. The patients are escorted to the chapel service and returned to their room or some alternate location within the Hospital. The VA Committee has been chaired by Compatriot Richard E. Friberg for many years.

With the recent illness and subsequent death of Compatriot Donald Randolph, who had served on this Committee for many years as an escort and Assistant Chairman, Immediate Past President Wm Lee Popham, Sr. has recently been approved for service by the Veterans' Committee, and will become Chairman of the Chapter Committee in May 2017. Compatriot Richard E. Friberg will remain Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Youth Activities Reports:

Knight Essay Contest Winner: Karen Lu

JROTC Medals:

A total of 30 Medals – 28 Bronze and 2 Silver - have been ordered and distributed by the SAR Miami Chapter, for recognitions throughout Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties during the month of May.

Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates:

A total of 15 Eagle Scouts in Miami-Dade County have been personally presented with Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates so far this year. Each Eagle Scout has also received an application for the Eagle Scout Scholarship Award.

Palm Beach Chapter -Prepared by Don Lanman 2016 Chapter President, Dlanman258@aol.com

Chapter Membership:

PB Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including DAR outreach, genealogical and civic events growing from 164 to 171 members in the 1st Quarter with 49 applications and prospects in process and a goal of 200 members by 12/231/17.

Chapter Activities & Events:

Chapter hosted President General Tomme and State President Wess at its February meeting presenting PB Tomme with an honor plaque of appreciation for his leadership.

Chapter introduced a specially minted commutative coin in recognition of its upcoming 80th Anniversary.

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated several local & state activities including in 2017 including the Last Naval Battle, county & state DAR meetings, and conferences.

2017 Officers: Don Lanman-President, Ben Tidwell-VP, Peter Johnston-Treasurer, Bob Boggs-Registrar, Gary Green-Secretary, Father Sanford Sears-Chaplain, Sam Miller-Historian, Brian Davey-Sgt. @ Arms & Bill Johnson Officer @ Large promote the PG Tomme's Mentor program, the Veterans Battalion, Chapter "Widow's Brigade" for surviving windows of deceased Compatriots and DAR outreach.

Veterans Programs & Support:

Chapter expanded its FLSSAR Veterans Brigade membership to 25 including an admiral and general.

Compatriots Lanman serves on the Chapter and State Society Veterans Affairs committees & Compatriot Wenman represents the SAR at the local VA Hospital. Lanman and Wenman serve on the VA Veteran Services Advisory committee. Lanman also services on the Board of Directors for the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Foundation.

Compatriots Lanman, Tidwell, Curry and Van Otteren joined 30 DAR Daughters, serving as veteran escort guardians for 80+ WW-2 and Korea Veterans on the April 8th Southeast Florida Honor Flight to Washington DC on April 8, 2017.

Civic, Youth & CAR Activities:

Chapter presented 11 JROTC Medals and presented 10 commendation medals to police, firefighters and first responders, and 3 Flag Certificates to two JROTC schools and a local business, with another 15 scheduled for 2017.

Palm Beach American History Teacher, Lauren Goepfert, won the Chapter and State American History Teacher of the Year Award, and will represent the Chapter and State SAR at the National Congress in 2017.

Chapter is actively working with two local CAR chapters on both civic and support for local VA Hospital patients. Chapter is scheduled to present Scholarships to Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2017.

Chapter Recognition & Awards:

Chapter received an event streamer for the Last Naval Battle event presenting Chapter Honor Wreaths at both events.

Past President Edward S Buckley IV to be honored at the May BOM with the prestigious Patriot Medal from FLSSAR. Chapter Patriot Medal Honorees include; James Waugh '75, Henry Hinkle '80, Raymond Shepley '99, James Blackburn '93, James Hollyfield '02, Gerald Meeks '16. Chapter also is proud of its Gold Citizenship Honoree, Alex Dreyfoos.

Compatriot Bob Boggs received his Military Service Medal and the Garcilaso de la Vega DAR Chapter honored Compatriot Lanman with its prestigious "DAR Excellence in Community Service" Award.

2017 Chapter Vision:

Founded in 1938, the Chapter was will be preparing for its 80th Anniversary in 2018. Its 2017 goals are to increase its membership, expand the PG Mentor program, enhance DAR joint events, expand its youth programs, increase scholarships, expand Veterans support projects, increase Flag and Good Citizenship recognition, and promote its Widows Brigade.

Southwest Regional Vice President

Lee W. Matson

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Caloosa Chapter

Russell Radcliffe, President

The 2016-17 year has been a year of growth. Recent inductions have brought the membership to slightly over 100.

We have enjoyed a series of speakers at our regular meetings including George and Martha Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and other presentations by regional chapter compatriots.

This year we designated a Liberty Tree in Cape Coral, our Color Guard additionally participated again in the last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War memorial, and we participated in several DAR functions, including the 90th anniversary of the Caloosahatchee chapter (oldest in Florida). Additionally, we presented a Medal of Appreciation to Kim Parker, an Estero Island DAR Chapter member who has sponsored 7 new SAR members this year. We presented a mannequin with Revolutionary period militia attire to the Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library in Cape Coral, participated again in honoring outstanding JROTC students, and again in our Pride and Patriotism recognition program for students in the younger grade levels, as well as our usual participation with our Eagle Scout Program. We had an entry into the

Rumbaugh Oration and Knight Essay contests. Last memorial weekend we participated in a three-day program honoring all veterans through the SW Florida Military Museum, and will do so again this year.

With the DAR, we began participation in the Citizenship Naturalization program in Fort Myers.

In conjunction with FLSSAR President and wounded Vietnam Veteran Ray Wess, our Vice President Lt Col Robert McGuire orchestrated a Vietnam Veterans Honor and Appreciation ceremony at the winter FLSSAR BOM meeting, which included a majority of the attendees.

We have instituted our mentoring program as per NSSAR, and recently had a presentation from Caloosa Compatriot Jim Stone regarding the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Program. Several members have gone on-line to take the tutorial, as recommended by NSSAR. Lastly, several of us attended the NSSAR Congress in Boston

Charlotte Chapter Report

Larry Peck, President

Feb

We held a joint meeting with the (2) chapters of the DAR for George Washington's Birthday. Bill and Carla Eater portrayed George and Martha Washington.

Mar

We had a local speaker Captain John Arens about his service in the US Army, US Navy and US Merchant Marine.

April

Program – Compatriot Jim Schmidt was inducted as the newest member of the Charlotte Chapter. Compatriot Schmidt was accompanied by his son, Tim. Chapter Secretary Allen presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the Dining Staffs of South Port Square Gables East and West for their outstanding support of our Chapter. We are in the process for presenting (3) JROTC (Bronze) awards for the local High Schools.

On 5 May 2017 we will be presenting a Flag Award. We are in the process of doing a rewrite of the Chapter By-Laws and hope to have something together to be presented to the membership after the summer break.

Naples Chapter

James Madison McGarity III, President

Our first meeting in 2017 was held, Thursday, January 12th, and featured retired newspaper editor, writer and critic, Donald Miller, who lectured on the Life and Times of the Marquis D 'Lafayette which he published in Lafayette: His Extraordinary Life and Legacy. Our Registrar, Compatriot Ed Lary: inducted four new members; issued one supplemental; and, presented two "Years of Service" pins. On January 14th chapter members 1st VP James McGarity and VP General NSSAR Lawrence Fehrenbaker attended the memorial events including color guard and wreath laying(s) celebrating the 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens near Gaffney, South Carolina.

On February 9th our Chapter met to recognize and support the accomplishments of our Collier County Junior ROTC programs. We hosted both the Senior Army Instructors and their Cadet awardees receiving the Bronze JROTC Medal as guests. The highlight of the meeting centered around the presentation to the membership of the cadet essays for seven local high schools. The cadet earning the 1st Place Medallion for Enhanced JROTC 2016 Essay Competition was Cadet Captain Thais Martinez of Golden Gate High School. Notable attendees for this event were President General J. Michael Tomme, Vice President General Larry Fehrenbaker and DAR Regent Big Cypress Chapter Shirley Hoerle This event to recognize HSJROTC was organized by Compatriot John McCullough and reported by the Naples Daily News through the coordination of our 2nd Vice President Tom Woodruff.

In March we met at The Club at Longshore Lakes, Naples Florida to conduct Officer elections and recognize our Charter Day Celebration. The following slate of officers was voted on at the March 9, 2017 Luncheon meeting: President - James M. McGarity III; 1st Vice President - Leonard W. Crame; 2nd Vice President - Thomas B. Woodruff; Secretary- "Open"; and, Treasurer - Anthony J. Meerpohl. Note the position of Acting Secretary has temporarily been filled by our Treasurer, but filling it is a critical priority before the coming fall. The induction of new officers was presided over by Southwest Florida Regional Vice President Lee Matson. Outgoing President Michael Gary thanked the membership for their support of his administration and presented two awards: Distinguished Service Award to newly elected 1st VP Leonard Crame and the Martha Washington Award to Victoria Toter.

The April 13th meeting featured guest speaker, retired museum curator David Southall, who spoke on the little known, but exciting subject of, Admiral and General Bernardo De Galvez. Compatriot Jim Meerpohl coordinated this appearance after learning go De Galvez' singular influence in Spain's important contributions to our war for independence and the Treaty of Paris. During the business portion of our

meeting, Registrar, Compatriot Ed Lary presided over the induction of 6 new members into our chapter and reported to the attendees that in the past nine months we have added 22 new members to our band of brothers. Distinguished visitors to this well attended event included Vice President General Larry Fehrenbaker and family, and DAR Regent Big Cypress Chapter Shirley Hoerle with members, Virginia Bailey, Madonna Crame and Annie MacLean

Our May 11th meeting has been scheduled for this coming week to feature Collier County Clerk of Courts Dwight Brock, to speak on the interaction of the Executive Branch of Government with that of the Legislative and Judiciary at the local level. Our membership is currently attending the various high school awards ceremonies and I will report that outcome at our next report period.

Naples Chapter has completed the Second Quarter of this season with a peaceful succession of leadership. President Mike Garey passed the baton of leadership to me and is now my mentor.

