

Spring Board of Management & Annual  
Meeting

# Proceedings

Orlando, Florida

May 19-20, 2018





## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **The SAR Pledge**

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

## **Recessional**

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

## **Constitutional Republic**

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

## **Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement**

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

# Meeting Agenda

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

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

Statutory Committee Reports

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**Nominating**  
**Patriot Medal**

NSSAR Affairs

**Advancing America's Heritage**  
**NSSAR Library**

FLSSAR Affairs

**Archives**  
**Chapter Challenge & Americanism**  
**Documents**  
**Ethics**  
**Genealogy**  
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**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**  
**Veterans Affairs**  
**Veteran's Recognition**

Trust Funds

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

# Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

President Robert J. Folk Sr. opened the meeting at 1:27 PM Saturday, 3 February 2018, and a quorum was certified by Secretary Hall Riediger. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Dwight D. Elam. President Folk Sr. led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sr. Vice President Pat Niemann led the SAR Pledge. President Folk recognized Past President Generals Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); J. Michael Tomme' Sr. (2016-2017); Immediate Past Vice President General South Atlantic District Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, and the Past FLSSAR Presidents in attendance. Five first-time attendees were also recognized and welcomed.

Executive Committee members present included President Robert J. Folk, Sr.; Immediate Past President and Trustee Raymond Francis Wess; Senior Vice President Col. Patrick Jay Niemann; Secretary Herman Hall Riediger; Treasurer Walter Richard Young; and Member-at-Large Jeffery Sizemore. Also present was Past FLSSAR President and current Executive Administrator Steven Allen Williams. Parliamentarian Rev. Randy Moody was excused due to extensive damage to his church building arising from Hurricane Irma.

In a special presentation, Compatriot Jim Stone received the Pin and Certificate for his contribution to the George Washington Endowment Fund, recognizing him as a GWEF Fellow.

The Reading of the Minutes for the 4 November 2017 Board of Management (BOM) was waived with a Motion offered by PPG Carl K. Hoffmann. Carl Lambert seconded. The Motion was approved without objection. Treasurer Dick Young gave a summary of the effort to raise matching "challenge match" funds for the Lanny Patton Challenge, whereby every three dollars contributed to the SAR Museum will be matched by a dollar from Compatriot Lanny Patton, up to \$100,000 – for a total of \$400,000 to be raised under this challenge. Young stated that the Challenge had been met, and the \$100,000 match was paid.

## REPORTS TO THE BOM:

Unless otherwise stated herein, the full report of the Officers and Committee Chairmen are contained in the full body of the Proceedings Book which was distributed in Draft Form prior to the commencement of the BOM, and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into these Minutes. All Page number references below are to the printed Draft Proceedings Book, and may differ from the Final Version found on the FLSSAR Website, located at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Proceedings/BOM1117.pdf>.

Reports of National and State Officers:

Executive Administrator – Page 8

Compatriot Steve Williams emphasized the importance of registering in advance when attending BOM meetings. Late registration fees will continue. Youth Protection registrations are also maintained by FLSSAR, and half of the Chapters have not yet reported any participants.

Webmaster – Page 25

The website database search engine was discussed, and adjustments were recommended.

Statutory Committee Reports

Executive –

President Bob Folk summarized the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on Friday, 2 February 2018:

A Gold Good Citizenship Award recommendation was rejected in a secret ballot by the members of the Executive Committee.

Discussions regarding a Florida Society Medal were tabled.

The FLSSAR Credit Card Authorization was increased to \$15,000 from \$10,000.

Strategic Planning – Special PowerPoint Presentation

Companion Charles Butler discussed the FLSSAR Officer Reimbursement Policy, and suggested changes. An open discussion followed.

Finance – Page 25 plus Pages 38-51

Compatriot Young declared that he is not recommending an increase in Dues.

Four amendments to the Budget were proposed:

Carry over a \$2,000 contribution to Fund for Florida's Future from 2017 that was not paid, and pay in 2018.

Ralph Nelson's collections from book sales in 2017 carry over as collections in 2018.

\$10,000 Surplus from 2017 earmarked to increase President's expense money from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year for the next two years – calendar years 2018 and 2019. Also increase Sr. VP expense allowance to \$2,500 per year for two years also.

Balance of Surplus – approx. \$3,000 - to be added to the Gerald R. Meeks Funding for Florida's Future.

**MOTION** to approve changing the name of the Fund to the Gerald R. Meeks Fund for Florida's Future. PASSED.

**MOTION** to approve 2018 Budget as Amended. Each of the four proposed amendments PASSED.

NSSAR Affairs:

FLSSAR Affairs:

Strategic Planning – Page 30

Chairman Comp. Charles Butler indicated that a Member Profile Survey has been circulated, and will be distributed to the Regional Vice Presidents for distribution.

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade – Page 31-32

Compatriot Bob McGuire discussed the upcoming combined SAR-DAR

Liaisons

Historic Sites

Battle of Thomas Creek – Page 33

Comp. Ramseur indicated that the date of the 2018 celebration has been changed to 7 April 2018, in order to avoid a conflict with a national DAR convention.

Youth Programs

Americanism Elementary Poster and Brochure Contest – Page 34-35

This year's posters will commemorate the Battle of Pensacola.

Eagle Scout – Page 35

**Motion:** Pay each third place winner (tie) the \$250 third place prize, rather than splitting one \$250 payment.

PASSED.

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest – Page 36

Chairman John Stewart stated he received 14 Essays.

Good Citizenship – No Report

Compatriot John McCullough stated he has 2,000 Good Citizenship Certificates available for distribution.

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest – Nothing to Report

The winners of the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest were named.

Community Outreach

Veterans Affairs – Page 37

Compatriot Niemann stated only 4 Chapters participated in the Stark Award contest. Many more qualify for Stark Award points, and should participate.

Veteran's Recognition – Page 37-38

Compatriot McGuire discussed the several recognitions that are available.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements – Page 38

Comp. John Stewart: Motion to give option to substitute a patriotic gift for a Certificate, with the cost of gift not exceeding the cost of a Certificate (currently \$4.00). PASSED.

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds – Page 38-48.

Chairman John Stewart indicated that Regents Bank has been hired as our Investment Advisor.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Rev. Dwight D. Elam.

The SAR Recessional was led by Executive Administrator Steve Williams.

The Fall 2017 Board of Management Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM

## National and State Officer Reports

### National Trustee

Trustee	W. Richard Young	dyoung22@aol.com
Alternate Trustee	Robert McGuire	rmcguire@slvx.com

Based on the Congressional Charter, NSSAR Constitution and NSSAR By-Laws, the property and affairs of the National Society are the responsibility of a Board of Trustees of at least 40 men, with one from each state society. Past PGs, current General Officers and current Executive Committee members may be elected/appointed as Trustees. Last May the FLSSAR membership voted to nominate me to serve as the Florida Trustee. I was elected to the position at the 2017 National Congress.

I attended the Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting in Louisville on March 2-3. While there I took the opportunity to sit on the CAR Liaison and Insurance & Risk Management Committee meetings. There is more on the I&RM Committee Meeting in the Treasurer's Report. Items of interest that were discussed, or not discussed, at the Trustee Meeting are as follows:

There was an update on the previously approved issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to “fix” the existing NSSAR website. An RFP was issued to 15 parties, three of which responded. None of those three were thought to be acceptable. The Trustees approved the issuance of two more RFPs: one to build a new website and one to build a new member database.

Former PG Lawrence proposed, and the Trustees accepted, changing the National History Teacher Award to \$15,000 per year, to be funded annually by former PG Lawrence.

Former PG White proposed, and the Trustees accepted, the buildout of the remaining office space on the second floor of the Headquarters Building at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

The Education Committee proposed, and the Trustees accepted, an American Founding Documents Educational Program & Curriculum and related workbook be funded, copyrighted and beta-tested at a number and variety of selected schools across the country at a cost of approximately \$7,000. The Committee has already put together a 24-hour program of instruction, focused on Middle School, that includes a Program overview, student & teacher workbooks, three quizzes and a final exam.

The Genealogical Research System Project Committee reported that it continues to work on requirements for the GRS. They are not yet ready to issue an RFP.

At the Fall Trustee meeting, it was agreed to extend the mandatory use of the on-line application form from January 1, 2018 to March 1, 2018. At this Winter Trustee meeting, it was agreed to again defer this mandatory use date to March, 2019.

It was announced that as of December 31, 2017, the National Society had 36,961 members.

In January 2018, PG Guzy, in an e-mail to the SAR Officers list, questioned the counting of the many donations made to the SAR Foundation to match the generous challenge of Compatriot Lanny Patton. Compatriot Patten has made his \$100,000 contribution to the SAR Foundation in support of the Solid Light (Museum) Project on the first floor of the Headquarters Building. This matter was not brought before the Trustees at this meeting.

In the Winter 2018 issue of The SAR Magazine, the “President General’s Message” (page 3) raised the question, “...how do we think we can manage an undertaking as large as a museum when we had been unable to build a great website?” This matter was not brought before the Trustees at this meeting.

While in Louisville, I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Joe Hardesty, the newly appointed Library Director. Though several years later, Joe followed in my own somewhat dim footsteps by getting his undergraduate degree at Western Kentucky University followed by a graduate degree at the University of Kentucky. Joe is a compatriot with many years of experience and a passion for being a history and genealogy librarian. He will be a great asset to the SAR.

I plan to attend the next regularly scheduled National Trustees meeting in Houston on July 13.

## **President**

Robert Folk, Sr. [rfolksr@gmail.com](mailto:rfolksr@gmail.com)

No Report.

## **Senior Vice President**

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

This reporting period kept me rather active. On February 16th I attended the DAR Upper Pinellas and Pasco Counties Regents Council Meeting and luncheon where Florida State Regent Dawn Lemongello was the keynote speaker.

I attended the Miami Chapter chapter’s 125th anniversary on February 18th and installed their new chapter officers. Several days later on February 22nd I had the pleasure of attending the Caloosa Chapter Gala celebrating 45 years since their charter. On Feb 28th I was present at the Dunedin Library for a Genealogy Seminar hosted by the Caladesi Chapter DAR.

From March 1 -4, I attended the SAR Leadership Conference in Louisville. I am a member of the NSSAR Veteran’s Affairs and Patriotic Outreach committees. I presented a JROTC award at Ridgewood High School, Pasco County on March 8th. The NE Regional meeting was held in Ormond Beach on March 17th was a productive session.

I represented the FLSSAR and gave greetings at the Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony on April 7th. On April 14th, I attended the South Shore Chapter meeting in Sun City. I presented two JROTC medals in Pasco County, one each at Mitchell High School and River Ridge High School.

With the end of the school year I presented JROTC medals to cadets at Gulf High School, Hudson High School, Clearwater High School and Anclote High School. The Bronze Good Citizenship medals were presented to students at River Ridge and Anclote High Schools in Pasco County.

## Executive Administrator

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

Late reports are to be emailed as a WORD.doc or text file to me on/before 5/21/2018.

Verbal comments for:

- Use of the FLSSAR.org website for
  - Contact information for chapters and state officers/committee members
  - Finding Florida documents, e.g., Obituary form
- As assistant to Secretary Riediger in compiling the Proceedings, Reports of chapter go through RVP; Camp Color guard reports go through Battalion Commander Riediger
- As assistant for the Meeting Arrangements Committee, Registration form usage – please follow directions on first page of form for filling the form out and the application of Late fee.

## Executive Committee Member-at-Large

Jeff Sizemore

*Nothing to report at this time.*

## Northwestern Regional Vice President

Chris Washler [cwashler@cox.net](mailto:cwashler@cox.net)

### **Aaron Snowden Chapter;**

No Report

### **Emerald Coast Chapter;**

No Report.

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

Monday, 15 Jan 2018, 11:30 AM CST; Panama City Chapter Meeting swearing in officers:

President & Registrar - DeCody "Brad" Marble; Vice President – William James "Bill" Zehner; Treasurer – Victor Bernhard "Vic" Johnson; Secretary & Chaplain – "Walter" Colquitt Sherman.

Monday, 19 Feb 2018, 11:30 AM CST; Panama City Chapter Meeting with largest attendance in 5 years.

All officers present at meeting.

After 2 years of absence, the return of compatriot Marvin Enloe McCain. Marvin McCain, age 94, the First Mosley High School Principal and WWII Veteran, Corporal in the 90th Reinforcement 3rd Army, under the Great General George Patton. Marvin express the desire to present the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal at the May 18th Mosley High School Graduation Ceremony.

In addition and attendance, prospective new members, the Windham Family: Sponsor, Genealogist, and member of the St. Andrews Bay Chapter, FSDAR and Bay County Genealogy Society, BCGS, Caroline Patricia Rivoire. Caroline P. Windham sponsoring three new members: Son – William Travis Windham, Husband – David Pete Windham, (Reverend and Dentist) and Father-In-Law, Clifton Travis Windham, age 78.