Saramana Chapter Report Stephen Fields, President

On 20 January, thirty-eight Compatriots, spouses, guests and contestants gathered for a Saramana SAR Chapter luncheon meeting. The meeting gave an opportunity to celebrate the 2017 participants and winners of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, and the American History Teacher Of The Year Contest winners. Saramana's winners received scholarship checks and the opportunity to compete at the state level. Further, Saramana held an Induction Ceremony for Compatriots Mills Edwards and Thomas Sidney Mann.

On the 17 February 2017 sixty- three Compatriots, spouses, guests and Enhanced JROTC contestants gathered for a Saramana SAR Chapter George Washington Birthday Celebration Luncheon Meeting. Our guest speaker was Florida SAR Chaplain Dwight Elam, who spoke eloquently on the topic of Women in the Revolution. The ROTC portion of the program included awarding 6 cadets with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, 3 ROTC instructors were awarded Certificates of Appreciation, and Cadet Jovan Vasquez was recognized as Saramana's Enhanced ROTC scholarship winner with the awarding of the medal and a check. February 4th was the Florida SAR Society Board of Management meeting in Orlando. Saramana's Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner Rachel Mallett won the state competition and advances to compete at the SAR National Congress this summer. On the 18th, the Saramana Color Guard appeared before over 200 people at a community meeting at Oakwood Manor. In addition to the presentation of the colors, members gave speeches were given on the SAR, our youth scholarship activities, and clothing of the colonial period.

On the 17th of March 2017 thirty-eight Compatriots, spouses, guests, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services personnel gathered to witness the induction of Compatriot Robert Leon Parrish and to honor seven outstanding men and women who provide firefighting, paramedic, and emergency medical services to the citizenry of Sarasota and Manatee Counties. A history of firefighting in the colonial period was also presented. On March 13th, Saramana members Vic McMurry and Judge Gilbert Smith attended the Boy Scout Troop 181 ceremony to honor Eagle Scouts John William O'Dowd and Chandler James Shepard. They were presented with certificates and a special SAR Eagle Scout patch. Later in the month, Past-President of Saramana Dick Mahaffey gave a presentation to the Mayflower society titled "Where there is a will...". Also, Saramana's Color Guard participated in the March 25th final celebration service commemorating the life of DAR Regent Beth Lacombe-Chamberlain. The ceremony was well attended by friends and family.

The April luncheon for Saramana was attended by 67 members, guests, and awardees to honor Sarasota County, Manatee County, and Highway Florida Patrol officers for their outstanding service. 10 Law Enforcement jurisdictions were represented with 7 officers receiving Commendation Medals and 2 officers being awarded the Heroism Medal. Later in the program Saramana honored 2 compatriots with Certificates of Patriotism welcoming them into the Florida Veteran's Corps and recognizing their military service. To round up the day's events, President Steve Fields presided over the induction of 3 new compatriots - Dane Christopher Trask, Terry Jay Roderick, and Edwin Halsted Cox,

The May meeting for the Saramana SAR Chapter has been moved up a week to March 12th. Please make a note of this in your calendars and pass the change on to your members. At this luncheon, we will be having a special guest speaker on the history of the United States Coast Guard, induction of new members and more. This is the last Saramana SAR Chapter luncheon until October so reserve your place now. Saramana will participate in many summer activities including the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade, Flag Day ceremonies, Independence Day, and Constitution Week as well as other speaking engagements.

HIGHLANDS CHAPTER Michael Edward Flood, President

For September we were able to celebrate the Constitution of the United States on the 23rd at Champion for Children Circle Theatre. We were very fortunate to have two great speakers, Rev David Juliano speaking on “Our English Foundation” and Rev Nuno Norberto speaking on his family “Coming to America”. We were also entertained by the Sebring High School Show Choir under the direction of Zach Thompson. We had over 140 adults and children attend and we gave everyone the pamphlet called “The Constitution of the United States with index, and The Declaration of Independence”. Wishing to thank Linda Purvis, one of our DAR ladies for making this day a very special one by handling all the arrangements and contacting the great speakers.

Our Chapter reviewed and updated our By-Laws to conform with National and State. Were in the process of presenting the JROTC awards and medals to the three cadets here in Highlands County

Secretary

H. Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

To date, the Florida Society has 2279 members, this is a good improvement over last year, after adjustment, minus Dual and Youth members we have 2200. A comparison between 12/31/2016 to now we have 150 additional members so let keep bringing in those new members.

Will note that this increase is probably due to the new member lead system at National which sends an average of ten new leads each week and I then forward them to the proper chapters for processing.

In addition, I am having trouble getting deceased compatriot reports in to me, with the new form at National chapters are reporting directly and by passing me, thus my counts are off and the data base has some inaccuracies. We adjust this a couple of times a years but please when you have a Compatriot pass, fill out the FLSSAR form and send it to me and to the Chaplain Dwight Elam.

Treasurer

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A listing of all budget line items showing cash receipts, cash disbursements and remaining budget as of April 30, 2017 is included in the BOM Proceedings Book as part of the Finance Committee Report.

The IRS Form 990 EZ was prepared, sent to the members of the Finance Committee for their review and with their permission it was submitted to the IRS prior to the May 15 filing deadline.

There has been discussion about obtaining Directors and Officer Insurance for the Florida Society. One quote was obtained from an agent I have worked with in the past in the \$1200-\$1300 range. It was suggested I contact NSSAR and inquire about help from National. At one time, NSSAR had an arrangement with its D&O carrier to provide some level of coverage to state societies and local chapters, for a premium of course. That carrier was dropped a few years ago and the new carrier does not provide this service. I was referred to the original carrier; however, they have not responded to my inquiry.

I want to remind all the chapters to file their 990N with the IRS and to file it on time.

As always, I am open to any questions anyone may have regarding the finances of the Florida Society.

Registrar

Ray Lantz

FLSSAR Application Stats

22 Feb 2017 – 06 May 2017

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	57	7	0	9	73
Approved* By NSSAR	85	8	0	14	107
Pended* By NSSAR	2	0	0	0	2
Pended By FSSAR	23	5	0	4	32
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date			2016 = 47 and 2017 = 29		

* 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:

- No acceptable proof submitted to prove connection between for one or more generation.
- Proof document(s) unreadable or incomplete copy.
- Unacceptable NSDAR Short Form submitted as proof document.
- Application not submitted of SAR watermarked paper.
- Title/copyright pages not submitted for published proof documents.
- Incorrect fees/dues submitted.
- No acceptable proof of service.
- Sponsor and/or Co-sponsor missing signature.
- Census transcription submitted instead of required original full census page.
- Proof document(s) missing.
- DAR website printouts information submitted as proof documentation.
- SAR record copies obtained from Ancestry.com submitted as proof documentation.
- Find-A-Grave memorial information submitted as proof documentation.
- Wrong Chapter and State Society.

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 it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. 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:

- **New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals**
This new versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.

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

Chaplain

Dwight Elam

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We will remember our members who passed in the past year in the Saturday Morning May 20 meeting.

Recording Secretary

Charles Sweeney

Minutes provided.

Chancellor

Carl Hoffmann

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Nothing to report

Parliamentarian

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody

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Nothing to report

Genealogist

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No report

Sergeant at Arms

John Logan McCullough

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Nothing to report.

Historian

Bob McGuire

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We are continuing work on the development of a policy for acquiring and disposing of artifacts which may come into possession of the Florida Society. This proposed policy will be submitted to the Archives Committee and the Board of Management for review and approval. We plan to complete a description of duties of the FLSSAR Historian, and a statement of

“best practices”. Both of these documents have already been begun by past Historian Ralph Nelson and should also be reviewed by the Archives Committee and the Board of Management.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, the following list of items owned by FLSSAR have been in the custody of Historian Robert McGuire since October 1, 2016.

Trophy

1991 NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Winning State Society – Florida

Membership Certificate (mounted on whiteboard) Florida Society

John Calvin Hull, NSSAR #39046; FL #132, Descendant of William Jackson Hull, August 9, 1926

Charter Certificate

DeLand Chapter – 22 January 1952

“Scrap Book” – Annual FLSSAR

1983 – 1984

1985 – 1986

Task Force Eagle Assault Certificate

Certificate of Appreciation – 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 25 December 2015

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Presidential Proclamation dated 25 May 2012

Commemorative Partner Certificate dated 27 June 2016

Three totes full of un-indexed documents & photos

Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

Jeff Sizemore Swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com

Various historical article, chapter news and committee reports are requested for future issues of the FLSSAR Florida Patriot. If your chapter or area has an event that you think might be of interest to other SAR member in the State, please feel free to send to my attention. 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 2017 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = June 30, 2017

Fall 2017 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = August 1, 2017

Winter 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = November 20, 2017

Spring 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = March 20, 2018

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: swampfoxsar@gmail.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.

On another note, the FLSSAR is looking at compiling articles and pictures to be included in the NSSAR magazine. If you would like us to promote your event in this submittal, please forward it to my attention. Note that your submittal should be in a MS Word format file with no text wrapped around pictures.

Webmaster

Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

Building a website for the Miami Chapter. In the testing phase. Developing a Handbook for all Members but specially for new Members. In review Phase. I will have a draft for BOL Documents Committee review at the BOL.

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

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On 01/25/2017 the audit committee of the Florida Society received documents from the treasurer to perform the annual non-certified audit of the Society's financial books and reports for the fiscal year 01/01/2016 through 12/31/2016. Random checks were selected to verify payment and receipt of the funds. No discrepancies were noted. Uncleared checks were researched by the Treasurer and resolution for all were accomplished.

We concluded that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the monetary transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2016.

The cash balance of \$82,904.45 shown on the bank statement dated 12/31/2016 from the Wells Fargo bank accurately represents the assets of the Society on deposit in the checking account at that institution. Additional account is a Wells Fargo Money Market Account: \$65,000+ as managed by FLSSAR Treasurer and monitored by the Finance Committee. There being no Petty Cash fund.

Suggestions for Improvement: (1) Have developed a Procedure for the making of payments, Asset disposal, and deposits listing the people authorized to make such transactions. (2) Members of the Finance Committee should NOT be on "Audit" committee. Audit committee members should be external CPAs, **OR** in the alternative, change committee name to Financial Review Committee and use independent member Compatriots.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Williams__ 5/6/2017
 (signature) (date)
 for the Audit Committee, composed of: Michael Garey, Lawrence Fehrenbaker Sr, David Kelsey, Sr, Steve Williams.

Executive

Report given during Meeting.

Finance

Richard Young DYOUNG22@aol.com
 Dick Young-Chair, David Kelsey, Danny Hooper

Included in the Proceedings Book is a list of cash receipts and disbursements, as of April 30, by budget line item, as compared to the approved budget for 2017. Most budget items are in line with where we would expect them to be after the first four months.

- Ø Adding in the 2017 Dues prepaid and deposited in 2016, total Dues receipts are \$4,000 in excess of expectation. Payment of NSSAR Dues and Reinstatements are in line with budget leaving a \$4,000 excess.
- Ø The Winter BOM, even though only one day, generated costs of approximately \$1,000 more than registration receipts. A small donation was made from a member of the Executive Committee designated to BOM costs.
- Ø Hotel deposits of \$1,500 have been made to Embassy Suites to secure the three meeting dates for the FLSSAR 2017/2018 BOM Calendar. These deposits will be used to offset the hotel charges for the respective meetings.

As always, I am always available for questions about this report or any other matter related to the finances of the Florida Society.

	Florida Society Budget Comparison			
	For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2017			
		Activity	2017	Remaining
		Jan-Apr	Budget	Budget
	Cash Receipts			
2017 Dues		79,415		
	Prepaid Dues from December	19,590	95,000	(4,005)
OTF distribution		3,145	3,000	(145)

Registrar Receipts		5,115		15,000	9,885
Secretary Receipts		590		2,500	1,910
Other Income		90		-	(90)
BOM Receipts					-
	Registration	2,933		18,500	15,568
	50/50	-		250	250
	Hospitality Room	-		-	-
Donations					-
	Support Our Troops			-	-
	Battle of Thomas Creek			-	-
	F4F2			-	-
	JROTC	1,000		-	(1,000)
	ETF			-	-
	Commander-in-Chief Flag	150		-	(150)
	Youth Program Challenge			-	-
	BOM Expenses	63		-	(63)
	Undesignated			-	-
LNB Medal Sales		50		-	(50)
Patriot Mag Ad Income		120		-	(120)
Purchase of SAR Pins				-	-
Carry Over From Prior Year				400	400
Void/Replacement Checks		250		-	(250)
	Total	112,510		134,650	
	Cash Disbursements				
NSSAR Dues		60,825		61,750	925
	Dues Refunds	195		-	(195)
Reinstatement Dues		1,260		800	(460)
Registrar Stipend		2,400		4,800	2,400
Exec Admin Stipend		2,400		4,800	2,400
Presidents Expenses		-		3,600	3,600
Sr VP Expenses				100	100
Regional VP Expenses				100	100
Secretary Expenses		306		750	444
Treasurer Expenses		32		250	218
Registrar Expenses		250		600	350
Other Offices Expenses				-	-
Secretarty Stipend		2,400		4,800	2,400
Commander-in-Chief Flag		191		-	(191)
BOM Expenses					-
	Hotel (Meals)	2,635		19,000	16,365

	BOM Refunds			-	-
	Hospitality Room			200	200
	A/V & Other	881		1,000	119
	Hotel Deposits	1,500		-	(1,500)
Internet/Computer Expense		60		350	290
Technology Comm				100	100
Knight Essay Comm		1,750		1,800	50
American His Teacher Comm				500	500
Eagle Scout Comm		1,000		1,800	800
JROTC Comm				1,800	1,800
Good Citizenship Comm				100	100
Patriotic Education				500	500
Rumbaugh Oration Comm		1,500		3,500	2,000
Americanism Poster Contest				350	350
Americanism Brochure Contest				350	350
FSCAR Donation				1,000	1,000
History Fair Comm				500	500
CAAH Donation				1,000	1,000
NSSAR Library				200	200
Battle of Pensacola				250	250
Last Naval Battle		143		1,000	857
Battle of Thomas Creek		155		400	245
Support Our Troops Cost				1,000	1,000
Medals & Awards Comm		-		2,000	2,000
Patriot Medal Comm		296		100	(196)
Chapter Challenge				100	100
Newsletters & Period Comm				600	600
Publicity Comm				600	600
New Chapter Dev Comm				500	500
Other Committee Cost				250	250
Purchase of SAR Pins				-	-
Bank Charges/Fees				100	100
Miscellaneous Costs		61		500	439
D&O/Liability Insurance				500	500
Patriot Mag Cost		2,960		6,000	3,040
Other Postage/Delivery				100	100
NSSAR Donation - Youth Programs				-	-
ETF Donation		2,163		2,250	87
F4F Donation				2,000	2,000
Void/Replacement Checks		250		-	(250)
	Total	85,614		134,650	

Net Cash Surplus		26,896		-	
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Medals and Awards

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Since the committee's last report, the Medals and Awards Committee (MAC) approved the Miami Chapter's request on Jan. 31, 2017, to award Compatriots Wm. Lee Popham and Bernard Wolff the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. At the request of Compatriot James L. Gibson, Jr., chairman of the FLSSAR ROTC Committee the MOC prepared and sent a Silver ROTC medal/certificate to a cadet at the University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez and a Bronze ROTC medal/certificate to a cadet at the Antilles High School, Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico. Chapters are again reminded to consult the NSSAR Handbook, Vol. 5 (effective: March 5, 2017...Note: this is the newest revision), for the correct protocol in awarding specific medals and awards. This revision of NSSAR Handbook, Vol. 5 can be found at the NSSAR website by following the new link below:
<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/55/HnCdYmujFlsh.pdf>
 Compatriots are requested to access their personal membership data at both sar.org and FLSSAR.org to confirm that their "Awards," records are current. Errors or additions should be reported to the FLSSAR Secretary. Chapter Presidents are reminded to send a listing of all awards and recipients for 2016-2017 to the FLSSAR Secretary.

Nominating

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Compatriot Robert Stanley Cundiff has withdrawn his name from consideration as a nominee for the position of West Central Regional Vice President.
 The Florida Governing Documents, Article III, Section 2, A, (2) Nominations from the Floor.
 "Any member of the FLSSAR is entitled to nominate from the floor of any Annual Meeting or any meeting of the BOM, any other member of the FLSSAR for any office of the Society that is to be filled by election by either of these bodies."
The Nominating Committee will present their slate of 2017-2018 nominees for office of the Florida Society during the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Florida Society on 20 May 2017.

<u>State Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Robert James Folk, Sr.
Sr. Vice President	Patrick Jay Niemann
Treasurer	Walter Richard Young, Sr.
Secretary	Hermann Hall Riediger
Member-at-Large	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
Recording Secretary	William Lee Popham, Sr.
Registrar	Raymond Clyde Lantz
SW Regional VP	Lee William Matson
EC Regional VP	Charles Anthony Berger
NC Regional VP	David Eben Bussone
WC Regional VP	Charles Robert Butler
NE Regional VP	James Yost Gaskins
SE Regional VP	William Lee Popham, Sr.
NW Regional VP	Christopher Edwin Washler
Chancellor	Carl K. Hoffmann
Chaplain	Dwight Donald Elam
Genealogist	Richard Bruce Cardell
Historian	Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms	John Logan McCullough
Webmaster	Earle Scott Bushnell
Patriot Editor	Jeffrey Lee Sizemore
National Officer Nominees:	
National Trustee	Walter Richard Young, Sr.
Alternate Trustee	Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

Patriot Medal

The Patriot Medal committee reviewed the applications submitted. It was determined that the Florida Society will be presenting four Patriot Medals to the honorees this year.

NSSAR Affairs

Center for Advancing America's Heritage Committee

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The "SAR," lapel pin is still available to Chapters with a \$10 donation per pin to the SAR Foundation. Bulk orders for 20 pins are available for donations of \$200. for 20 pins. For more information, contact AAH Committee member, H. Hall Riediger at allriedi42@bellsouth.net.

Compatriots are reminded that information and donations to the current "1776 Campaign," and the "Endowment Gift," campaign for the completion of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage can be found at sarfoundation.org. Foundation President Dr. Sam Powell reminds compatriots that the campaign opportunity, to assist in financing the digitalizing of records in the Archives of the NSSAR, still exists. Donations may be sent to the SAR Foundation, 809 West Main St., Louisville, KY 40202-2619, with a notation on the check memo line, "Digitalizing Records Donation."

NSSAR Library

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The Friends of the Library (FOL) membership enrollment form appeared at the back of the Fall 2016 FLSSAR Proceeding and also appeared in the Winter Issue of The Florida Patriot. Monies from FOL memberships, funds books, research services and equipment that are not part of the NSSAR Library budget. Consider becoming a "FOL."

Visit the SAR Genealogical Research Library, from the convenience of your home or office by accessing the link: www.sar.org/sar-genealogical-research-library. Doing so, will provide one with several genealogical research links, genealogical research books and documents.

Librarian General C. Bruce Pickette contributed an excellent, concise article which appeared in the latest copy of The SAR Magazine, Winter 2017, that describes all the resources available to compatriots at the SAR Genealogical Research Library and on-line. The following link will take you to the magazine and referenced article.

<http://sar.epubxp.com/i/793788-winter-2017>

Those who visit the library will notice the new LED lighting which generate very little heat and have no deleterious effects on the books and documents.

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

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Nothing to report at this time.

Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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The contest has been judged and awards will be presented at the BOM.

Documents

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The by-laws committee has reviewed and recommends the following changes to the By-laws:.

MOTION: Bylaw Change

FLSSAR Governing Documents (revised October 2016)

SECTION 3 AMENDMENTS

Presented to the FLSSAR Executive Committee and Board of Management, Orlando, Florida 14 Oct. 2016

Additions in Green

Deletions in Red

Proposal to change FLSSAR Governing Documents, (revised May 2015), ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3, Amendments, A. (1) (page 29), B. Other FLSSAR Documents, (1). (page 29-30).

Section 3 Amendments,

A

(1) The text of any proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Document Committee *(by November 1st)* in ample enough time for review so that a recommendation can be made *(which shall make its recommendations)* to the Board of Management (BOM) at a regular meeting thereof at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

B

(1)The text of any proposed amendment(s) *(shall)* should be submitted to the Documents Committee *(at least 60 days)* for review and recommendations prior to any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Management of the FLSSAR. Any voting member of the Board of Management may propose an amendment. *(The 60 day time frame is to allow for an orderly review of any proposed change and time for the Documents Committee to formulate their recommendation to the Board of Management).*

These recommended changes will still allow the Committee to review and submit any changes to the ExCom and BOM of the FLSSAR.