In addition, President Marble presented an 8 X 11 framed photo of the SAR Panama City Chapter Officers with a Christmas Check from the chapter to Sonja Harrell. For over 8 years, Sonja, a Po Folks Restaurant Waitress, has waited and served the members of the SAR Panama City Chapter at their monthly meetings!

Sunday, 25 Feb 2018, Noon, 12:00 PM EST till 03:30 PM EST; "Celebration of Washington's 286th Birthday" Meeting and Luncheon at the Sauls-Bridges Post 13 American Legion, Lake Ella, Tallahassee, sponsored by the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter. President D. B. Marble received the SAR Chapter Distinguish Service Award from the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter. DBM kept the miniature medal and presented the larger medal to Mary Brigid Roman, the wife of Victor Roman. Suffering from Parkinson's Disease, Victor



Roman could not attend. DBM stated, "This medal belongs to my genealogy mentor and family friend, Victor Roman, whom motivated me to pursue research into my family lineage and heritage. I would not be in the Sons of the American Revolution or standing before you today, if not for the great guidance and friendship of this Tallahassee resident, Victor Roman." Follow with a loving hug for Mary Brigid.

Tuesday, 06 Mar 2018; the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter made a \$500.00 contribution to "Wreaths Across America Bay County" 2018.

Monday, 19 Mar 2018, 11:00 AM, at the Oaks Restaurant, Hwy 90, Marianna, Jackson County, the Chipola Chapter NSDAR Luncheon/Meeting celebrated Women's History Month. Speaker, DeCody B. Marble told how his great grandmother Marble piqued his interest in his ancestors by explaining his relationship to those buried in a nearby cemetery, as he and his brothers planted flowers at their graves. Marble's interesting program gave tips from his 20 years of internet genealogy research. He had a wonderful display of family photos, which included 19th century tintypes, cabinet cards, and the 135-year-old photo album belonging to his great-great-grandparents, Marble. He provided several helpful handouts along with the SAR Finder Report Form, which gives DAR members credit for "finding" new SAR members.

Tuesday, 17 Apr 2018, 05:30 PM CST at Vernon High School, Washington County, US Army JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Cadet Bailey Lunsford.

Wednesday, 18 Apr 2018, 06:00 PM EST at Port Saint Joe High School, Gulf County, US Navy JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Cadet Hunter Vandertulip.

Saturday, 21 Apr 2018, 06:00 PM at the Majestic Condominiums, Panama City Beach, for the Arnold High School, US Navy JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Petty Officer First Class Derek Foos.

Wednesday, 25 Apr 2018, 01:00 PM, at James & Sikes Funeral Home in Marianna. DeCody Brad Marble attended the funeral of Fletcher Ryals Dunaway, (the founder of the SAR William Dunaway Chapter) in the SAR Color Guard Uniform (traditional George Washington colors of Blue & Gold). The very same uniform past down to Marble from Fletcher R. Dunaway. The Dunaway Family emotionally moved when I entered the church. After the ceremony in the church, I quickly jumped in the 'SAR Flag Truck' and raced ahead of the funeral procession to follow. After a distance greater than twenty miles, at the Greenwood United Methodist Church Cemetery, I set up a large SAR wreath at Fletcher's gravesite and parked the 'SAR Flag Truck' just inside the front entrance gate left of the entrance path. I had set up the large "God Bless America" Banner high over the truck. In Fletcher's pass down uniform, I stood on the hood of the truck with the USA Flag in my right hand, (blowing in the breeze) and with a white glove covered right hand, gave a long salute for the whole duration of the passing of the funeral procession.

At fitting tribute to a mentor and fellow compatriot whom will live in my mind and heart forever.

Thursday, 26 Apr 2018, 05:00 PM; "The Wounded Warrior Ceremony Parade", Panama City, Florida.

The joint vehicle and motorcycle parade of veterans supporting DAV and Wounded Soldiers and Veterans started at 03:00 PM from Gulf World Panama City Beach and headed across Panama City, (West to East) toward the destination, the Callaway Baptist Church on Highway 22. A block and half from the final destination, at the interception of Berthe Avenue, the 'SAR Flag Truck' fully decorated, including the "God Bless America Banner" was set up. As I did the day before, I stood on the hood of the truck, USA flag left hand and a long salute with the right for the entire duration of the parade.

A tribute to all my fellow Disable American Veterans.

Monday, 30 Apr 2018: the FLSSAR Panama City Chapter paid \$150.00 for a Hole Sponsorship, for the Charity Golf Tournament (for Veterans), hosted by the Friends of Army Aviation – Ozark on 4 May 2018. The donation will give a poor disabled veteran a free ride on a rebuilt Vietnam Army Huey Helicopter.

Tuesday, 01 May 2018, 06:00 PM at the TAFB Horizons Community Center, for the Bay High School, US Air Force JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Nathan Cain.

Thursday, 03 May 2018, 06:00 PM at the Rutherford High School, Air Force JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Cadet Nathaniel W. Thompson.

Friday, 11 May 2018, 06:15 PM at the Dean Bozeman High School, in Lynn Haven (near South Port), US Army JROTC; DBM presented the Bronze ROTC Award to Cadet Major Paul Grigsby.

Presently, at the beginning of May 2018, FLSSAR Panama City Chapter has five new SAR applicants awaiting the approval and registration of their applications at the National Society SAR level.

I hope that this is an initial positive turning point for the membership of the SAR Panama City Chapter to continue to increase. – DBM

2018 Fourth Quarter Report (Feb – Apr)

**Pensacola Chapter;**

**Chris Washler, President.**

No Report

**Tallahassee Chapter;**

Sunday, 25 Feb 2018, Noon, 12:00 PM EST till 03:30 PM EST; “Celebration of Washington’s 286th Birthday” Meeting and Luncheon at the Sauls-Bridges Post 13 American Legion, Lake Ella, Tallahassee, sponsored by the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter.

In attendance, 40 individuals including: FLSSAR President – James Robert “Bob” Folk; Speaker, Author, Historian, Archaeologist of Northwest Florida – Dale Cox; GASSAR, Joel Early Chapter, (Iron City) President – Clint Alexander Smith accompanied by chapter officers and their wives (total of 8). Amongst GASSAR, Joel Early Chapter members, Compatriot Charles “Chuck” Gibson a descendant of President George Washington. In addition and attendance: Hazell Connell and nephew, James Slater, descendants of Leon County’s only buried American Revolution Patriot, Ansel Ferrell. Also in attendance, FLSSAR William Dunaway Chapter (Marianna) President – Earl Mathew “Matt” Mathews.

The three Color Guards were David Hillsman of FLSSAR Aaron Snowden Chapter (Milton), Chuck Gibson of GASSAR, Joel Early Chapter (Iron City) and DeCody Brad Marble of FLSSAR Panama City Chapter.

Participates included the Officers of the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter: President John Paul Folsom, Registrar Don Michael Wilham, Secretary William “Bill” Gladwin, and Treasurer Kevin Vislocky.

An Award Ceremony followed the celebration lucheon that included cherry pie.

The three awardees included:

Speaker Dale Cox received a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$200 check, a contribution to “Old Kitchen Media”, presented by DeCody B. Marble.

Boy Scout, Caleb Wilson, presented by Donald M. “Don” Wilham

Panama City Chapter President, and dual member of Tallahassee Chapter, DeCody Brad Marble received the SAR Chapter Distinguish Service Award from the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter, presented by President John Paul Folsom.

Speaker, Author, Historian Dale Cox presentation topic, “200th Anniversary of the Seminole Wars” was approximately one hour in length. Agreed by all: “Dale Cox never fails to be an outstanding and interesting speaker, who keeps his audience captivated and entertained.

“Celebration of Washington’s 286th Birthday” sponsor by the FLSSAR Tallahassee Chapter was a great success.

**William Dunaway Chapter;**

No Report

**North Central Regional Vice President**

David Bussone

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

Officer Rooster Listing:

The Chapter Officers for the 2018 Chapter year include:

- President: Dr. Donald Paul Wyman
- 1st Vice President: Jim Simpson
- Secretary: Mark Boone
- Treasurer: Al Paul
- Registrar: Bill Dyer
- Genealogist: John Moore
- Member-at- Large #1 Ken Mosher
- Member-at- Large #2 Stephen Printz

Participated in the Wreaths Across America placing wreaths on Veterans Graves in the Lone Oak Cemetery, Fruitland Park, FL

Newly elected President Don Wyman gave an entertaining, factual PowerPoint presentation on “Two Men who Saved the World.”

The Chapter had a booth at the Colonial Days Event at the Brownwood Town Square and spoke with many interested potential applicants.

Co-hosted the Dedication of a Liberty Tree Planting at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center with the Puc Puggy and John Bartram DAR Chapters and the unveiling of a Memorial Bronze plaque. Three Chapters contributed to the Color Guard; The Villages Chapter, the Lake Sumter Chapter and the Withlacoochee SAR Chapters. Regents for both Chapters spoke as well as President Gerald Hardwich from the Lake Sumter Chapter, and President Don Wyman from the Villages Chapter recited Thomas Payne's Liberty Tree poem. A sumptuous luncheon followed after which Guest Presenter, Jack Ciotti, the noted historian/re-enactor spoke about the Medical and Dental treatment of Soldiers during the Revolutionary War and demonstrated different medical devices used.

Manned a booth at the all-day Genealogy Expo at the Savannah Recreation Center and attracted two possible transferees and 10 possible solid applicants with qualifying ancestors. The Chapter dressed up the booth with its SAR Banner and newly acquired 12 early American Patriotic flags.

Had a large crowd for Guest Speaker Mike Goss whose topic was "Political Islam: What You Need to Know" at the Chapter Meeting. A lively Q&A followed and we all gained a new knowledge about this significant threat to America and its way of life, as we once knew it.

Guest Speaker Jack Ciotti spoke again. This time dressed in a British Soldiers uniform and explained each item, demonstrated the musket

Used, and all the equipment needed and many other interesting items and facts about the life of an English Soldier.

The Chapter has guest speakers booked all the way through to February of 2019 thanks to the hard work of Chapter Vice President Jim Simpson.

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

- January 13, 2018 General Members Meeting Long-time Florida Family Member Inducted in SAR Chapter. The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution inducted a member of a long-time Florida family at the January Chapter meeting. President Larry Sturgeon introduced the new Compatriot, Leander Rabun Battle, of Dade City, to the attending membership and conducted the induction ceremony. Nephew Clark Battle pinned the SAR Rosette to the left lapel of Compatriot Battle. Pictured from L to R, Vicki Brown, Assistant to the Registrar; Stephen Brown, Chapter Registrar; Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, Leander "Ray" Battle; Nephew Clark Battle; Great Nephew Caleb Battle.
- January 13, 2018 General Members Meeting Withlacoochee Chapter SAR Installs New Officers. The Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution installed new officers at the January 2018 meeting of the Chapter. The installation ceremonies were conducted by David Bussone, SAR North Central Regional Vice President. Officers of the Chapter are elected by the membership to serve for each calendar year. Pictured from left to right are, Jack Townsend, Treasurer, Inverness; Larry Sturgeon, President, Spring Hill; Daniel Hans, Second Vice President, Inverness; George Edge, Jr., First Vice President, Hernando; and Kenneth Lancaster, Jr., Secretary, Inverness.
- January 13 – 14, 2018 Florida State President Robert Folk and First Lady Ellie Folk attended the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, South Carolina.
- January 13, 2018 General Members/Annual Meeting the Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard, Thomas Jefferson Camp #11, Commander Russell Gibson, Treasurer Jack Townsend, Vice-Commander Bill Ferguson and 1st Vice-President George Edge Posted the Colors.
- January 16, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson presented Marine Veteran Arnold "Chuck" Vessey a Flag Certificate as a Patriot who proudly flies the flag of the United States following proper flag protocol.
- January 16, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson presented Army Veteran Robert Sawatzky a Flag Certificate as a Patriot who proudly flies the flag of the United States following proper flag protocol.
- February 3, 2018 Past President Charles Day and FLSSAR President Robert Folk attended the Fall BOM.
- February 8, 2018 Treasurer Jack Townsend and Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson attended the Flag Day meeting in Floral City, Florida.
- February 9, 2018 the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation received an SAR Flag Certificate in recognition of exemplary patriotism for their display of The Flag of the United States of America. The certificate was presented by the Withlacoochee Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson.
- February 10, 2018 General Members Meeting our featured speaker at the February 2018 meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was Richard P. Massa, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of the Habitat for Humanity. During his commentary, Mr. Massa was able to address the common issues that frequently are questioned regarding the Habitat home building program. Who can qualify? Is

there a wait list? Who pays for the home? How are mortgages handled? Are there foreclosures in the program? Do they use outside contractors? The Hernando - Citrus County program is quite successful with a goal approaching 20 homes built per year. Pictured from left to right are Ricard Massa, Jr., accepting a Certificate of Appreciation from SAR Chapter President Larry Sturgeon.

- February 10, 2018 General Members Meeting Treasurer Jack Townsend was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate by Chapter President Larry Sturgeon.
- February 10, 2018 General Members Meeting Past President and Chapter George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Chairman Charlie Day presented 1st Place winner Caleb S. Sheppard a check for \$200.00, Medal and Certificate with his Essay "Light Horse Harry" Lee: Legendary Tactician".
- February 10, 2018 General Members Meeting Past President and Chapter George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Chairman Charlie Day presented 2nd Place winner Rachel E. Sheppard a check for \$100.00 and Certificate with her Essay "Paul Revere: Patriot Silversmith".
- February 15, 16, 20, 21, 2018 Americanism Poster Contest Chairman Norman Freyer, FLSSAR President Robert Folk and Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson spoke on **(1) Who we are. (2) The Poster Contest Theme, "The American Revolution in Florida – The Battle of Pensacola" and (3) Revolutionary War soldiers uniforms** to the Hernando Elementary School 3rd, 4th and 5th grade regular and gifted students.
- February 27, 2018 SAR Women's Auxiliary presents YMCA U. S. Flag Gift during a recent visit to the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA. The gift of a flag of the United States of America was made to the YMCA by the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Woman's Auxiliary. Presentation of the flag gift was made by Dorothy Day, Auxiliary Treasurer, and Ellie Folk, Auxiliary President. Accepting for the YMCA was Joanna Castle, YMCA Executive Director, and Bill Coyle, YMCA Wellness Director. Gift of the flag came about because of a need brought to the Withlacoochee Chapter by Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson. Compatriot members of the Withlacoochee Chapter SAR were also present for the presentation.
- March 2, 2018 Compatriot Norman Freyer of the Withlacoochee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, recently presented a Flag Commendation Certificate to Cynthia Y. Zagorac, a resident of the Hammocks of Sugarmill Woods, Homosassa, FL. Cynthia is a patriot who proudly flies the flag of the United States following proper flag protocol.
- March 10, 2018 General Members Meeting Guest Speaker Dennis Dix, AICP, MPO Executive Director, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization spoke on Florida's future transportation system.
- March 10, 2018 FLSSAR President Robert Folk, Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson and Past President Charles Day attended the 235th Anniversary of The Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War.
- March 10, 2018 Color Guard Vice-Commander Bill Ferguson and Treasurer Jack Townsend participated in the Liberty Tree dedication at The Villages, Florida.
- March 15, 2018 Past President Charles Day, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson and Immediate Past President Clyde Johnson participated in WYKE-TV Interview about The Boy Scouts of America and the Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard.
- March 27, 2018 **CEO Richard Massa of Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County, was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. SAR Members attending, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, Past President Charlie Day and Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson. There were about 25 people who attended the Presentation.**
- April 7, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson and Past President Charles Day participated in the 241ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK.
- At the April 14, 2018 Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution General Members Meeting Chapter President Larry Sturgeon presented Past President/Color Guard Commander Richard Sumner his 15 year Membership Certificate, Treasurer Jack Townsend, 20 year Membership Certificate, Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate and Associate Registrar Vicki Brown, Martha Washington Medal and Certificate.

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

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

No report

## Ocala Chapter – Wayne Carlton Curtis, President

No report

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

### Officer Roster Listing:

The Chapter Officers for the 2017-2018 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: 2016 - 2018

January 2018 meeting attendance was 35 including 21 members and 14 guests; February 2018 attendance was 23 including 16 members and 7 guests; March 2018 attendance was 23 including 19 members and 4 guests; April attendance was 28 including 19 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 at the end of 2017 is 93. 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 re-aligned 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 chapter's programs include some very exceptional topics, including

March 4 This was 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 Ralph Nelson, who addresses the movement Washington and Rochambeau's armies south to Virginia to confront Cornwallis; "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 Scott Bushnell, made a presentation on the Battle of Oriskany and the Siege of Fort Stanwix.

· June 3 Tom Wilcox, gave a presented The Battle of Brooklyn: The Lost Battle That Won the War

October 7 Retired CIA official Donald Wyman gave a presentation concerning the CIA Museum.

November 4 Allan Lane gave a presentation concerning the fascinating end of the Civil War in native State of North Carolina, and how negotiations were almost derailed by the assassination of President Lincoln. The presentation is titled Sherman's Last Campaign—The Astounding end of the Civil War, Durham Station, NC, April 26, 1865.

December 2 Holocaust survivor Gene Klein gave a talk on his family's horrific experiences Auschwitz and slave labor camps in Poland and Germany. Mr. Klein decided late in life to tell the story of his family's resilience in the face of terror.

January 6 Jay M. Garner, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired) made a presentation on security concerns for America in countries around the world based on his own experiences. He was awarded a certificate of appreciation.

- February 3 “Sir Douglas (Doug Hughes) spoke about the American Revolution from the British point of view. His presentation is described as “lively with many fresh facts” and Sir Douglas enjoyed answering questions about the British alternative view of the Revolution.
- March 3 COL Pete Stauder, US Air Force (Retired), has been doing genealogical research since 1980. He has extensively researched his Irish and German lineage. His presentation focused on researching Irish ancestors, and the pitfalls and difficulties of research before 1900.
- April 7 David Head Ph.D. currently is a lecturer at the University of Central Florida and has authored many published books and articles on American history. His presentation was on Privateers of the Americas: Spanish American Privateering from the United States in the Early Republic.

**Awards:**

A variety of awards were made during this period, including: Lake-Sumter sent entries in for the SAR National Newsletter competition, and won First Place in the national competition. 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, received four Oak Leaf Clusters for the Liberty Medal for recruiting 40 new members, and became a member of the Florida Battalion.

**Chapter Community Activities:**

This chapter year, Ron Grove has taken over the responsibility of the Education efforts, and is leading the charge with the Americanism Poster Contest, and the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. We have an entry for the Knight Essay Contest, and the American History Teacher contest, two new areas of competition for the chapter.

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

The chapter paraded in the George Fest 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.

The chapter aided in 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.

Another Liberty Tree planting in in the early planning stages for Spring at the American Legion Hall in Fruitland Park, FL as an honor of the SAR Lake-Sumter Chapter’s 30th anniversary.

The chapter participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony with the American Legion in Fruitland Park, FL. An information table was manned at Hawthorne Community for Veteran's Appreciation Day. Certificates of Appreciation presented to Veterans.

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

The chapter aided in the 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 Lake –Sumter counties 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 three World War II veterans who have been recognized: Glenn Langston, Don Voorhees, and Glenn Bowron. Our fourth World War II veteran, Fred Harrison, passed away over the Christmas holiday.

Ron Grove led the Americanism Award effort.

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

**Northeastern Regional Vice President**

James Y. Gaskinsjgaskins0152@comcast.net

The four Chapters of the NE Region have banded together to help one Chapter in need. That Chapter is experiencing the adverse effects of an aging membership and members who no longer live in the local area full time. We dedicated our Regional Meeting to focus on that issue in March.

Kudos to **Compatriot Scott Breckenridge**, Secretary of the Jacksonville Chapter who volunteered to become a dual member and take over the duties of Chapter Secretary for our sister Chapter AND to Compatriot John Parkerson, who, at age 85 turned over the duties of Secretary/Treasurer for unavoidable personal matters. Our **First VP, Pat Niemann** has been personally involved from the first meeting and continues to provide leadership and guidance.

First-blush lessons learned... **1. Regular Communications.** The chapter members need to know what's going on in the chapter, and what is coming up. To accomplish that, we've started a monthly newsletter. The newsletter doesn't have a name yet, but we are running a "contest" to name it in an effort to get the chapter members involved. We've published two editions so far, and they go out via email to those online, and hard-copies mailed to those without email. **2. Regular Chapter Meetings.** We've established regular monthly chapter meetings. **3. Election of Officers** and **4. Community Activities** • The chapter presented Bronze ROTC medals to cadets at four local high schools.

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

- January 24, 2018: Flagler Chapter meeting. Flagler Chapter Compatriot Paul Pritchard, (LTC ret.) gave a presentation about his experiences as an advisor to the South Vietnam Army as reflected in his recently published book "A Young Man in War".
- February 4, 2018: Flagler Chapter members participated in a Four Chaplains Ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post 115.
- February 22, 2018: Fourth Annual Thomas Creek Battlefield Hike in North Florida.
- February 28, 2018: Flagler Chapter meeting. Guest speaker Compatriot Roger Smith gave a presentation based on his book, "Hope of Freedom", describing the plight of Southern Blacks during the American Revolution. Compatriot Smith is a dual member of the Flagler Chapter.
- February 28, 2018: Joseph Dalrymple was inducted into the NSSAR Flagler Chapter by President Randall Morris and VP Charles Hayes.
- March 21, 2018: Flagler Chapter meeting featured a presentation of NJ Public TV production "Morristown, Where America Survived".
- April 1st, 2018: Pritchard family members, Christopher Pritchard, Stephen Pritchard, Eason Pritchard III and Andrew Wilkin, were inducted into the NSSAR Flagler Chapter under our Flagler Chapter Liberty Tree by President Randall Morris & VP Charles Hayes.
- April 13, 2018: William Berry Dodson, a Daniel Boone descendant, was inducted into the NSSAR Flagler Chapter by President Randall Morris & VP Charles Hayes.
- April 21, 2018: Cadet LTC John McLellan awarded JROTC Medal & Certificate by Compatriot David Kelsey.
- April 25, 2018: Flagler Chapter meeting featured a presentation of the National Park Service production "Independence".
- May 2nd, 2018: Cadet SFC Andrew J. Asbill awarded JROTC Medal & Certificate by Compatriot Paul Pritchard.

**Jacksonville Chapter**                      **Roy Lee Weiland, President**

Chapter Officers for 2017-2018:

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

Membership:

The Chapter began the year with 163 members and currently has 165 members at the time of this report.

Meeting Programs:

January:	President William Ziegenfus spoke on "Roderigue Hortalez & Company" and its role in French financial and military aid for our colonial independence from Britain.
February:	Flag Retirement Ceremony
March:	Dan McMichael portrayed Major Gen. Nathaneal Greene: His Life & Times; and

updated us on the Nathanael Greene Homestead repairs and Museum Restoration Project.

April: Personal Reminiscences by World War II Veteran Dick Covey.  
Election of Officers for 2018 - 2019

May Installation of New Officers, Chapter Awards & Recognitions, & Memorial Service.

Color Guard:

11 Feb. 2018 Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Mandarin Community Center.  
17 Feb. 2018 Participated in the DAR George Washington Luncheon.  
24 Feb. 2018 Participated in the Kingsley Plantation Heritage Day  
29 Mar. 2018 Viet Nam Veterans' Recognition at the Jacksonville National Cemetery  
07 April 2018 Thomas Creek Commemoration  
14 April 2018 123rd Birthday, Jacksonville Chapter DAR Meeting  
14 April 2018 Frederica Patriots Day Ceremony, St. Simon's Island, GA  
17 May 2018 Eagle Court of Honor for Joshua Herbert at Yulee, Florida.

Americanism:

Presented flag to new Clay County Habitat for Humanity home owner on 19 January 2018.  
Flag Certificates were awarded to: Stephen J. Kowalchuk (Flag raising at the World War II U.S. Military Cemetery in Luxembourg) and the Moose Lodge in Yulee, Florida  
Flag Retirement Ceremony was held 11 February 2018 2:00 PM at the Mandarin Community Center  
Compatriots from our chapter attended every Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court Middle District of Florida and welcomed an average of 50 new citizens from 30 countries each month from May 2017 through May 2018  
On Saturday April 7th 2018, the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated in Jacksonville, Florida at Seaton Creek Historic Park with over 100 attending. There was participation from the City of Jacksonville, National Park Service, local Boy Scouts, Florida and Georgia SAR Chapters, and DAR and C.A.R. Chapters. Dr. Roger Smith was the keynote speaker. There was a 15-man Color Guard of SAR Compatriots, and a live black powder musket salute.