Committee Charter

Rumbaugh Oration Contest

The Documents committee recommends the underlined changes to Rumbaugh Charter:

Functions

5 To ensure adequate space is reserved at the Winter Meeting to conduct the Rumbaugh Oration Contest that judges and timekeepers are designated and briefed, and that prize money and Awards are on hand. Additionally, travel expense reimbursement is granted to each Florida SAR Rumbaugh Oration contestant to the maximum amount of \$60.00 when proper and acceptable receipts are presented to the Florida SAR Treasurer within ten days of completion of the Contest. Reimbursement will be made for actual receipted expenditures for road tolls and gasoline for travel to and from the contest at the rate of \$.55 per mile as well as for breakfast and lunch for only the day of the contest. Information and coordination of reimbursement shall be made by the Florida SAR Rumbaugh Committee Chairman or his designee to the contestant prior to the Florida SAR annual contest.

The underlined section above was approved at the 2016 Spring BOM and annual meeting.

By-law change

Current

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 2 Audit Committee

The President shall appoint an Audit Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an audit or financial review of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such audit shall be presented to the BOM for approval at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

Audit Committee Proposed Bylaw change

**Insertions in red; Deletions in ~~Text~~*

Article V Section 2 - Audit Committee:

The President shall appoint a Financial Review Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, ~~annually~~, an ~~annual independent internal~~ audit ~~with specific guidelines~~ ~~or financial review~~ of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such Financial Review

Committee shall be presented to the BOM for approval ~~prior to the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.~~

*The additional language "annual **independent internal**" and "with **specific guidelines**" are from the approved motion of the BOM at the Fall BOM meeting. The language additions/deletions "~~prior to the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.~~" are the result of committee consensus.

Committee Charter

Name: Audit

Status: Statutory

Purpose: To conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an audit **or financial review** of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 2

Members: The President, Florida Society, shall appoint not less than three nor more than five Members, one of whom shall be named Chairman and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer. **Audit Committee members should be otherwise INDEPENDENT of the Financial operations of the society.**

Functions:

1. Review the Treasurer's Annual Report (or several interim reports)

Are the end-of-year assets larger than 10 times the annual expenditures?

If so, there may be a tax problem (too much retained vs amount spent).

2. Review the previous audit report

Were the concerns noted there resolved during the past year?

(Comment on the resolution of these concerns in your report.)

3. Review the people and procedural controls for access to the funds before deposit

-- List the people and procedures through which funds flow from payer to deposit in the bank.

4. Review all financial assets, the people authorized to access them, and documentation of transactions

-- List all bank accounts held by the Society and the approximate amount in them.

-- For each account note the people authorized to make withdrawals and/or to write checks.

-- List all people who have petty cash funds and the approximate amount in them. If none, so state.

5. Review the people and procedural controls for making payments or asset disposal

-- List the people and note the procedures to authorize and execute expenditures.

6. Audit the documentation filed to substantiate expenditures -- see worksheet

7. Write an Audit Summary letter to the president or chair:

On ____ [date] the audit committee of the _____ Society met with the treasurer to perform the annual non-certified audit of the Society's financial books and reports for the fiscal year

_____ [start date] through _____ [end date].

We concluded that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the monetary transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending _____ [end date].

The cash balance of \$____.____ shown on the bank statement dated _____ [date]

from the _____ [name] bank accurately represents the assets of the Society on deposit

at that institution. [Do this for each account.]

Suggestions for Improvement: [Write any comments here]

Respectfully submitted, _____
(signature) (date)

for the Audit Committee, composed of (names)

Ethics Committee Charter

Name: Ethics Committee

Status: Standing

Purpose: In an effort to maintain the high standard of conduct expected and deserved by our Forefathers, our Members, and the American public Florida Society SAR operates under the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct outlined below.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6. c (1).

Members: A Chairman appointed and additional Members, not less than 5, who shall be appointed by the President, Florida Society and whose terms shall be concurrent with the appointing officer.

Functions:

1. Ensure adherence by all Florida members to the policies as set forth below.
2. Upon receiving a complaint perform due diligence in investigating said complaint and forward the committee recommendation to the Florida Executive Committee for any action deemed necessary.

Policy statements

Compliance Requirements All members, employees, and volunteers are required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and with National Society SAR and Florida Society SAR bylaws and policies.

Prohibited Actions

No member, employee, or volunteer shall engage in the following actions:

- Authorize the use of or use for the benefit or advantage of any person, the name, emblem, endorsement, services or property of Florida Society SAR, except in conformance with Florida Society SAR policy.
- Accept or seek on behalf of any other person, any financial advantage or gain of other than nominal value offered as a result of the member's, employee's, or volunteer's affiliation with Florida Society SAR.
- Publicly use any Florida Society SAR affiliation in connection with promotion of partisan politics, religious matters or positions on any issue not in conformity with the official position of Florida Society SAR.
- Disclose any confidential Florida Society SAR information that is available solely as a result of the member's, employee's or volunteer's affiliation with Florida Society SAR to any person not authorized to receive information, or use to the disadvantage of Florida Society SAR any such confidential information, without the express authorization of Florida Society SAR.
- Knowingly take any action or make any statement intended to influence the conduct of Florida Society SAR in such a way as to confer any financial benefit on any person, corporation or entity in which the individual has a significant interest or affiliation.
- Operate or act in a manner that creates a conflict or appears to create a conflict with the interests of Florida Society SAR and any organization in which the individual has a personal, business or financial interest.
- Retaliate against any member, employee or volunteer who seeks advice from, raises a concern with or makes a complaint about fraud, waste, abuse, policy violations, discrimination, illegal conduct, unethical conduct, unsafe conduct or any other misconduct by the organization, its members, employees or volunteers.
- Operate or act in any manner that is contrary to the best interest of National and Florida Society SAR.
- Conduct in disseminating via multi-party e-mail, mail, social media or other means, disparaging, maligning, false, or harassing comments or statements concerning compatriots.
- Issuance of circulars, communications or pronouncements regarding the Florida Society SAR purporting to represent official policies of the Florida Society SAR via e-mail, mail, social media or other means, without the approval of the Trustees, Executive Committee or the Executive Director.
- Misappropriate or convert to personal use the personal or intellectual property of the Florida Society SAR without the approval of the Trustees, or if that authority is delegated, without the approval of the Executive Committee or the Executive Director.

Reporting Responsibility

Each member, employee, volunteer and other stakeholder of Florida Society SAR has an obligation to report in accordance with this Code of Business Ethics and suspected violations of this Policy.

Handling of Reported Violations

Violations of this Policy shall be referred to the Ethics Committee for investigation. The investigation may be instituted by a written complaint or by information brought to the attention of the Chairman or a member of the committee. The committee shall investigate the alleged violation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the committee may hold hearings and take testimony as provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

At the conclusion of the hearing and investigation, the committee may take such action as it deems necessary, or it may recommend disciplinary action to the President and the Executive Committee. In the event of a recommendation for disciplinary action by the President and the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall review the findings of the Ethics Committee and take appropriate action or no action as the case requires.

The alleged violator may appeal the action taken by the Executive Committee by filing notice within thirty (30) days demanding a hearing on the alleged violations before the Executive Committee at a date, time and place which shall be set by the Executive Committee. The alleged violator shall have a further right to appeal any action taken by the Executive Committee to the Board of Management at its next regular meeting. Executive Committee action other than expulsion shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Management present. If the action being sought against the alleged violator is expulsion from Florida Society SAR, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Board of Management present and voting shall be necessary to expel. Such alleged violator shall have a further right to appeal any action taken by the Board of Management to the immediately following Annual Meeting. Board of Management action other than expulsion shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the delegates at said Annual Meeting present and voting. If the action being sought against the alleged violator is expulsion from Florida Society SAR, a two-thirds vote of the delegates at said Annual Meeting present and voting shall be necessary to expel.

Genealogy

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No report

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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No report

Membership Promotion and Retention

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As the year goes on the trend is that the chapters are on the greater part growing, please look over the comparison chart to see how your chapter is doing. We are already ahead of last year and on a path toward 2500 members, it should be very close this year. Florida Society shows 2279 members but that includes Dual and Youth members which are not counted by National, without the Dual and Youth we have 2200 members.

I have made a concerted effort to get all the new leads which we get from National to the Chapters, and I believe that this has been a contributing factor in the number of new members that we are processing.

You can see from the chart that many of the chapters are doing very well, but there are a couple of that because of their locations have a very small new member pool on which to draw are not growing as fast as their neighbors. Then there are those chapters that are struggling because a lack of participation by their members this is unfortunate, but unless they are able to find one or two members who are willing to put in the extra effort then they will continue to slowly fade away. I have seen this in my own chapter which faded to 44 members in 2010 but has now increased to the point that we are looking to break off a new Okeechobee Chapter and our registrars (Steve Laster, Chuck McKinley and John Sheppard) have also been assisting the reforming of the Treasure Coast Chapter.

It is not easy and many times it is downright depressing when the end of the year comes and you lose 10 members or maybe half your chapter for not paying dues.

Retention is another point, it is probably the most difficult part of running a chapter "RENEWALS" it requires a huge amount of energy, resources and perseverance to get a every member paid, and there is no easy way, it requires notification of your members, re-notification of your members, personal contact and just plain stubbornness (I will not let my members walk away without my talking to everyone finding out why they are not renewing)

New Chapter Development

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At present, there have been no other inquiries recently for prospective new chapters. If you want to pursue starting up a new chapter in your area, please contact me.

Newsletters and Periodicals

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The Richard Q Fowler Contest was successfully completed with the awards to be presented at the Friday Banquet. There were more chapters participating this year than last year. It is hoped that more of the chapters will participate even if only to get a better understanding of how to best communicate with their chapter members.

Strategic Planning

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Charles R. Butler, Lee Matson, Ralph Nelson, Co-Chairmen

The Plan has been completed and sent to President Raymond F. Wess. This fulfills on a timely basis our mission as an ad hoc committee. It will be presented and discussed at the BOM meeting as President Wess prefers.

Technology Advisory Committee

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I had a serious PC blowup in early April. This required that I purchase a new PC and recover all my applications and files. No SAR data was lost. Else "Nothing to Report".