Special Projects:

Contributed \$135.00 to the Nathanael Greene Homestead Restoration Project  
Contributed \$150 to Wreaths Across America Project

ROTC and JROTC

ROTC: University of North Florida, and Jacksonville University  
5 Apr. 2018 Cadet Kaitlyne Buchanan, University of North Florida ROTC  
12 Apr. 2018 MIDN Martin Barragan, Jacksonville University ROTC

JROTC: Duval County, Clay County, and Nassau County High Schools  
30 Mar. 2018 William M. Raines High School JROTC, Cadet Jershawn T. Owens  
6 Apr. 2018 Clay High School JROTC, C/PO1 Natalie Thoresen  
12 Apr. 2018 Andrew Jackson High School JROTC, C/SSGT Ian Thomas  
14 Apr. 2018 Jean Ribault High School JROTC, C/2nd LT David Mackey  
17 Apr. 2018 Mandarin High School JROTC, C/LCDR Travis Dempsey  
18 Apr. 2018 Terry Parker High School JROTC, Cadet, LTJG Kellin Klein  
19 Apr. 2018 Westside High School JROTC, C/CMS Taw Lo  
21 Apr. 2018 Baldwin Middle-Senior High School JROTC, Cadet 1SG Gage Ciopryna  
21 Apr/ 2018 Paxton Advanced Studies JROTC, Cadet Maijah N. Levert  
25 Apr. 2018 First Coast High School, Cadet, CPO1 Gary Minar  
26 Apr. 2018 Bishop Kenny Catholic High School ROTC, C/CPO Sean Seabrooke  
26 Apr. 2018 Samuel W. Wolfson High School JROTC, Cadet CPT Kyle A. Hinchliffe  
27 Apr. 2018 Sandalwood High School JROTC, Cadet SSGT Aaron Bartlett  
27 Apr. 2018 Robert E. Lee High School JROTC, C/PO1 Zaber Sobers  
03 May 2018 Orange Park High School JROTC, Cadet LCDR Colt Rousseau  
05 May 2018 West Nassau High School JROTC, Cadet Kaleb Doran  
05 May 2018 Atlantic Coast Young Marines, JROTC Honor Graduate Kimberly Gibbons  
05 May 2018 Middleburg High School JROTC, C/ENS Shane Williams  
10 May 2018 Fleming Island High School JROTC, Cadet ENS William Edwards  
11 May 2018 Edward H. White High School JROTC, Cadet Joshua Sears  
12 May 2018 NAS JAX Sea Cadet Program JROTC, PO Trevor Hoenie  
18 May 2018 Englewood High School JROTC, Cadet 2LT Hannah Cervantes



18 May 2018 Ridgeview High School JROTC, (awardee yet to be named)  
19 May 2018 Keystone Heights High School JROTC, (awardee yet to be named)

Eagle Scout Recognition

3 Feb. 2018 Awarded 33 Eagle Certificates at the Clay County Annual Black Creek Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner to: William D. Edwards, Troop 33; Alijah C. Ramirez, Troop 309; Zachary T. Conover, Troop 422; Dylan R. Beneduce, Troop 25; Richard P. Devereaux, Troop 653; Aaron L. Swartz, Troop 650; Gabriele A. Peddycord, Troop 389; Justin K. Tracy, Troop 892; Alexander J. Krupsky, Troop 892; Spencer D. Varner, Troop 653; Brian M. Davies Jr., Troop 650; Maverick J. Smith, Troop 892; Benjamin H. Gelok, Troop 892; Nicholas A. Adkins, Troop 653; John M. Collins, Troop 223; Dalton M. Willimon, Troop 389; Stephen R. Sizemore Jr., Troop 20; Timothy A. Peddycord, Troop 389; Matthew C. Rizer, Troop 892; Cameron B. Woolard, Troop 650; Andru J. Funyak, Troop 650; Anthony C. Archibeque II, Troop 653; Cory J. Benavides, Troop 482; Ethan I. Shelton, Troop 309; Ryan A. Childress, Troop 309; Samuel C. Colton, Troop 223; Kasey C. Kern, Troop 25; Joshua G. Bass, Troop 33; Colton R. Hawkinson, Troop 892; Walter E. Logan, Troop 412; Joshua C. George, Troop 412; Robert T. Hockersmith III, Troop 424; and Cody A. Plotner, Troop 424.

17 May 2018 Chapter Presentation of the Arthur M. and Berenda King Eagle Scout Essay Contest Award to Joshua Hebert.

SAR Brochure Contest

Seventh Grade teacher Ms Cindy Cheatwood at First Baptist Hight School invited her students to participate in the contest. Our Chapter awarded 1st Place to Deshani Hettiarachchi; 2nd Place to Kelley Feeney; 3rd Place to Gillian Kinder; Honorable Mention to Cathleen Kivett; and ribbons to every participant.

Operation Ancestor Search

Mayo Clinic Florida accepted the SAR OAS program and offers it to veterans while they are in the hospital and / or awaiting organ transplantation.

Children of the American Revolution:

Provided financial support for the Vaughn-Latham Chapter CAR Society of Amelia Island and the Princess Malee Chapter CAR Society of Jacksonville. Executive Committee member Chuck Farmer attended the January 28, 2018 meeting of Vaughn-Latham Society. President William Ziegenfus attended the February 24, 2018 meeting of the Princess Malee Society.

**St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President**

No report

**Daytona-Ormond Chapter Newton White President**

Chapter Officers:

President: Newton D. White  
Secretary: M. Scott Breckenridge  
Registrar: Richard M. Lyon, Jr.

Membership:

Chapter membership is currently at 43.

Meetings:

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

Communications:

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

Americanism:

We have offered our services to Habitat for Humanity to present US flags to new homeowners. The offer has been accepted, although no home dedications have occurred to date.

(J)ROTC

4/13/2018 Cadet Blake A. Gilmore, Spruce Creek High School  
4/19/2018 Cadet Connor Adams, DeLand High School  
4/25/2018 Cadet Xavier James, Mainland High School

## East Central Regional Vice President

Charles Berger opastuart2004@yahoo.com

### **Brevard Chapter Submitted by Barry Eller, President**

No report

### **Central Florida Chapter**

No report

### **St Lucie River Chapter President Charles Berger**

Our last quarter started on a sad note. Our President, Chuck McKinley, passed after a short illness. We continued attending the VA meetings. We had our yearly meeting with the Okeechobee DAR. We presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to the retiring police chief. We had a speaker that couldn't show up for our regular meeting and a member, Lt.Col. Matthew Saxton, ret. pitched in. Matt is a middle school history teacher and the JROTC Instructor. We presented JROTC Medals at 9 High schools. Our chapter is helping the soon to be chartered "Okeechobee" Chapter. Officers and members have worked hard to get everything in order. Again this year we will end the year with our "Spring Fling" picnic.

### **Treasure Coast**

No report

## West Central Regional Vice President

Charles Butler c.butler@stpeteSAR.org

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

January 2018

Presented the Sea Cadet Medal of Good Citizenship the PO Jacob Borgia  
The Chapter welcomed RVP Charles Butler to present a program on the Strategic Plan for the FLSSAR

February 2018

Presented Eagle Scout Recognition certificates to Levi Fallavoillita, Charles Gilman, David Haslem,  
Presented American Flags to habitat for Humanity 7 homes in Clearwater  
Compatriot Brian Bartlett from Wisconsin Society led the Color Guard to present the colors and led the  
pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Eagle Scout Stuart Case received the Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship and presented his essay to the  
Membership  
Stuart Case also presented his Essay for the Knight Essay  
Presented Eagle Scout Austin Tincher a certificate of recognition  
Compatriot Bob Yarnell of the Tampa Chapter presented the topic of How Historical Sites Speak to Us  
Presented a Flag Certificate to the Dunedin Golf Club  
The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the Clearwater Chapter DAR meeting  
Compatriot Colin Good passed away on 2/27/2018 in Aubrey, TX  
The Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the Caladesi Chapter DAR genealogy seminar meeting

March 2018

Presented a Flag Certificate to the Avalon Stables  
Presented American Flags to habitat for Humanity 2 homes in Clearwater  
Presented JROTC Medal to Ridgewood High School

Eagle Scout Certificates was presented to Tyler Wilburn  
Inducted new member Jonathan Vincent, grandson of Compatriot Hal Miller  
Jack Bolen of the South Shore Chapter presented a program about the British's Southern Campaign in the Revolutionary War

April 2018

Eagle Scout Certificates were presented to Mike Blount, Ethan Craft, Ryan Green, and Tucker Toenjes  
Began presenting Good Citizenship Medals to High Schools, Indian Rocks H.S., and Osceola H. S.  
Continued presenting JROTC Medals to High Schools, River Ridge H.S., Mitchell H.S.  
Presented American Flags to habitat for Humanity 4 homes in Clearwater  
Inducted Garrett Cropsey as a new member.  
RVP Charles Butler attended the Chapter meeting and presented the State Strategic Plan to the membership.  
Our new website was brought online. ClearwaterSAR.org

May 2018

Continued presenting Good Citizenship Medals to High Schools Clearwater H.S., Countryside H.S., Pinellas Park H. S., Tarpon Springs H.S., river Ridge H.S., Hudson H.S., Palm Harbor University H.S., Calvary Christian H.S. and Anclote H.S.  
Continued presenting JROTC Medals to High Schools Dunedin H.S., Gulf H.S., Anclote H.S., Clearwater H.S., Hudson H.S., Gulf H.S.  
The Chapter welcomed Dr. Lisl Schick to present a program on on the Holocaust Museum in St. Pete Florida

### **South Shore Chapter Don Gunn, President**

Eagle Scout - Patch and Certificate presented to 7 Eagle Scouts  
JROTC – JROTC Medal and certificate presented to cadets from 10 East Hillsborough County High Schools.  
February Chapter Meeting - Our featured speaker was Rear Admiral Larry Chambers USN 9ret). Larry was Commander of the USS Midway in April 1975 and was ordered to the waters off Saigon as part of Operation "Frequent Wind". Helicopters flew numerous sorties into Saigon to evacuate American military and civilian personnel as well as South Vietnamese military allies as North Vietnamese troops entered the city. The iconic photos of the day showed sailors onboard the Midway shoving fuel-depleted Huey helicopters off the flight deck to allow a South Vietnamese Major and his family to land a small, private airplane on the carrier's deck. In 2004, Chambers reunited with Major Buang-Ly and members of his family at the museum when the Major's daughter was 37 years old. She was 8 years old in 1975, when the safe landing took place. In March 2018, Rear Admiral Lawrence Chambers, class of 1952, received the U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Award.  
March Chapter Meeting – Our March meeting was huge, with more than 40 members and guests in attendance. Featured speaker LTC Benny Blackshire, US Army (ret), packed the house with his tales of clandestine work in Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Laos along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. His Top Secret work was only recently declassified, allowing him to share his incredible story.  
April Chapter Meeting – Another large turnout for our April featured speaker Mike Deeb, a noted Civil War novelist and retired professor of American History. While much of Mike's published work is historical fiction following a Michigan boy through various major scenes during the Civil War, he has also published books on the assassinations of both Robert and John Kennedy. His topic to us, "Causes of the American Revolution" was timely and informative, and Mike offered to send our members a monthly newsletter centering on the Revolution.

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

February 2018

Cindy Weatherby was recognized for her service and support for our chapter. Alan Craig was recognized for his service as President last year. Under his leadership the chapter was awarded the 1st place chapter banner for the first time for the Americanism Award for chapters our size.  
Vanessa Talbott, Regent of the Clearwater DAR chapter, was recognized for her long list of joint campaigns with our SAR chapter and for her many accomplishments with the CAR which this chapter also sponsors.  
John Stewart again portrayed Thomas Jefferson, focusing on Jefferson's relationship with George Washington. While Washington was a soldier and the head of the Continental Army, his friend

Jefferson was a statesman who was instrumental in the Continental Congress and the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. He later served as governor of Virginia and went back to congress after the war. He proposed free public schools for the needy and worked to bring statehood to the 'western lands.' Jefferson succeeded Ben Franklin as ambassador to France, and then was appointed Secretary of State by President Washington. Jefferson did not get along with Alexander Hamilton, forcing Washington to mediate. Washington ultimately sided with Hamilton and the Federalists, causing a rift between Jefferson and Washington that lasted several years until Washington's death.

March 2018

President Rogers reported on his meeting with a member of the Pinellas County school board. He and other chapter members are attempting to raise awareness of the Revolutionary War and our founding fathers among students, who no longer are taught American history in high school. Additional details on his meeting will be included in the chapter newsletter.

David Chestnut announced that our chapter has been approved by FLSSAR to establish our own color guard unit, Colonel Gabriel Long Camp #16. Vice Commander of the Sons of Liberty Brigade Dick Young presided at the ceremony. Gabriel Long began his military service as a color guardsman, and eventually rose to the rank of colonel. He served at Valley Forge under General George Washington.

April 2018

President Rogers reported that next month's meeting will focus on our annual law enforcement award, which will be presented to Deputy Amanda Gressinger of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. He plans to make this a joint meeting with several of the local DAR chapters. Our annual Knight Essay winner will also attend and receive an award from the chapter. Our newly approved chapter color guard will also be in attendance, in uniform.

David Chestnut gave an informative presentation of the history of Freemasonry and its involvement in the Revolutionary War. These fraternal organizations date back to the 14th century, originally established as craft guilds for stonemasons. The basic local unit is the Lodge, and members are expected to believe in a Supreme Being, be law abiding, do good in the community, and respect government. George Washington was a Mason, as were Ben Franklin, Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, and all 13 of the original colonial governors.

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

January 2018

The January meeting was the Tampa Chapter Annual Officer Installation Banquet. Regional Vice President Charles Butler was on hand to make a presentation on the status of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning process and to officiate at the Officer Installation. The following Compatriots were installed to serve the Tampa Chapter during 2018: President, John Goolsby, Vice President, David Bryant, Recording Secretary, Jim Handly, Membership Secretary, Jason Krajnyak, Treasurer, Paul Ergler, Chancellor, Charles Klug, Chaplain, John Sessums, Historian, Bob Yarnell, Registrar/Genealogist, Brett Thomas, Sergeant-at-Arms, Dick Young, Executive Committee Members at Large (2) Terry Doan and Jack Bolen

American Revolution Notes:

This month the Tampa Chapter began a five-part series on the ratification of the Constitution. First was a brief intro and the first states to ratify.