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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From the Commanders Corner:

I attended two northern National events this past Year. "Action at Machias" June 11th 2016, Maine and Battle of Groton Heights, September 4th 2016, Connecticut. I also attended all Florida State and National events this past year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE –

2015 Effective from NSSAR Fall Leadership, September 26, 2015 -- [these three local color guard events may be counted as National] ...New Local National Color Guard events...July 4th, Memorial Day, and Veterans' Day. (no retroactive on this)

2017 Now, just like the Fields of Honor/Healing Fields, Memorial Day, July 4th/Let Freedom Ring, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America, and The Massing of Colors, events held locally - - - In other words, with these additions there are now 6 annual that count toward the Silver Color Guard Medal and the Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement that are not location specific.

As a reminder, participation in any of the above cited events they can only be counted once each year. For example, participation in a Memorial Day parade on a Saturday and then again on the Monday of Memorial Day does not count as two separate events.

Congratulations to

Philip Wright, Ronald Toops, and Lawrence G Fehrenbaker Sr who received the Silver Color Guard award during 2016 and to Dorothy M Day who received the Molly Pitcher award.

State Color Guard events, sanctioned by FLSSAR President Raymond Wess, were Clover Leaf Farms, St Patrick's Parade, March 20, Brooksville, FL and the Blue Star Memorial Dedication, April 15, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. FLSSAR Color Guard were present for both events.

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

Note - 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 Dick Cardell - Color Guard Commander,
Nothing to report

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter

3. Brevard - Cape Canaveral #3 Barry Eller

Nothing to report

4. S727-376-5790amuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter Nelson Jantzen nelson7777@tampabay.rr.com

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

a. March 11, 2017 Last Naval Battle, Hall Riedger and four other compatriots

6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville

7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter

8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8 Saramana Chapter Camp Commander, Ken Aubrey

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

a. The Thomas Payne Color Guard presented colors during the Annual Installation of Officers and President's

Luncheon, Feb 19th. The guard was joined and supplemented by local Boy Scouts who are members of the CAR. -- Doug Bridges reporting.

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. 2017 Winter Board of Management Meeting, February 3 -4, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, State Color Guard Commander Charles Day and Harley Nelson Posted and Retrieved the Colors for the Board of Management Meeting luncheon. President General J. Michael Tomme was present and attended the National event with the FLSSAR Society.
- b. On 11 March 2017, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, led by State Color Guard Commander Charles Day, Thomas Jefferson Camp 11 color guard commander Russell Gibson and William Ferguson participated in the parade of color guards at the last Naval Battle at Merritt Island. Other members present included Larry Sturgeon, President, Robert Folk, Florida vice-president, and Dan Hans. This was a national event.
- c. On 17 March 2017, Thomas Jefferson Camp #11 of the Withlacoochee Chapter, led by color guard commander Russell Gibson, participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Clover Leaf Farms in Brooksville FL. Also participating was Charles Day, state color guard commander, Larry Sturgeon, President, Jack Townsend, Treasurer, and William Ferguson, vice-commander. This was a state event.
- d. On 8 April 2017, color guard commander, Russell Gibson presented a bronze star medal and certificate to PO2 Israel Diaz of the Manatee Division, Naval Sea Cadets.
- e. On 15 April 2017, led by color guard commander Russell Gibson, participated in a Blue Star Memorial Marker program at the Florida National Cemetery. Also participating in this State Event were members Larry Sturgeon, William Ferguson and Lenny Crawford.

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

Nothing to report

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

- a. Our Naples Chapter regular meeting 2-9-17 opened with Color guardsmen Jim McBath, Mike Garey, Len Crame, John McCullough and Don Cahill posting the flags.
- b. Our 3-9-17 meeting the colors were presented by Guardsmen John McCullough, Len Crame and Don Cahill.
- c. Guardsmen Len Crame, Don Cahill and John McCullough are to attend the 5-11-17 regular meeting right before our BOM/Annual meeting May 19, 20 and 21, 2017. (Respectfully Submitted by Don Cahill)

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

no activity to report this quarter

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

Chapter membership meeting, relieving previous Commander Rev. Dr. Randy Moody. The Light Horse Harry Lee (LHHL) Camp posted Colors. Four uniformed guardsmen participated. This meeting was the installation of chapter officers for 2017.

- a. On January 21, 2017 the LHHL conducted a "Unit Training Assembly" (UTA) with 6 members attending. During the UTA, training including general orientation, safety, and drill and ceremonies was conducted.
- b. At the FLSSAR BOM on February 4, 2017, the LHHL Camp (5 members) was integrated into the Sons of Liberty Brigade for posting of Colors. This event was also attended by PG Tomme making it a "National Event".
- c. On February 8, 2017 at the Caloosa Chapter membership meeting, LHHL (4 uniformed members) posted colors. That meeting was attended by President General J. Michael Tomme making it another "National Event".
- d. On February 11, 2017 the LHHL Camp was invited to post Colors by the Caloosahatchee Chapter, FSSDAR at their membership meeting celebrating their 90th Anniversary. Five uniformed Camp members participated.
- e. On February 23, 2017 one member of the LHHL Camp participated in uniform, along with the Caloosa Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, in a Naturalization Ceremony at the USCIS Field Office in Ft. Myers.
- f. During the period March 2nd to 4th LHHL Camp member Rev. Dr. Randy Moody participated in a parade at NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville KY in Period Clerical Garb. (National Event).
- g. On March 11, 2017 the LHHL Camp was integrated into the Sons of Liberty Brigade for the celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War at Merritt Island. Four uniformed LHHL members participated (National Event).
- h. On March 17th & 18th the LHHL Camp (2 members) participated in uniform at the FSSDAR Spring Conference in Orlando as part of the FLSSAR Liaison Committee with the DAR.
- i. On March 23, 2017 three members of the LHHL Camp participated in uniform, along with the Caloosa Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, in a Naturalization Ceremony at the USCIS Filed Office in Ft. Myers.
- j. On April 8, 2017 one member of the LHHL Camp participated in uniform (and one member in Class B) at a SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation award presentation at the Estero Island Chapter DAR meeting in Ft. Myers.

k. UPCOMING: The Light Horse Harry Lee Camp has activities scheduled for May 2nd (Presentation to the SW Florida Military Museum); May 3rd (JROTC awards); May 19-20 (Spring BOM); May 27th and May 29th (Memorial Day ceremonies).

The Color Guard presently consists of ten uniformed members, seven of whom participate on a regular basis in events. Two additional compatriots are in the process of acquiring their uniforms and are expected to participate regularly soon. Arms available include five operating black powder muskets/rifles, two non-functional replica muskets, two swords, and various bayonets, hatchets, knives, and other weaponry.

Liaisons

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

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To date I have received information from 14 chapters, which responded to my enquiry. We now support 8 active C.A.R. chapters and have some 47 Junior Members (including those who were once listed as Youth Members).

All chapters which support C.A.R. societies or which have Junior Members should try and get one or more youngsters to help with future Annual Meeting, as Pages.

DAR Liaison

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During the past year I made the arrangements for information / recruiting tables at the FSSDAR's fall and spring meetings, Hilton Orlando Resort at Lake Buena Vista. We had three days of productive discussions with DAR members, many of whom did not know that SAR Junior membership is available for eligible males as soon as they are born and that the annual dues for juniors are only \$5.00. Chapters should recognize with the Martha Washington medal the valuable service of a DAR member who recommends five prospects who become new SAR members (whether Regular or Junior or Memorial).

We facilitated connection with chapter registrars for several dozen prospects in Florida and other states. We displayed a photo report from one DAR chapter on its joint projects with the SAR and encouraged DAR chapters to develop similar joint projects. Compatriots who staffed the tables were Dwight Elam, Roscoe Howard*, Donald Lanman, Robert McGuire, Randy Moody*, Dick Young*, and myself (* = one event).

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Submitted by Jeff Sizemore with input from Nomi Wess Email: swampfoxsar@gmail.com

Nomi would have everyone to continue to wish Past Auxiliary President Jean Fehrenbacker a speedy recovery from her recent serious shoulder surgery. The ladies had a very successful year as they were able to exceed their goal of increasing their membership by 10% by actually increasing the membership by 12%. The new total membership is 112. The ladies had their most successful basket raffle ever at the October BOM allowing them to continue to make their supplemental contributions to the Florida Society's Youth Program awards. The ladies will continue their First Lady's Tea Luncheon at the May BOM as it has become nice tradition for the ladies.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to remind all chapters to bring a basket for the raffle that will be held at the May BOM/Annual meeting. All chapters that have participated in the past, the Ladies Auxiliary is grateful for your continued support.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

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The Charter of the Commemorative Historic Sites Committee includes development of the history and background of such sites and to document such sites. Annually the Florida Society holds celebrations to commemorate each of three Revolutionary War Battlefields in Florida. The Last Naval Battle celebration is held at Merritt

Island in March, and the Battle of Pensacola and the Battle of Thomas Creek are held during May in Pensacola and Jacksonville respectively.

The Merritt Island celebration, being a landside event for a maritime battle, has an advantage of a “mature” venue with easy access and great facilities. Numerous Patriotic and Civic Organizations participate in this event which is hosted by the Brevard Chapter which took place this year on March 11th. Once again, a successful ceremony which included the marching of the Sons of Liberty Brigade for a distance of perhaps fifty yards.

The Thomas Creek celebration is rather a different matter. The battlefield in May 1777 was in a remote and challenging terrain, and the battlefield today remains a rather primitive and challenging environment. Our Compatriots from the Flagler Chapter visited the site in March and filed the following report submitted by Compatriot David Kelsey.

On 3/9/17, the Flagler Chapter conducted their 3rd annual six mile hike to and from the Thomas Creek Battlefield area located inside the Seaton Creek Historic Preserve. Several improvements were noted: The level of the parking area has been slightly raised with the addition of gravel. The wire fencing has been replaced with attractive wood fencing. The barb wire has been removed. The hiker walk-thru from the parking lot into the Preserve remains and has been strengthened and upgraded (just wide enough to allow only hikers and horses to pass thru -- no cars, trucks, ATVs). The trailhead area has been expanded and graveled. The trails have been widened (~8-10 feet) and are being mowed.

The annual celebration is scheduled for May 13, 2017, a week before our BOM meeting, and we hope they have a successful event. A word of warning however – two Compatriots who participated in the hike described above acquired deer ticks associated with Lyme Disease and both underwent prophylaxis treatment. Neither has had any further trouble. However, Florida has many natural hazards that may be encountered. This is especially true when off the beaten path. One should not be surprised to encounter alligators, poisonous snakes, and any number of bitey-critters. Caution is advised.

When further information becomes available about the Battle of Pensacola celebration (Scheduled for May 6th) I will report this as well.

Battle of Pensacola

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Unfortunately, the Battle of Pensacola commemoration did not happen this year due to conflicts that arose with the City of Pensacola regarding scheduling and fees. We are entering into discussions with the City as well as with the Pensacola Heritage Foundation (who puts on a Galvez Day Celebration each year to commemorate General Galvez and the Battle of Pensacola) to see how we can work with them for future commemorations.

Battle of Thomas Creek

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Due to the terrible smoke conditions, thunderstorms and rain 80% (which we really need) our committee has decided to reschedule our event to the Fall. I thought I should get this information out to all so you can cancel hotel reservations and travel plans. Also, some of you will experience smoke conditions coming to Jacksonville.

We are doing this so you will have a good and happy experience and will want to support our cause of Honoring our Patriot Soldiers who fought and died in this battle to make North East Florida our 14th Colony per General George Washington orders.

Thanks again and we will be in contact later with a rescheduled date.

If you have any questions, please email me. or call 904-737-0590

The Following is the original report superseded by the above note.

On Saturday May 13th, 2017 the Florida Society led by the Jacksonville Chapter along with other South Atlantic District compatriots who will commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek. This marked the third SAR ceremony of the battle and the fourth Anniversary of the dedication of the 864 acre park that was purchased by the City of Jacksonville and the Trust for Public Land Corporation in 2014. This “Thomas Creek Battle known as the “Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolutionary War” was the second of three failed attempts to break the British occupation of Northeast Florida.

Our speaker was again will be Dr. Roger Smith, of Colonial Research Assoc., Inc. He gave another excellent presentation on; “The Battle of Thomas Creek: Not just another border skirmish”. He is a very good

educator and again we had another great attendance. “The Black Powder Salute” led by both our Georgia Militia and Florida Society Militia and supported by our National Park Rangers. This was very honoring event to those Patriots who fought and died in this battle on May 17, 1777. So please mark your calendars to attend this Florida Commemorative event on Saturday May 12, 2018 at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Historic Park located off I-95 at Exit 366, 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL.

Last Naval Battle

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The Last Naval Battle ceremony was another successful presentation with more attendees at the Luncheon after the ceremony. Compatriot Roger Smith gave a well received speech on the naval engagement. The committee will stage the 20218 ceremony on the date of the engagement – March 10th. Be sure to include this in your chapter color guard's calendar. There will need to be a new committee chair for this committee.

Liberty Tree

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As I, the chairman of the Liberty Tree Committee was physically out of pocket for reporting activities for the previous BOM period. so I wish to document the following; we had permission to replace the late Compatriot Jay Wise on the committee with Compatriot Jim Alderman of the Saint Lucie River Chapter with the approval of our FLSSAR President Raymond Wess and that the 37th Liberty Tree dedication was performed by the Caloosa Chapter at the Veterans Park in Cape Coral, On the 28th of November of 2016. It was coordinated with the committee by Compatriot Robert McGuire who did an excellent program and provided copies of the program and pictures for the Liberty Tree Data Base, In Attendance was our President General J. Michael Tomme, VP General of the South Atlantic District, a live firing Color Guard led by Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, local civic dignitaries and a DAR Chapter. Compatriot Jim Alderman and I made the trip over for the ceremony and provided a Certificate of appreciation to the Caloosa Chapter for the dedication. A side note is that the live firing ceremony by their Chapter's Color Guard was a wonderful highlight along with having National Officers in attendance. In the event there is future Liberty Tree Dedications, our committee will provide a DVD copy of all documented activities to whoever requests them to facilitate and attend any other new dedication of this Historical Project for the FLSSAR.

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster and Brochure Contest

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The Americanism Elementary Poster and the Middle School Brochure Contests has been a great youth venue for stimulating Revolutionary War period history in our students. The Poster Contest is for elementary students in the 3rd -5th grade and the Brochure Contest is for Middle School grades 6th – 8th grade. For the Poster Contest, State Societies can pick their own contest theme on “Revolutionary War Events” for even numbered years and for odd number academic years the theme shall be “Revolutionary War People”.

Poster Contest:

Accordingly, for FLSSAR 2016-17 the Poster Contest theme will be Captain John Barry the Patriot Revolutionary War Hero of “The Last Naval Battle”. For the Poster Contest, I would suggest the Chapter winner deadline date of April 2017. For the FLSSAR contest the chapter winning posters (24 X 36 inches) will need to be brought to the annual FLSSAR meeting by Friday Morning May 19th for judging in Room Cypress 2, from 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Make sure Chairman Ramseur receives an original plus two copies of the entry form for the winning chapter poster. Attach the original to the back of the poster and Mr. Ramseur will mail one copy to the National Chairman and the other copy to NSSAR HQ before June 1. For more details and entry forms go to: www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards.

For next year our FLSSAR Poster theme for 2017-18 will be the Revolutionary War Battle of Pensacola.

Brochure Contest: (The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Contest)

Again the theme for the Brochure contest is different than the poster contest and centers around the 8th grade curriculum 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 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 or emailed to me by the end of April 2017.

I will then email all chapter entries to our FLSSAR judges for their review and scoring. Hopefully, by the middle of May, I will be able to forward by email our FLSSAR State Brochure winner to our National Brochure Chairman Tom Adams. Chairman Adams will then repeat the process for all the state winners to all the NSSAR judges in order to have a winner for final evaluation at Congress in Knoxville in July 2017. . 1st, 2nd and 3rd place State winners of these years Brochure Contest are Kentucky, California, and North Carolina, respectively. For more details and entry forms go to: www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards.

“The permanent Middle School Brochure Contest theme beginning with the 2016-2017 academic term will again be "The Foundational Documents of the United States". The theme for the Brochure Contest is structured to match up with the Government curricula 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 make it easier for Chapter Youth Contest Chairmen to find classroom teachers who can blend our contest into their history lesson plans.

These documents include: (remember A, B, C, and D & F)

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

Eagle Scout

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The Committee selected the winners of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Contest for the 2016 entries submitted in December last year. Committee members Charles L. Day, Jr, Ralph Nelson, William Lee Popham, Charles Thomas Sweeney, Benjamin F. Tidwell, III and myself worked hard and to pick the top three places. The First place was just a few points above second with third place a virtual tie again this year. Generously, FLSSAR awarded two third place cash awards for the full amount. Our number of applicants was decidedly down from recent years being only half last year. Six applicants were from Chapters around the State. Eagle Scouts winning were 1st Stuart Jacob Case, Clearwater winner, 2nd Benjamin P. Bryant, Tampa winner, 3rd Nathaniel Douglas Englert, Gainesville winner and Scott Christopher Wardrop, Jacksonville winner.

I want to thank our Committee for their efforts. Our 1st place winner and his proud parents will attend our Youth Luncheon at our Annual/BOM meeting.

History Fairs

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This year the Saramana Chapter FLSAR, helped to sponsor (\$200.) and also participated in the Exhibit Board judging for the Manatee County History Fair. Charles Riegle led this effort. History Fairs are frequently sponsored by County Schools with SAR members participating as judges. Participation by the SAR in these activities needs to be expanded. Further definition on how to do this is in work for next year.

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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Congratulations to Karen Lu, who represented the Miami chapter with her first place essay on the Enlightenment.

This year, 20 essays were received from 8 Chapters. Thank you to Caloosa, Clearwater, Lakeland, Miami, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Withlacoochee. Additionally, there were 4 entries without chapter sponsorship entered in the At Large category.

I wish to thank the FLSSAR for the increased prize money made available. Hopefully, it will inspire greater participation in the future.

Finally, I wish to thank my committee for their time and effort in grading the winners and making the tough decisions as to which essays get the prizes.

Good Citizenship

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This year the FLSSAR Chapters have requested 2000 copies of the Certificates for distribution. These certificates have been distributed primarily to 5th grade students selected by their teachers, to JROTC students selected by their instructors and to some Boy Scout activities. Some of organizations involved represent an expansion of the original scope of this award. The FLSSAR Board will have to be consulted to approve the organizations in the expansion and the website will be updated to include selection criteria and for next year. A new source for the FLSSAR Certificates has been found in Naples, FL. 2500 or more new certificates will be requested for approval for next year. John McCullough, Chairman and contact for certificates, jmccullough1@peoplepc.com

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

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The Rumbaugh oration was held February 4, at the Embassy Suites Buena Vista south. We had two contestants participate. The judges selected Rachel Mallett from Saramana as the first place winner and Harley Ganna as runner-up from Lake-Sumter. Rachel Mallett will represent FLSSAR at Congress in Knoxville.

JROTC

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- The Committee is pleased to report the program is progressing well not only in the State of Florida but awards of medals and certificates are being presented by the FLSSAR to cadets in Puerto Rico. Requests for similar awards and certificates have also been received from cadets in Germany and we have forwarded these to the Germany SAR where those requests for awards are being presented to cadets in Germany.
- The Enhanced JROTC Program winner for the FLSSAR outstanding cadet is Cadet Major Jovan Vasquez of Manatee High School in Bradenton. Cadet Vasquez was nominated by the Saramana Chapter. Cadet Captain Thais Martinez of Golden Gate High School in Naples was in second place. Cadet Martinez was nominated by the Naples Chapter. It was a very close and highly competitive contest reflecting the outstanding quality of the cadets entering the Enhanced Program contest.
- The Committee has concerns that many cadets in Florida are not entering the Enhanced Program contest. The contest winner in FLSSAR receives a \$1,350 award and then competes at the NSSA level for a \$4,000 first place award, \$1,500 second place and \$1,000 third place award. These are awards worth competing for. Winning at the state and national level is a \$ 5,350 award!
- The Committee also has a concern that many of the cadets fail to follow instructions. Granted these are cadets are only eleventh graders in high school, but they are also outstanding students with great grade point averages. Attention to detail is important. So the question arises, are the cadets being given all the rules and regulations? The Chapters are responsible to provide all the current rules and the instructions to all the cadets. In the past couple of years, NSSAR has permitted Chapters to send entries back to the cadets for correction of missing data - eg., essays that the cadet failed to add their name, rank, unit name, and name of school at the top of the first page of the essay or some or all of that data. These are all part of the instructions and points are lost if the cadet omits them. A Chapter needs to insure that the cadet both understands and receives these instructions and all other requirements of the contest. There is not a problem if a Chapter reviews an entry and returns it to the cadet for correction but the FLSSAR State Committee should not evaluate Enhanced Program entries and return them to be corrected and resubmitted.
- Lastly, the Committee recommends that recognition be given to second place entries. In the contest this year, there was only one point between first and second place. Granted only the first place winner goes to NSSAR but some recognition should be awarded for the second place.