Four Supplemental Certificates have been delivered to the Tampa Chapter for presentation to its members.

Those four Compatriots whose Supplemental Patriot Ancestor has been approved are:

John William Glass, Matthew Curtis Glass, Wesley Minton Morris, William Bebout Swain.

February 2018

The February meeting featured an excellent presentation by J. Michael Francis, PhD of USF-St. Petersburg, and his work on Spanish history in Colonial Florida.

March 2018

The March meeting featured speaker was Roger Smith, PhD, a Florida historian who has studied and written extensively on the history of Colonial Florida and the role of the British Colony of East Florida in the Revolution. Dr. Smith has made many presentations at various SAR events including the spring Leadership Conference in Louisville and the recent Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville.

April 2018

April was our annual JROTC recognition luncheon. We had three of the Cadets we recognized join us for additional recognition. Among those three was Middleton HS Cadet Joseph Lubinski also as the winner of the Tampa Chapter Enhanced JROTC Award. Cadet Lubinski read his winning essay for us. We have learned since the meeting that Cadet Lubinski was named as the third-place winner of the Florida Society Enhanced JROTC Award.

### **William Devane Chapter**

The William DeVane Chapter met at Buddy Freddy's Restaurant on Friday, April 20. Regional Vice President Charles Butler presented the FLSSAR Strategic Plan to the officers in attendance. Extensive discussion and brainstorming also occurred on the topics of chapter development, new member recruitment, and broadening community recognition and outreach efforts by the chapter.

### **Lakeland Chapter      President – Tom Williamson**

February 2018

Cleveland Heights Golf Course

Secretary John Snapp presented This Day in History February 14, 1778 – The 1st Rhode Island Regiment. President Williamson introduced our keynote speaker for the day; WOSAR Joan Howard. Joan presented an interesting program on her ancestor Benjamin Lattimore. President Williamson presented Joan with a certificate of appreciation.

March 2018

Cleveland Heights Golf Course

This Day in History- **March 17** was presented by John Snapp.

Our Speaker was member Jerrell Burchett who spoke about 'My Family History.'

New Member Induction Ceremony by Registrar Alvie Davidson- New Member is Angelo David Palumbo.

April 2018

Cleveland Heights Golf Course

This Day in History- **April 21** was presented by John Snapp.

Our September 2018 meeting conflicts on September 15 with Bartow DAR's meeting on Constitution Week so we will have our meeting on September 22.

Our guest speaker was USAF Colonel Jim Mecsics (retired) who spoke about Revolutionary War Militia- Their Story.

We had a Presentation of FLSSAR'S Strategic Plan by Charles Butler, our RVP West Central Region.

## **Southeast Regional Vice President**

Wm Lee Popham      popham@earthlink.net

During the four months ended 30 April 2018, Regional Vice President Popham attended:

Three Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings;

The SAR Miami Chapter Annual Presidents Day Luncheon and Installation of 2018 officers;

The Spring 2018 Leadership Conference at the Brown Hotel in Louisville KY, where I now serve on six National Committees: Finance, Investments, Budget, Implementation, Eagle Scout, and 250th Anniversary;

I serve as Chairman of the National Budget Committee;

I serve as the Alternate SAR Representative on the Community Relationships Support Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. I also continue to serve as a member of the National Sea Scout Committee, a position I have held for fourteen years;

Winter FLSSAR Board of Management (BOM) Meeting, Seminars, and participation in the Color Guard;

### **Ft. Lauderdale Chapter      Submitted by Allen Manning, Chapter President**

2018 Membership Total- 37

CAR Donations: \$350.00

Eagle Scout Certificates issued- 41

JROTC Medals issued- 30

Good Citizenship Recognition Award- 12

Awarded the SAR Fire Rescue Commendation Award to BSO Fire Rescue Captain David Erdman for his outstanding work in training Law Enforcement about the Synthetic Drug Epidemic in February.

Our Chapter supported one person American Legions Boys State in Tallahassee in 2017. Cost \$350.00

Meeting for Saturday, September 16th was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma.

Years of Service Pins W/Certificate were issued at the October/November meeting for those that had at least 5 years of membership.

Awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation to DOD (Department of Detention) to Captain Timothy Langelier for his outstanding work and dedication in November.

Supported Wreaths Across America Cost \$150.00. Chapter purchased 10 wreaths.

Motioned passed at January 20th Chapter Meeting to donate \$150.00 yearly to VA.

2018 Chapter Officers:

President-	David Lott
Vice President-	Vacant
Secretary-	John Dye
Registrar/Genealogist-	Vacant
Treasurer/Editor-	Joe Motes
Historian/SGT-AT-ARMS-	Joe Motes
Chaplain-	David Kramer

### **Miami Chapter Submitted by Wm Lee Popham**

#### **Chapter Activities and Events:**

The Miami Chapter currently meets for a Dutch Treat Luncheon on the Third Friday of each month, at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, located at 1395 NW 57 Avenue (Red Road), Miami Florida 33126. All members and guests are welcome.

Early last year the Chapter experienced the publication of a website (ongoing development) and a Chapter newsletter. These two efforts are important to bring together the membership through timely communication, keeping all abreast of the latest developments, opportunities, and accomplishments.

We have convened monthly Board of Directors meetings to assist in planning and administration in order to produce a more meaningful and efficient local organization. Additionally, we have successfully transitioned our monthly luncheons to the 94th Aero Squadron where we select from a much wider menu and enjoy a more pleasant ambience, including the iguanas (strictly as a visual oddity, not for consumption)!

A few of our members have been very active by attending all the NSSAR Leadership Conferences and the 127th National Congress. We have also had representation at all the Board of Managers (BOM) meetings where a few of our members hold positions on several FLSSAR committees. In addition, some compatriots also have become involved with NSSAR committees, including the Eagle Scout Committee and the American History Teacher of the Year Committee. Two of our members can also be found on the Germany Society roster which is an adjunct of the main organization.

The Thomas Payne Camp (our Miami Chapter Color Guard) became more active in 2017. Elements of the Guard supported many National holidays and local events, including the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Junior Orange Bowl Parade, Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker, Harvest Fest, and others (see previous newsletters). We have supported much of the Color Guard activity at the BOMs, Leadership Conferences, and National Congress.

We have recognized many in Miami with decorations, awards, and certificates. Recipients have included local heroes, compatriots, Eagle Scouts, ROTC/JROTC, among others.

Chapter President Wolff and Delores Wolff were invited to the Caloosa Chapter's Annual Dinner held on George Washington's birthday. President Wolff and Delores attended, representing the Miami Chapter at this fun-filled occasion. They met many wonderful compatriots and won the silent auction for a basket containing many items reflecting our French allies during the Revolutionary War.

We have begun the task of instituting a Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary under the guidance of Delores Wolff, DAR. We opened the new year with a flurry of activity. March immediately began with the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville. Delores Wolff and Chapter President Wolff, along with Compatriot Lee Popham, Sr. attended and, at once, became involved with one meeting after another during the long weekend. PG Larry Guzy declared that the Friday evening banquet would be reflective of St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) and many of the assemblage wore green, or dressed in their Irish best. The band played many Irish favorites

with the assemblage joining in song for most of them. Both Compatriots Popham and Wolff attended the Germany Society of the SAR where the members elected new officers for the coming year.

The Miami SAR Board of Directors met at the home of 1st Vice President William Wicks on March 6, 2018 and conducted its usual business, addressing finances, committee reports, and upcoming activities. The Registrar, Compatriot Sileo, informed us that the 1776 Group contains 29 prospects!

Compatriot Sileo also presented financial scenarios to the BOD that are structured to give us potential strategies for our investment portfolio that could offer us a more lucrative return coupled with additional safety measures. He was the focus of our program at the March 16th luncheon.

Compatriot George Cadman, III related that Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables was hosting a fund raiser for the Military Hospitality Lounge, located at Miami International Airport (MIA) on April 11, 2018 from 5:30 P. M. - 7:30 P. M. Light food/beer/wine/beverages were served. There was a suggested donation of \$25 per person or \$40.00 for a couple requested. If you recall, this is one of the projects earmarked by Delores and the Ladies Auxiliary. Chapter President Wolff presented a check from the Miami Chapter to assist in the success of the Military Lounge at MIA.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is the official US Holiday recognizing all Veterans who served in the US Military during the Vietnam War Era. President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on March 28, 2017 officially recognizing March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Taking the lead from the Palm Beach Chapter, Chapter President Wolff encouraged all Miami Chapter members and friends to thank a Vietnam Veteran by inviting a Vet to our March 16th Chapter meeting, and to send a social media "shout out" using VietnamWarVeteransDay.

1st Vice President William Wicks, Esq. hosted the May Board of Directors meeting at his lovely home on April 9, 2018. Compatriot President Bernard Wolff reported on a series of archived, historical records in order to update current knowledge of past motions and resolutions taken by previous Boards. Chapter Historian Thomas Jelke stated, earlier, that he would digitize the archives for easier perusal and retrieval. We are in the process of obtaining these documents from several sources.

A motion was entertained to authorize 2nd Vice President Rob Sileo to pursue the final contract wording that would allow the BOD to make better use of the investments that we hold. Mostly, this will permit the knowledge of an active management team to make recommendations while providing additional security for the corpus of the funds.

Chapter President Wolff invited Compatriot George Cadman, III to present an appeal for financial support to assist the Military Lounge at the Miami International Airport. Subsequently, the BOD authorized a check to be presented at the fundraising event held at the Coral Gables Mercedes - Benz dealership. It was a well-attended event with several compatriots in attendance. The Ladies Auxiliary is adopting a service component for the group that will provide hostesses for the Lounge. They also report that they made contact with the Fischer House adjacent to the VA Hospital in Miami. Delores Wolff, Ladies Auxiliary President, wrote that they are constructing the raffle basket in support of the State Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser at the May BOM in Kissimmee.

Compatriot Sileo, in his additional role as Register/Genealogist, reported that there are 33 members in the 1776 Group for April which constitutes potential additions to the Chapter. This number reflected an increase of four people over the previous month's tally. We have gained five new compatriots since his last report.

A general consensus called for the Membership Directory to be updated and we are accumulating the necessary information to accomplish the directive.

Color Guard Commander David Mitchell, Esq. is coordinating our presence at a local Memorial Day event. Remember that we have several uniforms in storage. Perhaps one will fit you!

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:  
Membership at 30 April 2018 is 85 Compatriots.  
There were also 32 Prospective Compatriots at 30 April, with Application preparation in process.

President's Annual Luncheon and George Washington's Birthday Celebration:  
2018 Marked the 125th Anniversary of the Miami Chapter SAR.  
The Presentation of the Colors by the Thomas Paine Camp Color Guard.

Compatriot Dr. Roger Smith was our featured keynote speaker, and special guest FLSSAR Sr. Vice President Pat Niemann served as our installing officer for our Annual Luncheon and Washington's Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Miami Springs Country Club on 18 February 2018.

Compatriot Bernard W. Wolff was installed for a second term as SAR Miami Chapter President for 2018. The following additional officers were installed for the 2018 year:

President	Bernard W. Wolff
1st Vice President	William R. Wicks
2nd Vice President	Robert A. Sileo
Secretary-Treasurer	Wm Lee Popham, Sr.
Genealogist/Registrar	Robert A. Sileo
Chaplain	Otto P. Williams
Recording Secretary	Douglas H. Bridges, Sr.
Historian	Thomas Jelke
Immediate Past President	Wm Lee Popham, Sr.
Commander, Thomas Payne Camp	David B. Mitchell, Esq.

The following Medals and Recognitions were awarded:

**5-Year Member Pins**

John Charles Cooper  
Charles Lester Evers  
Charles Warner Griswold  
Wm Lee Popham, Sr.  
Kristopher William Putt  
Trevor Arthur Putt  
Brian Louis Swanson  
Paul Bridges Thompson  
Robert Willis Wells, Jr.

**20-Year Member Pins**

James Kendall Clark  
Donald George Dunn  
David Calhoun Miller Jr.  
Michael Edward Ross

**35-Year Member Pins**

Charles Leonard Balli  
James Alan Cross, Jr.  
Antonio Ralph Perez  
Donald David Slesnick II

**50-Year Member Pin**

John M Thomson

**10-Year Member Pins**

Douglas H. Bridges, Sr.  
Charles R. Leo  
Jefre Thomas Riser

**25-Year Member Pins**

Fred Lambert Hooper, Jr.  
Jeffrey Cox Hooper  
Frederick Lambert Hooper III  
Frank Allen Lane  
Charles Lyndon Pollock  
David Ethan Randolph  
Steven Eric Valla

**40-Year Member Pins**

M. Walker Duvall  
Richard E. Friberg  
Robin Duane Teagarden Jr.

**55-Year Member Pin**

David A. Trussell

**15-Year Member Pins**

Fred Reese Bridges  
Douglas H. Bridges Jr.  
O. Townsend Dann  
Jonathan Walker Duvall  
Robert Leon Highbaugh  
David B. Mitchell, Esq.  
Saul M. Montes-Bradley  
Robert Mitchell Oliver III  
Otto Parker Williams

**30-Year Member Pins**

Samuel James Boldrick  
Charles Eugene Harrison  
Kenneth Eugene Harrison  
Phillip Mallory Johansen  
Lawrence Gerald Percival  
Randall Marvin Perry  
Jon Cary Stemples

**45-Year Member Pins**

Arthur L. Craig  
Robert F. Liebler  
Robert Joseph Wolz  
Thomas Heyward Wright

Knight Essay Contest – Miami Chapter Winner - Jose Afonso

Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.):

Bronze Medal of Appreciation –	Trevor Putt, George E. Cadman V
Bronze Oak Leaf	Pam Cadman, Jill Cadman

SAR Medal of Appreciation:

Bronze Medal	Wendy Kirby, Janice McKay [From 2017]
Bronze Oak Leaf	Louise Friberg

Martha Washington Medal:

Bronze Oak Leaf.....	Doris Bridges
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Lydia Darragh Medal:

Deloris Wolff

JROTC Endowment Medal

David B. Mitchell, Esq.

NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal:

Robert F. Liebler, Wm Lee Popham, Sr. Bernard W. Wolff

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal:

Douglas H. Bridges, Sr., George E. Cadman III, Right Reverend Peter

David Eaton, Donald David Slesnick, Mayor Dorothy Thomson, Robert Joseph Wolz



Silver Good Citizenship Medal:	Wm Lee Popham, Sr., Col. John M. Thomson, Ret., Hon. Bernard W. Wolff
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal:	W. Lee Popham, Jr., Charles R. Leo, Robert A. Sileo, William R. Wicks III
Bronze Oak Leaf.....	Kenneth E. Harrison, Robert F. Liebler, David B. Mitchell, Esq., Otto P. Williams
Silver Oak Leaf.....	Douglas H. Bridges, Sr., (2), Richard E. Friberg,
Chapter Distinguished Service Medal:	Wm Lee Popham, Sr.
Prior:	Douglas H. Bridges, Sr. 2017 Richard E. Friberg 2016
Chapter Meritorious Service Medal:	David A. Trussell
Prior:	Brian L. Swanson 2017 Douglas H. Bridges, Sr. 2016 David B. Mitchell, Esq. 2005 Robert F. Liebler 2002 John M. Thomson 2000 Kenneth E. Harrison 1990 Richard E. Friberg 1981

Compatriot Roger Smith received a 125th Anniversary Miami Chapter SAR challenge coin and a Certificate of Appreciation for his keynote address.

C.A.R. Activities and Support: Several adult and youth members of the Tequesta C.A.R. Chapter attended our President's Annual Luncheon. Secretary-Treasurer Wm Lee Popham Sr. was installed as Sr. Vice President of the Tequesta Society C.A.R. for the 2018 year.

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.

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.

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.

Immediate Past President Wm Lee Popham, Sr. has recently been approved for service by the Veterans' Committee, and has become Chairman of the Chapter Committee in May 2017. Compatriot Richard E. Friberg remains Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Youth Activities Reports:

Knight Essay Contest Winner: Jose Afonso

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 SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Award competition.

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

#### **Chapter Membership:**

Palm Beach Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including working with DAR-CAR chapters, Genealogical organizations outreach, educational institutions and civic events.

Membership continues to grow with an additional 7 applicants approved at Nationals. The Chapter has an additional 40 applications and prospects actively in process for 2018.

The Chapter is sad to report the passing of member, Compatriot, Veteran, Joseph K. Leinbach. Compatriot Leinbach, age 83, is survived by wife, Wilida, daughter Lana, Son-in-Law Gordon and son Paul and two grandchildren. The Chapter will deliver a special SAR Memorial Service in honor of Veteran Leinbach during its May 2018 meeting, with the family present.

#### **Chapter Activities & Events:**

The Chapter plans several events including a special event at the historic Everglades Club on Palm Beach where the chapter was founded in December 2018.

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, The Last Naval Battle ceremony, county & state DAR meetings, and events, and Genealogical Society membership recruiting events.

2018 Officers: An induction ceremony was held in January with the following officers inducted: Benjamin F. Tidwell III-President, Bob Boggs-Vice President, Gary Green-Secretary, Peter Johnston-Treasurer, Bob Boggs-Registrar, Father Sanford Sears-Chaplain, Sam Miller-Historian, Peter Miller-Sgt. @ Arms & Sonny Barber as Officer @ Large. We are continuing to promote President General Guzy's membership development program, the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, Chapter's "Widow's Brigade" for surviving windows of deceased Compatriots and DAR outreach.

#### **Veterans Programs & Support:**

Chapter presented Military Service Medals to Compatriots Peter Miller and Richard Linn increasing its FLSSAR Veterans Brigade membership to 27 representing 15% of the Chapter's total membership including a Coast Guard Admiral and US Army 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, Florida Veterans Foundation.

#### **Civic, Youth & CAR Activities:**

The Chapter presented to Cardinal Newman High School Student, Evan Sanchez an award for his winning essay in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

Chapter presented 2 JROTC medals. Chapter is actively working with two CAR chapters on both civic and local VA Hospital patient support.

#### **Chapter Recognition & Awards:**

The Chapter honored two DAR Daughters for their ongoing support of the SAR including the Lydia Darragh Medal for Karen Christie, Registrar Garcilaso de la Vega DAR Chapter and SAR Medal of Appreciation for Ms. Diane Tidwell of the Palm Beach DAR Chapter.

The Chapter Distinguished Service medal was awarded to Gary Green; Roger Sherman Bronze medals were awarded to Buddy Miller and the Chapter Chaplain Father Sanford Sears. Our registrar Bob Boggs received from Nationals the Liberty Medal for his excellent work as our registrar. Raymond Wess, former Chapter and State president was presented with the SAR Wounded Warrior Medallion.

Former President Don Lanman was presented with the Chapter (Bronze) and the State (Silver) Good Citizenship Medals.

## **Southwest Regional Vice President**

Lee W. Matson

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### **Caloosa Chapter**

### **Robert McGuire – President**

The Caloosa Chapter continued to have an active season which included membership meetings in February, March, April, and May. Our new newsletter editor, Trey Parker, published interesting and informative issues of the Caloosa Patriot each month which maintained contact with our members who may not always be able to attend meetings, with prospective members, and with other supporters and interested parties. We appointed a new Webmaster, William Branthoover, just after he was inducted into the Chapter and he has already updated and improved our website: [www.CaloosaSAR.org](http://www.CaloosaSAR.org). We continue to increase our membership with a total of five new members inducted between February and May.

February The Caloosa Chapter was represented at the February 3rd BOM meeting by seven delegates as we celebrated Washington's Birthday and observed the Rumbaugh Oration contestant's presentations. Our color guard provided an Honor Guard at the Memorial Service held for Compatriot Wes Morris on February 16th. Five members of the General Light Horse Harry Lee Camp marched in the grueling two mile plus night time parade in Fort Myers on February 17th. The highlight of the entire season was the Washington's Birthday & 45th Charter Year Anniversary Gala held on February 22nd. This was a black-tie event which was attended by 81 enthusiastic individuals including our State President and First Lady; our State First Vice President; the FSDAR State Regent and the Vice President General from NSDAR and many other honored guests. We raised over \$4,000 to support our new Honor Flight Program initiative at this event.

March Our General Light Horse Harry Lee Camp fielded one of the largest units present at the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island on March 10th. We participated in the burial ceremony for Compatriot Morris at the Sarasota National Cemetery on March 12th. This included a motorcycle escort provided by the American Legion Post 136 (Pine Island) and full military honors by the United States Air Force. We also participated in

the SAR/DAR Liaison Committee attendance at the DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando on March 16th & 17th. Several Caloosa members joined with SAR compatriots from around the state to staff an information/recruiting table during the conference. Chapter President McGuire was invited (as State Historian) to bring greeting from the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Our March 14th membership meeting included presentation of the Chapter 1st Place award in the Knight Essay Contest to Jason Pulwaski. Jason was also selected as the 1st Place winner for the FLSSAR contest for the same competition. Our program included a fascinating presentation from Compatriot Hank Hendry (a descendant of one of the earliest families in Ft Myers) who shared with us stories of the "Fort in Fort Myers".

- April Our membership meeting on Saturday, April 16th, was one of our two Saturday meetings during the season. While our regular schedule is to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for lunch, we conduct a couple of Saturday meetings to enable people whose schedules preclude taking time off mid-day, and mid-week. Compatriot Leon Goldsmith presented information on scouting programs in our area, and Compatriot storyteller Dwight Elam told tales of "Scouts, then and now" – starting with Daniel Boone. On April 18th we presented a Flag Certificate to American Legion Post 136 (St. James City, Pine Island) in recognition of their diligence in follow proper procedure for the display of the American Flag. On April 26th Honor Flight Committee Chairman Mike Buff and member Bob McGuire met with the directors of the Collier-Lee County Honor Flight Program – Sean and Debi Lux. We discussed procedures for integrating our efforts into the program, providing opportunities for Caloosa nominated Guardians and Veterans to participate in upcoming missions.
- May On May 2nd we participated again in the Lee County Army JROTC recognition program. President McGuire, along with Compatriots Elam and Buff, presented 14 Bronze JROTC Medals and certificates to outstanding cadets.

### **Charlotte Chapter Report**

### **Hampton Allen, President**

- Jan Meeting was cancelled due to infectious disease outbreak at our meeting facility.
- Feb Meeting – South West Regional Vice President Lee Matson installed the newly elected officers of the Charlotte Chapter and was our guest speaker for this meeting.
- Mar Meeting – Chapter President Hampton Allen conducted a program of the role of Florida during the American Revolution.
- April – Chapter President Hampton Allen presented two JROTC medals at two of our local High schools during their annual ROTC Awards programs.
- May – Chapter President Hampton Allen will present the SAR JROTC medal to our third local High school on May 3. At our next Chapter meeting on 11 May the Chapter will present our annual Community Service Awards to our First Responders. The medals will consist of the Fire Protection Commendation medal, the Emergency Medical Services Medal, the Law Enforcement Commendation medal, and the newly approved SAR Life Saving Medal.

### **Naples Chapter**

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

- Thursday, January 11, 2018, was our most recent monthly meeting at The Club at Longshore Lake, 11399 Phoenix Way, Naples, FL 34119. Social Hour @ 11:30 - 12:00 noon. The meeting began promptly at 12:00 p.m. Our program was a presentation by guest speaker, Collier County Commissioner Bill McDaniel, On the Role of the County Commissioner. This was our final meeting at the The Club at Longshore Lake as we have terminated our contract there due to financial disagreements going forward.
- Our First Vice President Leonard Crame has engaged an interim location for our upcoming February 8, 2018 meeting at Cypress Woods Golf and Country Club, 3525 Northbrooke Drive, Naples, FL 34119. The theme of the February meeting will be to recognize and honor our local high school JROTC program Senior Army Instructors and Cadets. There are seven high schools participating in JROTC in Collier County and we will have seven cadets and seven instructors to recognize. We expect a fairly large turnout in attendance then and an announcement on our more permanent luncheon locations going forward.
- On Friday, December 8, 2017, a Joint evening meeting with the Big Cypress Chapter DAR and the Naples Chapter SAR was conducted at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive, Naples FL 34105. Naples SAR 1st Vice President Leonard Crame and Chapter Regent Ruth Ann MacLean presided. There was a Social Hour from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Our Bernardo de Galvez color Guard presented the colors for the opening ceremonies, followed by a presentation by the DAR to Honor Vietnam Veterans at 6:00 p.m, following which Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. The Program following dinner was a presentation on: The Declaration of Independence - In Print, with Guest Speaker: Tim Nance

From November 18 - 19, 2017, we supported The Old Florida Festival at the Collier County Museum from 09:00 – 17:00 hours on both Saturday and Sunday, in conjunction with the Big Cypress Chapter DAR. Our mission was to promote the ideals of the Society and the importance of our Patriot lineage to perpetuate American History. Members attending in colonial attire passed out flyers to interested persons seeking information regarding membership and Society activities. We have seen the first of these contacts recently accepted for induction into the Society through the efforts of our Registrar Ed Lary.