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

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The Committee has selected Ms. Lauren Goepfert of Palm Beach chapter as our 2017 winner of the American History Teacher of the Year Award. She will read her essay and accept her award from President General Tomme at the Youth Luncheon during our Annual Meeting.

Habitat for Humanity

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No Report

Operation Ancestor Search

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We are continuing with monthly OAS sessions at James A. Haley VAMC Polytrauma Unit in Tampa and Bay Pines VAMC Community Living Center in Saint Petersburg. Gainesville VAMC has discontinued its OAS program. Other programs around the State of Florida have not gotten started because of limited SAR volunteer interest and the difficulty of obtaining cooperation at VA locations. This is regrettable because the program is very rewarding to veterans and volunteers alike. After our May schedule in Tampa and Saint Petersburg we will put the program on hold until Fall, when we will resume.

Monthly OAS sessions continued to be held at the John Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa and Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital, St. Petersburg. Volunteers are from the Clearwater SAR Chapter, Caladesi DAR Chapter and Pinellas County Genealogical Society.

Patriotic Activities

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The committee has requested that all chapters report their activities regarding Flag Awards, Loyalty Sundays (July 2nd this year), Patriotic Parade activities, Wreath laying activities and Speaking activities. This year we have received reports of Flag Award presentations from 17 chapters, plus our State President, Ray Wess.

There have been many such activities in our various chapters over the year and we need to be made aware of them for National Society awards, publicity and promotion purposes. Photos are always welcome.

Public Service and Heroism

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

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

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completely. Use the second button-bar at the top, right-side of the form labelled "Click to Save and Email," to save the completed form to your computer and simultaneously send the completed form to the PS&H Committee. If you do not receive a receipt confirmation of the completed form in 3-4 days, contact the chairman of the PS&H Committee. One should also send the completed reporting form to their State PS&H chairman

This program is an excellent way to recognize deserving individuals in our community and the public sector. We do suggest that those individuals, in the public sector of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services, who are being considered for a Heroism Commendation, be previously recognized by their division head for their heroism. Department heads generally welcome the opportunity to recommend deserving individuals for recognition. The commendations may be presented at either chapter meetings, departmental meetings, or other suitable events. The presentation of NSSAR commendations is an excellent means by which our Society can receive recognition and broaden our exposure and recruitment of potential new members. This program is also an excellent vehicle for publicity. The presentation of PS&H commendations at chapter and state meetings should be noted and reported by local media optimally; however, the recipient may elect not to have the commendation published for privacy concerns. Questions about the National SAR Public Service and Heroism Committee may be directed to a state's representative or the current chairman of the Public Service and Heroism Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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The contest has been judged and awards will be presented at the BOM

Support the Troops (ad hoc)

Don Lanman DLanman258@aol.com

Subject: Re-Review on the relevance of the FLSSAR Support the Troops Committee "Toiletries for Vets Program"
President Wess,

As directed, the following is a summary of my review of the original study and findings presented at the 2017 Winter BOM regarding the relevance and viability of the FLSSAR sponsored "Toiletries for Vets" program managed by the ad hoc Support the Troops Committee.

The study reviewed the Support the Troops Committee program for the collection and mailing of personal hygiene products to active service military personnel, and explored the opportunity to sustain the program in partnership with local CAR chapters.

As requested, this report will be submitted for inclusion in the BOM proceedings book and as the interim chair of the ad hoc Support the Troops Committee, I am prepared present the findings and proposed motion regarding the program and committee at the Spring BOM.

I. CAR Chapter Program Partnership Opportunity:

1. The CAR chapters interviewed are agreeable to working with SAR in supporting veteran's related projects.
2. CAR chapters feel that there is a greater need for personal hygiene products at local VA hospitals for patients' vs active military service members.
3. Palm Beach Chapter delivered a supply of personal Hygiene products, collected by SAR compatriots, to the Fifer George Weisenfels CAR Chapter who repackaged and delivered them to the West Palm Beach VA Hospital.

II. Program relevance for active service military personnel:

1. I personally interviewed serving members of the military, reserve/national guard units and veteran organizations including the American Legion, VFW, Purple Heart Society, and the Florida Veterans Foundation regarding their opinion on the relevance of the Toiletries for Vets program.
2. While all of the individuals and organizations interviewed praised the intent of the program itself, they all reported that in today's environment where military service personnel, even in forward deployments, have adequate supplies of personal hygiene and related products, that the SAR effort was no longer relevant.

III. Conclusions & Recommendations:

1. Based on the findings, there seemed to be a consensus that the program, while laudable, is no longer relevant for today's active service military members. Therefore, the Support the Troops committee recommends the following action:
 - i. FLSSAR discontinue the "Toiletries for Vets" program as presently constituted and reserve the existing budget for other veteran service related programs.
 - ii. Discharge the ad hoc *Support the Troops Committee* with the sincere thanks of FLSSAR and transfer the committee's activities and budget into the State Veterans Affairs Committee for review and management. [Committee discharged]
 - iii. Charge the FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee to identify opportunities and make recommendations for the use of the Support the Troops Committee budget.

IV. Proposed Motion Regarding disposition of the Committee and Veterans Program:

"Regarding the ad hoc FLSSAR *Support the Troops Committee* and its "Toiletries for Vets" service program, I move to discontinue the "Toiletries for Vets" program, discharge the *Support the Troops Committee* with the sincere thanks of the state society, and transfer that committee's responsibility, budget and management to the FLSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee."

Veterans Affairs

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The USS Stark Contest for 2016 ended at year's end and the FLSSAR continues to show improvement with a total of 38,002 points earned in 2016 or 19.46 points per member versus 22,805 or 11.68 per member in 2015. There were six Chapters participating in 2016 versus five in 2015 and four then three in the most recent years.

A review of the points earned by category in 2016 versus 2015 shows a significant increase in hours served as volunteers in VA facilities - a tenfold increase. Overall, FLSSAR continues to rank fourth in the nation - behind Texas, Ohio, and Georgia. One way to look at it is that FLSSAR is in the top 8% of the NSSAR.

The 2017 contest is underway and will end on December 31, 2017. There have been numerous changes to the rules and the new USS Stark Award Scoring sheet is available on line. One of the biggest changes was in Section 11, where full credit is now being given for the donation of new items IF they are given within thirty days of purchase. Previously, a Chapter only received credit for one third of the purchase price.

The Chairman of the 2017 NSSAR Veterans Committee is Tony Vets. He and his Committee have been working on the changes in the contest rules. He is in Colfax, LA and his number is 318-627-2235.

Veteran's Recognition

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We continued to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with now a total of 528, up from 514 members at the last report, who have served in the armed forces on active duty. A certificate of membership has been prepared and sent to the Chapter President for presentation to each new member. The roster of members has been updated 4 times since last October and a current roster dated 20 April 2017 is posted on the FLSSAR website.

Since the completion of the event last October, several RVP's and Chapters have requested that they be sent pins and other material for award to compatriots who were unable to attend the ceremony in Orlando. To date, we have forwarded nearly 100 of these items for local presentations. More are available upon request. Presentations are being made on a regular basis at Chapter meetings.

On December 16, 2016 the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 (H.R. 6416) was enacted. According to a story in the May 2017 issue of the American Legion Magazine, Section 305 of this law states that any person entitled under Chapter 1223, Title 10, U.S. Code to "retired pay for non-regular service, shall be honored as a veteran but shall not be entitled to any benefit by reason of this honor." What does this mean? Now, honorary veteran status is allowed if a reserve-component member serves 20 good years, enough to retire. This has been a sore point for some of our Compatriots who served in the Reserve or Guard long enough to earn a retirement, but were not eligible for award of the Military Service Medal or membership in the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion. We will pursue a clarification of this new policy and report when there is definitive guidance.

On March 29, 2017 the President signed The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 designating every March 30th as *National Vietnam Veterans Day*.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

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THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017

		INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I.	Starting Balance			
	Assets per Inventory or on Hand at			
	Close of Last Accounting Period	13,475.88	305,984.21	319,460.09
II.	Receipts			
	Schedule A:	2,058.15	2,163.00	4,221.15
III.	Disbursements			
	Schedule B:	-	-	-
IV.	Distributions			
	Schedule C:	(340.50)	-	(340.50)
V.	Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
	Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	(2,428.52)	2,428.52	-
VI.	Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting			

	Period			
	Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	12,765.01	310,575.73	323,340.74

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SCHEDULE A	RECEIPTS			
		Income/		
Date	Brief Description of Item	Unitrust	Principal	
1/15/2017	Interest Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.24		
1/21/2017	Income Dividend 1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	117.60		
1/31/2017	Interest Capital One 360 Savings Account	19.78		
2/7/2017	Income Dividend 440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	99.06		
2/7/2017	Income Dividend 555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	93.25		
2/16/2017	Interest Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.29		
2/22/2017	Florida society SAR		2,163.00	
2/28/2017		116.20		308.80
2/28/2017	Interest Capital One 360 Savings Account	17.87		
3/7/2017	Income Dividend 440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	102.51		
3/7/2017	Income Dividend 555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	87.90		
3/16/2017	Interest Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.27		
3/24/2017	Income Dividend 922 Shares Schwab US Dividend Equity Fund SCHD	300.39		
3/30/2017	Income Dividend 234 Shares iShares Trust S&P 500 Index (IVV)	196.11		
3/30/2017	Income Dividend 146 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB)	43.65		
3/30/2017	Income Dividend 306 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (ITA)	77.94		
3/30/2017	Income Dividend 360 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR)	241.42		
3/30/2017	Income Dividend 292 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (IYW)	83.40		
3/31/2017	Income Dividend 1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	112.00		1,245.59
3/31/2017	Interest Capital One 360 Savings Account	19.79		
4/7/2017	Income Dividend 440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	99.74		
4/7/2017	Income Dividend 555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	96.35		
4/17/2017	Interest Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.43		
4/28/2017	Income Dividend 1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	112.80		309.32