Our November 9, 2017 Luncheon Meeting was well subscribed with over 90 attendees at The Club at Longshore Lakes, Naples, FL. With a Social Hour from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Our November theme was “Honoring our Heroes”, chaired by Compatriot Acey Edgemon. The meeting was opened by presentation of colors by the Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance led by the 30+ law enforcement officers and First Responders present attending. Honored Guests included Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, who spoke at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Compatriot Acey Edgemon, Director, Public Safety Awards was responsible for the following Public Safety Awards Presentation:

1. Medal for Heroism (5)
2. Law Enforcement Commendation Medal (15)
3. Fire Safety Commendation Medal (5)
4. Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal (5)
5. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (5)

The October 12, 2017, Luncheon Meeting was the first of our new year and immediately after many folks returned to Naples after fleeing Hurricane Irma. We had over 35 attendees including the newly installed DAR Big Cypress Chapter Regent, Ruth Ann McGarity – MacLean with several DAR Chapter members. Our Social Hour was from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and the meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. with Call to Order and Posting of the Colors by the Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13 Color Guard. The Guest Speaker was Ms. Jennifer Edwards, Collier County Supervisor of Elections.

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

The president and vice president of Saramana attended the winter BoM to watch our entrant compete in the state Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Ms. Rachel Mallett finished 3rd in the state competition. Eagle Scout Michael Meisner was our chapter Eagle Scout Essay Contest winner and he received a scholarship check in the amount of \$1500. Cadet Wendy Zhang was selected as our Enhanced JROTC winner (out of 4 finalists) and she received a scholarship check for \$1300. All youth program winners were submitted to FLSSAR for consideration to represent our state society. Saramana submitted entries in the USS Stark Memorial Award (nearly 12k points), Americanism, and President’s Challenge (8k points).

In other youth related activities, Saramana has awarded: 1x CAR Medal of Appreciation to DAR Lady Adrienne Abiodun, 3x Certificates of appreciation to JROTC Military Instructors for their work with students, 3x Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to JROTC cadets for outstanding leadership and scholastic achievement, 1x Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to an Eagle Scout for outstanding service to his community, and 13 Bronze JROTC medals at 12 different schools. We currently have 71 nominations for 5th grade Good Citizenship Awards. Names are still coming in so this number will end up higher by the time schools take summer holiday.

Continuing the Saramana commitment to recognizing the best and bravest among our communities public safety professionals, we awarded 6x Fire Safety Commendation Awards, 2x EMS Commendation Awards, 10 Law Enforcement Commendations, 1x SAR Life Saving Medal (1st Saramana awardee of this new medal), and 1x SAR Medal for Heroism. At the awards luncheons we had 15 attendees from 6 fire jurisdictions and 24 attendees from 7 law enforcement agencies. Sandy Buchanan, wife of US Representative Vern Buchanan (FL, 16th District) was on hand to speak at our Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon and presented all of the awardees with Congressional challenge coins.

Saramana has submitted eight members for their Certificates of Patriotism under the Veteran’s Recognition Program. These will be awarded at our Memorial Day luncheon on Saturday May 26th. Saramana is also submitting a member for two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for their Service to Veteran’s Medal.

#### **Highlands Chapter**

**Michael Edward Flood, President**

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After a very long and difficult beginning to this year all Reports to National have been concluded, during most of the time, wondered if it would ever get done, 12 days in the hospital, over writes in the data base and then the frosting on the cake, the scrambling of all data entered for 2017. This was an adventure in detective work, one example, in the data base and at random the data would be changed for anywhere between 10 and 30 members, to one member i.e., Joe Jones, 300001, then at random, 20 members entered in 2017 would be changed to match, Joe Jones 300001. Then again another member Joe Smith 300002, and at random the data would change for 30 other members from 2017 to match Joe Smith 300002. The only thing that continued as accurate were the emails and the Chapters for each member, so it was possible to go to the chapter rosters look up the email and find the missing member, reenter all of his data then go on to the next one this occurred for a total of plus or minus 300 members entered in 2017, very time consuming. Neither Scott nor myself understand why this happened or what caused the data changes.

The totals of are very good we finished the 2017 years with an additional 50 member over the previous year, still to many drops, but better overall. At this point as of the 1st of May we already have 2292 members, so there is a good chance we will break the 2500 mark this year. Attached is a table that shows the present status of the chapter and a comparison over the last ten years.

Currently all reports are in and have been accepted by National and only the members going to the upcoming National Congress, need to get their requests for documents into me as soon as possible. I would rather have documents produced and you not be able to make it over having you wait until the last minute and then I have to rush through the reediting, the resubmission of reports etc. Get your requests in early.

ID	Chapter	Current mem	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
1	Aaron Snowden	26	22	15	16	21	19	22	15	12	19
2	Brevard	113	98	106	105	103	95	103	96	100	78
3	Caloosa	101	87	72	81	75	69	76	61	57	54
4	Central Florida	104	96	85	87	94	86	79	72	68	70
5	Charlotte	19	20	16	19	19	21	22	17	17	20
6	Clearwater	143	138	133	139	130	125	123	114	105	106
7	Daytona-Ormond	42	46	49	55	64	62	57	53	57	61
8	Deland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	21	31
9	Devane	23	22	20	20	21	20	21	22	20	18
10	Emerald Coast	35	34	28	29	27	25	23	28	26	22
11	Flagler	44	38	35	36	36	31	29	31	30	22
12	Fort Lauderdale	42	48	49	66	58	56	51	47	48	49
13	Gainesville	73	79	78	83	75	73	63	58	52	63
14	Highlands	37	34	29	36	35	36	34	29	0	0
15	Jacksonville	166	160	128	136	133	121	116	110	112	123
16	Lake City	19	14	15	26	26	21	29	36	24	0
17	Lakeland	65	66	51	51	45	56	55	46	28	49
18	Lake-Sumter	91	71	88	59	76	74	75	61	54	57
19	Miami	89	74	72	73	80	72	66	70	64	68
20	Naples	141	98	99	97	91	75	63	56	56	57
21	Ocala	17	19	16	28	26	29	27	41	50	42
22	Palm Beach	167	166	153	155	155	133	113	88	105	101
23	Panama City	15	16	16	17	20	19	21	22	23	26

24	Pensacola	46	36	33	39	33	36	39	42	49	51
25	St. Augustine	56	63	61	62	51	47	37	33	31	27
26	St. Lucie River	100	74	69	84	65	45	47	44	55	53
27	St. Petersburg	49	48	50	49	41	33	30	33	36	38
28	Saramana	157	156	129	145	154	135	137	147	135	121
29	South Shore	31	30	34	34	30	21	0	0	0	0
30	Tallahassee	34	32	26	29	29	21	22	27	26	26
31	Tampa	66	68	67	79	71	58	57	48	40	33
32	Treasure Coast	11	14	19	34	29	31	31	32	42	45
33	William Dunaway	28	27	23	26	24	28	29	29	27	22
34	Withlacoochee	70	59	52	51	45	48	45	37	47	44
35	The Villages	85	73	37	38	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Treasurer

W. Richard Young      dyoung22@aol.com

At April 30, 2018, the Florida Society had \$165,000 combined in its checking and money market accounts. The annual dues from the Florida Society have been paid to and reconciled by the National Society. See the Finance Committee Report for a detail report on the cash receipts and disbursements for 2018.

Since the Winter BOM, your Treasurer has:

- Filed the required IRS 1099 Forms for the three FLSSAR Officers receiving a stipend and to the Youth Contest Award winners who received at least \$600 from FLSSAR during 2017.
- Attended the Winter Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting in Louisville on March 2-3. I took the opportunity to sit in on the Insurance & Risk Management Committee meeting. More on insurance below.
- Participated in the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville on April 7, in Colonial Militia attire.
- Participated in the Welcome Home for Honor Flight of West Central Florida Mission #33 at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport on April 24, in Colonial Militia attire.
- Represented the Tampa Chapter in presenting JROTC Medals and Certificates at two high schools.

### Liability Insurance

At the Fall BOM the Executive Committee and/or the BOM asked me to, again, investigate a liability policy for the Florida Society, and to include NSSAR in my search. I contacted the NSSAR Insurance & Risk Management Committee Chairman. He sent me the advance draft of an article being submitted to the SAR Magazine on the need for each State Society to obtain liability insurance. My attendance at the I&RM Committee Meeting in Louisville on March 2 confirmed that the National Society general liability policy does not extend to the state societies or local chapters. There is some sentiment on this Committee to pursue that possibility on the next renewal date.

Shortly after the Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting, I contacted two different brokers in the Tampa area, that I have worked with in the past, and one California based insurance carrier that works exclusively with non-profit organizations. The insurance carrier referred me to a local broker, who after a short discussion, advised that the carrier did not cover any organization that used fire arms, even if only in a "salute" without ammunition. The other two brokers continue to work with their own contacts but acknowledge that the few occasions that we do a black powder salute at state and local events has caused some carriers to decline to provide a quote. Both brokers tell me they are working with carriers that seem interested and hope to have quotes to me shortly.

### IRS Form 990

Your Treasurer is aware that IRS Form 990 EZ must be filed for the Florida Society on or before May 15 and intends to do so.

**I want to remind each chapter to file its own IRS Form 990N or 990EZ and file it on time.**

If you have questions or need help, search for "Form 990" at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or contact me.

As always, should any of you have any questions or suggestions about the finances of the Florida Society, feel free to call on me at any time.

## Registrar

Ray Lantz

### FLSSAR Application Stats 28 Jan 2018 – 08 May 2018

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	84	18	1	7	110
Approved* By NSSAR	80	30	1	8	119
Pended* By NSSAR	2	1	0	0	3
Pended By FSSAR	3	3	0	0	6
DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date			2017 = 68 and 2018 = 16		

\* 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.
- SAR record copies obtained from Ancestry.com submitted as proof documentation.
- Find-A-Grave memorial information submitted as proof documentation.

#### Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSSAR Chapter Registrars regarding the change in NSSAR policy regarding unproven information contained on submitted applications. Unproven information can no longer be submitted on applications. Likewise any applicable information contained on document submitted with an application must be annotated on the application in the appropriate places when applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a pended application.
- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.

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

**Notes of Interest:**

**New NSSAR Application/Genealogy Policy and Prep Manuals**

This new versions of these manuals are available for download from the NSSAR website.

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

**Chaplain**

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No report

**Recording Secretary**

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Minutes provided.



## Chancellor

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*Nothing to report at this time*

## Parliamentarian

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Nothing to report

## Genealogist

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I have received requests for information and have tried to answer. Sometimes questions are more for Registrars than genealogists. We try to find clues, Registrars require proof! Which brings to mind - DNA. We try to warn people that DNA provides clues but not proof. Genealogy interest is at an all time high, but it is a big step for prospective members to move from interest to actual research and submitting forms!

## Sergeant at Arms

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Nothing to report.

## Historian

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In the absence of a functioning History Fairs Committee to judge contestants in the Florida History Day competition for 2018, I was assisted by Compatriots John Stewart and Dr. Bob Cundiff in the judging of six applicants to rank the top three. The FLSSAR sponsors the "American Colonial Heritage Award in the amount of \$475 yearly. Prizes were awarded to three contestants (two individuals and one team) at an awards ceremony held on May 8th in Tallahassee. It is expected that the History Fairs Committee will be reconstituted after the BOM with Compatriot Cundiff as the Chairman.

The Caloosa Chapter Historian (Dr. Wes Higgins) has nearly concluded establishing a Google Cloud account for archiving chapter records. These accounts may be established at no cost for charitable organizations enjoying 501(c)(3) certifications. Based upon Compatriot Higgins experience, I anticipate establishing a similar account for the Florida Society. Just as our chapter received approval from our Executive Committee to enter into this agreement, I expect that we should seek approval from the BOM before initiating this action.

## Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

Jeff Sizemore [Swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com)

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.

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 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = June 1, 2018  
Fall 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = August 3, 2018  
Winter 2019 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = November 25, 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](mailto:swampfoxsar@gmail.com) or [swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

On another note, the FLSSAR is looking at complying 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. Pictures are to be sent as jpeg files.

## Webmaster

Scott Bushnell

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Developed Skills Inventory at the request of the Strategic Planning Committee. This was tested with several Chapters and is now live and available on the Website. The purpose is to provide the Society with the capability to determine if certain skills, needed by the Society, reside with a member or members.

Developed an On-line Reporting methodology for Chapter Officers to use to report Quarterly results to their RVP and thus the BOM. This is available but not yet implemented.

Developed an On-line Committee Charters application on the website to ensure that access to Charters is available to members and that a process for updating them is available and easy to use.

Maintaining Lake City, Gainesville, Ocala, The Villages, Lake-Sumter, Lakeland, Flagler, Jacksonville and Part of Palm Beach as well as framework for Broward Chapters.

## Statutory Committee Reports

### Audit

J Michael Tomme Sr

Pursuant to Florida Society SAR Governing Documents, Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Financial Review Committee (revision date: 10/16/2016), the Financial Review Committee has requested and received from the Treasurer sufficient financial records and specifically requested documents to perform the annual non-certified financial review for fiscal year January 1, 2017.