4/30/2016	Interest Capital One 360 Savings Account	19.16		
	TOTALS	\$ 2,058.15	\$ 2,163.00	

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DISTRIBUTIONS

	Income/ Unitrust	Principal
Brief Description of Item		
Jacksonville Chapter	165.50	
St. Lucie River Chapter	175.00	
	\$ 340.50	

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SCHEDULE D CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

				Net Gain (Loss)	
Date	Brief Description of Items	Net Price	Carrying Value	Principal	Income/Unitrust
SALES					
	None				
PURCHASES	None				
	TOTAL NET GAIN (LOSS)			-	
UNITRUST					
	Unitrust Adjustment			2,428.52	(2,428.52)
	TOTALS			\$ 2,428.52	\$ (2,428.52)

SCHEDULE E

		Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Exchange Traded Funds	922 Shares Schwab US Dividend Equity Fund (SCHD)	41,204.18	33,416.97
	248 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (ITA)	38,132.48	9,674.01

	440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	48,224.00	43,329.86
	324 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR)	25,573.32	10,527.21
	787 Shares iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund (EFA)	50,210.60	32,591.32
	146 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB)	43,455.44	9,669.98
	237 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (IYW)	32,755.77	9,630.93
	190 Shares iShares Trust S&P 500 Index (IVV)	45,516.40	20,334.07
	1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	26,432.00	15,692.70
	175 Shares SPDR Gold Trust (GLD)	21,134.75	16,801.32
	555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	45,260.25	43,484.40
	TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	417,899.19	245,152.77
Cash	Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	13,043.83	13,043.83
	Wells Fargo Bank Checking	6,629.01	6,629.01
	Capital One 360 Savings	58,402.33	58,402.33
	TOTAL CASH	78,075.17	78,075.17
	TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	\$ 495,974.36	\$ 323,227.94

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

ETF: Trustee, Michael Garey, Chairman & Managing Director for both funds

OBTF: Trustee, John Stewart, Chairman & ETF Disbursement Officer

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND

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	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at			
Close of Last Accounting Period	3,047.65	100,513.50	103,561.15
Receipts			
Schedule A:	409.98	-	409.98
Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	-	-
Distributions			
Schedule C:	(3,145.30)	-	(3,145.30)
Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	219.15	(219.15)	-

Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	531.48	100,294.35	100,825.83

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SCHEDULE A	RECEIPTS			
		Income/		
Date	Brief Description of Item	Unitrust	Principal	
1/15/2017	Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.08		
1/31/2017	Income Dividend 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	31.50		
2/7/2017	Income Dividend 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	20.26		
2/7/2017	Income Dividend 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	18.48		
2/15/2017	Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.09		
2/28//2017	Income Dividend 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	31.13		69.96
3/7/2017	Income Dividend 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	20.97		
3/7/2017	Income Dividend 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	17.42		
3/15/2017	Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.08		
3/21/2017	Income Dividend 6,652.694 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEIX)	170.13		
3/31/2017	Income Dividend 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	30.00		238.60
4/7/2017	Income Dividend 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	20.40		
4/7/2017	Income Dividend 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	19.10		
4/15/2016	Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	0.13		
4/28/2017	Income Dividend 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	30.21		69.84
	TOTALS	\$ 409.98	\$ -	

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SCHEDULE B	DISBURSEMENTS		
		Income/	
Date	Brief Description of Item	Unitrust	Principal
			\$ -
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ -

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SCHEDULE C	DISTRIBUTIONS		
		Income/	
Date	Brief Description of Item	Unitrust	Principal
2/27/2017	Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (2016 Income)	3,145.30	
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$ 3,145.30	

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SCHEDULE D	CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS				
				Net Gain (Loss)	
Date	Brief Description of Items	Net Price	Carrying Value	Principal	Income/Unitrust
PURCHASES					
SALES					
UNITRUST					
	Unitrust Adjustment			(219.15)	219.15
	TOTALS	-	-	(219.15)	219.15

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SCHEDULE E			
		Estimated	
		Current Value	Carrying Value
Exchange Traded Funds	90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	9,864.00	8,613.35
	375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	7,080.00	4,216.36
	110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	8,970.50	8,502.75
	TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS		

		25,914.50	21,332.46
Mutual Funds	6,253.155 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEIX)	60,636.55	53,492.70
	466.493 Shares UMB Scout International Fund (UMBWX)	12,330.50	14,616.94
	TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS	72,967.05	68,109.64
Cash	Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	3,908.45	3,908.45
	Wells Fargo Bank Checking	11,152.57	11,152.57
	TOTAL CASH	15,061.02	15,061.02
	TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	113,942.57	104,503.12

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc)

Chairman: Steve Williams sarwilliamssa@gmail.com

Ethics Committee has been constituted and will receive any issues for review that arise and be forwarded to them for their review and recommendation to the Executive Committee. The committee charter is being proposed and will change the Ad Hoc committee to a Standing Committee.

Addenda Pages to follow

Presenter Information Sheet Example

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State Society: Georgia

Experience: Mike retired from the State of Georgia, Department of Administrative Services in the Risk Management Department with 35 plus years of service. Cilla retired from the Board of Regents, University System of Georgia with 38 years of service with a background in Fiscal Affairs and Human Resources. Mike has held several positions within the SAR at all levels, including the Chapter, State and National.

Lecture Topics/Period Attire Clothing: Mike and his wife Cilla lecture on Colonial Living. Their living history programs includes

discussions of colonial era artifacts with their "traveling trunk" which contains such items as toys, household items, Indian trading goods, and soldiers' military accessories. They also discuss the uniforms of the day for men and clothing for women. Mike can also provide a demonstration of his Long Lander Brown Bess Musket (with prior appropriate approval from the group). Both appear in colonial attire which has been created by Cilla.

Specialty Lecture Topics: Colonial living during the American Revolutionary War, Colonial Women's Dress, Education in the Colonial Period and other related topics. Militia uniforms and Continental Uniforms. We can develop other topics with advanced notice. Militia soldiers and their uniforms.

Lecturing Credentials: Routinely presented programs for 3rd thru 8th grade students, home schooled, church groups, senior citizen groups, civic groups and lineage societies (Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, Daughters of War of 1812, etc.).

Presentation Requirements: need a 6-8 ft. table for display of materials, room which allow participants to see and participate in presentation, no restriction on group size. Would need permission to bring Brown Bess Musket and saber on school property for school programs. If permission was granted could show how to load and fire musket in outdoor setting.

Audio-Visual Equipment: Would need a screen for my projector. Microphone/speaker system should be provided if desired.

Length of Program: Min. 45 min. Max: 1 ½ Hr.

Appropriate Age Group: 4th -8th grades, adults

Handouts: Master copy can be provided to make own handouts or copies can be provided if copy fees are reimbursed. Will provide a map of Colonial Georgia during the Revolution and Colonial paper money.,

Travel Range: Will travel outside state of Georgia and Florida.

ID	Chapter	current	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
1	Aaron Snowden	21	22	15	16	21	19	22	15	12	19	10	0	0	0	0	
2	Brevard	111	98	106	105	103	95	103	96	100	78	46	49	43	36	26	
3	Caloosa	98	87	72	81	75	69	76	61	57	54	45	38	42	42	42	
4	Central Florida	100	96	85	87	94	86	79	72	68	70	63	59	70	68	66	
5	Charlotte	22	20	16	19	19	21	22	17	17	20	24	24	24	26	29	
6	Clearwater	151	138	133	139	130	125	123	114	105	106	107	97	79	86	96	
7	Daytona-Ormond	48	46	49	55	64	62	57	53	57	61	62	47	64	59	43	
8	Deland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	21	31	32	41	38	43	40	
9	Devane	22	22	20	20	21	20	21	22	20	18	18	14	15	14	14	
10	Emerald Coast	34	34	28	29	27	25	23	28	26	22	22	22	22	19	20	
11	Flagler	38	38	35	36	36	31	29	31	30	22	26	24	24	25	24	
12	Fort Lauderdale	48	48	49	66	58	56	51	47	48	49	49	53	57	48	46	
13	Gainesville	87	79	78	83	75	73	63	58	52	63	58	42	39	34	39	
14	Highlands	35	34	29	36	35	36	34	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	Jacksonville	167	160	128	136	133	121	116	110	112	123	130	126	122	116	106	
16	Lake City	18	14	15	26	26	21	29	36	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Lakeland	67	66	51	51	45	56	55	46	28	49	54	70	72	71	95	
18	Lake-Sumter	77	71	88	59	76	74	75	61	54	57	55	52	43	42	32	
19	Miami	78	74	72	73	80	72	66	70	64	68	82	78	82	86	87	
20	Naples	111	98	99	97	91	75	63	56	56	57	65	66	68	64	68	
21	Ocala	26	19	16	28	26	29	27	41	50	42	46	45	49	47	44	
22	Palm Beach	175	166	153	155	155	133	113	88	105	101	101	109	123	118	121	
23	Panama City	17	16	16	17	20	19	21	22	23	26	34	31	36	39	33	
24	Pensacola	43	36	33	39	33	36	39	42	49	51	51	56	53	42	41	
25	St. Augustine	68	63	61	62	51	47	37	33	31	27	26	25	25	23	22	
26	St. Lucie River	90	74	69	84	65	45	47	44	55	53	53	58	64	50	60	
27	St. Petersburg	50	48	50	49	41	33	30	33	36	38	39	48	52	44	42	
28	Saramana	161	156	129	145	154	135	137	147	135	121	122	119	138	133	118	
29	South Shore	32	30	34	34	30	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
30	Tallahassee	36	32	26	29	29	21	22	27	26	26	33	32	34	40	45	
31	Tampa	71	68	67	79	71	58	57	48	40	33	27	29	28	28	24	
32	Treasure Coast	14	14	19	34	29	31	31	32	42	45	45	42	48	52	63	
33	William Dunaway	27	27	23	26	24	28	29	29	27	22	18	11	0	0	0	
34	Withlacoochee	66	59	52	51	45	48	45	37	47	44	50	49	40	30	21	
35	The Villages	78	73	37	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