Check balance of \$ 90,265.00 on the Wells Fargo Bank statement dated December 31, 2017, accurately represents the cash assets of the Society on that date at that institution. The Registrar, Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized depositors for the checking account with confirmation of deposits by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has the only checkbook and has signed all checks during fiscal year 2017. There are other authorized check signers. There are no authorized co-signers. There are no other checking accounts. There is one Money Market Account at Wells Fargo valued at \$57,358.72 on December 31, 2017.

There is no "petty cash," account. However, there are two Wells Fargo credit card accounts [\$9,000.00 limit on one designated for the Treasurer and \$1,000.00 limit on the card designated for the Secretary] which are reconciled by the Treasurer.

There have been no additions or deletions of individuals authorized for financial transactions on the Florida Society accounts at Well Fargo since the Financial Review of 2016.

The Financial Review Committee concludes that the financial statement as prepared by the Treasurer fairly represents the financial transactions of the Society for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2017.

#### Suggestions:

The Documents Committee should review the Financial Review Committee charter [revision 10/16/2016, recommended in the 2016 Financial Review] and delete references to an Audit Committee.

Authorized check signers for the Society need to be updated and remove those individuals who are deceased or otherwise no longer authorized by the Florida Society.

Respectfully submitted, J. Michael Tomme, Sr., for the Financial Review Committee, composed of Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., Michael E. Garey and J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

### Executive

Report given during Meeting.

## Finance

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See Appendix for details..

## Medals and Awards

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On January 22, 2018 the (MAC) approved a Silver Good Citizen Medal for, COL John M Thompson Retired. On January 26, 2018 Donald K. Lanman, Harvey E Oyer III, Robin B Martin and Richard E Linn, of the Palm Beach Chapter, were approved by (MAC) for the Silver Good Citizen Medal.

Chapters are again reminded to consult the NSSAR Handbook, Volume 5 for the correct protocol in awarding specific medals and awards. Chapter Presidents are reminded to send a listing of all awards and recipients for 2017-2018 to the FLSSAR Secretary.

## Nominating

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Listed below is an updated list of FLSSAR Compatriots who have agreed to serve as State Officers for 2018-19.

The nominating committee believes that this list of candidates will faithfully promote and lead the FLSSAR in 2018-19.

2018-19 FLSSAR Officer Nominees:

- President: Pat Niemann
- Senior Vice President: Lee Popham
- Executive Administrator: Steve Williams
- (Note: Appointed Executive administrator position requires committee approval)
- Treasurer: Dick Young
- Secretary: Hall Riediger
- Recording Secretary: Steve Williams
- Registrar: Ray Lantz
- Sgt. @ Arms: John McCullough
- Chaplain: Dwight Elam
- Chancellor: Carl Hoffman
- Genealogist: Dick Cardell
- Historian: Robert McGuire
- Web Master: Scott Bushnell
- Member @ Large: Donald Lanman
- Editor FL Patriot: Jeff Sizemore
- State Trustee: Robert Folk
- Alternate Trustee: Robert McGuire

2018-19 FLSSAR Regional Officer Nominees:

- NE RVP: Jim Gaskins
- NW RVP: Earl F. Mathews Jr
- NC RVP: David Bussone
- EC RVP: Charles Berger
- WC RVP: Charles Butler
- SW RVP: Steven Fields
- SE RVP: Bernard Wolff

## Patriot Medal

Charles L. Day, Jr. [dmdaycday@aol.com](mailto:dmdaycday@aol.com)

The Florida Society will be presenting four Patriot Medals to honorees this year. We hope to see you at the you at the Saturday night banquet

# NSSAR Affairs

## Center for Advancing America's Heritage Committee

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The "SAR" lapel pin is still available to Chapters for a \$10 donation per pin to the SAR Foundation. Bulk orders for 20 "SAR," lapel pins are available for donations of \$200. New members appreciate having the opportunity to purchase the lapel pin directly from their chapter. For more information, contact AAH Committee member, H. Hall Riediger at [allriedi42@bellsouth.net](mailto:allriedi42@bellsouth.net).

Visit [sar.org](http://sar.org) and click on the "Foundation," link found in the opening page banner, to learn more about the Center for Advancing America's Heritage on how one can support the Foundation and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in support of the SAR Mission. If one wishes to support a particular project, state the name of the project in the check's memo.

## NSSAR Library

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The new NSSAR Genealogical Research Library Director, Mr. Joseph (Joe) Hardesty, (Ext. 6131) is an active genealogist and has participated and hosted several genealogical seminars at the SAR Library since his arrival. Additionally, the SAR Library staff have conducted tours, hosted seminars and given talks to multiple diverse groups who visit the SAR Library.

Again, compatriots are encouraged to enroll in The Friends of the Library (FOL) or to renew their membership enrollment. Monies from FOL memberships, funds books, research services and equipment that are not part the annual NSSAR Library budget. Enrollment forms may be obtained at the following link: [FOL-2015-12-16.pdf](#)

The link to the SAR Genealogical Research Library: [www.sar.org/sar-genealogical-research-library](http://www.sar.org/sar-genealogical-research-library), will provide one with genealogical research links, books and documents. The library staff is available to assist compatriots in their research. Full access requires one to log-in and the site may require one to allow "pop-ups," depending upon browser security settings. Compatriots may request copies of specific research documents that are contained in the library archives.

# FLSSAR Affairs

## Archives

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*Nothing to report at this time.*

## Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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Contest judged and is ready for the BOM

## Documents

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Recommend the following changes to the FLSSAR Standing Rules which a format change as the information is already in the Standing Rules but did not follow the format of the other sections:

### **120 – Executive Administrator Position**

A. The position has a term lasting until the Board of Management meeting closest to the FLSSAR Annual Meeting when

- a. The FLSSAR Executive Committee can vote to renew the applicant's term for another year,

- b. Advertise for another candidate,
  - c. Or to eliminate the position.
- B. The Executive Administrator should answer directly to the FLSSAR Executive Committee with requests by the committee members for administrative assistance routed through the FLSSAR President.
- C. The primary duties of the Executive Administrator shall be:
- a. Assist the FLSSAR President with scheduling of meetings.
  - b. Tutoring a new President with the consistency of administrative functions specific to the FLSSAR.
  - c. Construction of meeting agendas and printed programs.
  - d. Establishing scheduling blocks for BOM meetings.
  - e. Establishing protocols for the invitations of invited guests to any and all FLSSAR meetings.
  - f. Coordinate meeting room scheduling at BOM venues.
  - g. Post BOM registration forms and venue links on the FLSSAR website.
  - h. Coordination and posting of preliminary and final versions of the FLSSAR BOM Proceedings book.
  - i. The Administrator will assist each FLSSAR President with gathering and compiling of statistics regarding membership growth, drops, transfers, deaths and any pertinent information usable in developing strategic planning by the Executive Committee BOM, and the President for formulating meaningful and significant new or amended by-laws.

Update to the FLSSAR Governing Documents which adds the stipend for the Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator that was previously approved at the BOM May 13-15, 2016.:

Section 2 Expenses of the Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator

The Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator may be granted an allowance, in an amount approved by the BOM, to cover the expenses of his office, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Rental of office space and office machines;
- b. Telephone, postage, stationery, and other consumables;
- c. Clerical and professional services as may be required from time to time to handle the office details in order that the affairs of the FLSSAR may be conducted in an efficient manner, such services to be procured under contract from firms or from persons acting as independent contractors, such contracts to state in detail the nature, extent, and cost, of the services to be provided; provided, however, that each contract shall be approved in advance by the BOM together with a grant of authority to the Secretary to act as the agent of the FLSSAR in signing and enforcing the contract.
- d. A stipend of \$400.00 per month will be allowed for the position of Secretary, Registrar and Executive Administrator.

Spring SOM meeting of May 13-15, 2016

**REVISION HISTORY**

**Date Description**

May 4, 2013 Rebase-lined existing edition of the Governing Documents. May 2, 2015

Corrected minor typographical errors.

May 2, 2015 Added Bylaw revisions:

ARTICLE I -Section 5 - Special Meetings, *added new verbiage*

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, Section 2 - Nomination and Election of Officers ARTICLE

VI FINANCIAL MATTERS, Section 6 - Emeritus Program

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3 - Amendments Added New Bylaw: ARTICLE VIII -

MISCELLANEOUS, Section 3 - B. Other FLSSAR Documents

Edited index page to conform with new material added to document.

**Ethics Committee**

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Nothing to report at this time

## Genealogy

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Nothing to report

## Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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Nothing to report

## Membership Promotion and Retention

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## New Chapter Development

Jeffery Sizemore

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At this time, a new chapter is in the process of being formed in the Okeechobee, Florida area. Upon receiving approval from the FLSSAR at this meeting, they are looking at holding their charter ceremony in the October timeframe..

## Newsletters and Periodicals

Steven Williams

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Fowler contest awards will be given out at the Friday Awards Banquet. The competition was close this year and with the continuing improvement in many chapter newsletters it looks to be very competitive next year, too. A big thank you to the judges who took their time and efforts in scoring the many newsletters.

## Strategic Planning

Charles R. Butler,

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In fulfilment of its assignment as required by the FLSSAR Strategic Plan document, the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) worked diligently during the 1st quarter and made considerable progress.

### FLSSAR PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT THE MAY 2017 BOM

1. Expand RVP role in their chapters
2. Survey and Inventory the Skills of the (general) membership
3. Establish Strategic Planning as an ongoing process
4. Enhance the Technology Advisory Committee's IT capability
5. Expand the Publicity Committee to a Community Outreach Committee
6. Executive Committee (to) reconsider State Officer' expense reimbursement
7. Create Plans to develop financial donors, both large and small

The Strategic Plan items shown above are under active management by the Committee, and the status of each follows:

#### #1. Expand RVP role in their chapters

This initiative is under study, and specific recommendations to revise and enhance the role of RVP to assist and support their chapters will be developed later in the year. Status: in process, generally on schedule.

#### #2 Survey and Inventory the Skills of the (general) membership

The Member Skills Survey Instrument was successfully beta tested during January and February of this year. Final revisions were made, and IT Chairman Dr. Bushnell installed the instrument on the FLSSAR website.

The Member Skills Survey is now live and enabled for full FLSSAR member access. It is easily accessible inside the Members Only section to insure privacy and security.

A draft Member Skills Survey introductory email was prepared for President Folk to send to the general membership in March. Upon approval and distribution, each FLSSAR Compatriot will receive an email from the Society President explaining the importance of the Member Skills Survey program, and strongly encouraging participation. Implementation of the Member Skills Survey will be ongoing. Status: This important initiative is seven months ahead of schedule.

#3 Establish Strategic Planning as an Ongoing Process

The Committee is now fully staffed, and has a process in place to Identify, Assess, Analyze, and Report on matters of strategic concern to the FLSSAR. The Planning Committee takes its role seriously, is very active, works collaboratively and professionally, and is focused on producing significant contributions that will enable the FLSSAR to flourish over the coming years. Status: Completed

#4 Enhance Technology Advisory Committee's IT Capability

Status: Under study

#5 Expand the Publicity Committee to a Community Outreach Committee

Status: Under study

#6 Executive Committee (to) Reconsider State Officers Expense Reimbursements

The Committee focused intensively on researching, compiling data, assessing, and analyzing the FLSSAR's Travel and Expense reimbursement policy. A comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation were provided to the FLSSAR Executive Committee for consideration in accordance with the requirements of the approved Plan. Status: This SPC assignment is completed

#7 Create Plans to develop financial donors, both large and small

A working White Paper on this important issue has been drafted and submitted to Sr. V.P. Patrick Niemann for his background information. Status: In process, ahead of schedule

Progress Note:

The Chairman has made numerous PowerPoint Presentations on the Strategic Planning process. (as presented at the September BOM). Presentations were made to the following chapters: St. Petersburg, South Shore, Tampa, St. Augustine, Clearwater, South Shore, and De Vane. These presentations were positively received. Other presentations around the state will be made over the year in collaboration with the Regional Vice Presidents.

Also, in response to numerous RVP requests, copies of the Strategic Planning PowerPoint Presentation will be provided to all RVPs at the February BOM for presentation at their respective chapters. If possible, it will also be made available through the Planning Committee's DropBox account.

## **Technology Advisory Committee**

Scott Bushnell      sbushnell@USNA64.org

Meeting on May 19th to discuss current and future use of technology for the Society. Need two additional members as two current members have resigned.

## **Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade**

H Hall Riediger      allriedi42@bellsouth.net

First and probably most important for our Guard members is that all members keep up their activities for their Bronze Color Guard Medal, and if you have received your Bronze and then your activities for the Silver Color Guard Medal, none of the Guard officers keep track of your involvement so if you don't then there is no record.

Next is my sincere appreciation to Steve Fields for his assuming my duties at the Last Naval Battle. I was just out of the hospital and could not have directed the Color Guard, again Steve Thank you. Also we should give a nod to Dick Young for being Commander at the Battle of Thomas Creek again thank you Dick.

Congratulations are in order for Bob McGuire and Bob Humker for attaining their Silver Color Guard Medals, they will be presented at the Awards evening at the Spring BOM

The following National events: Are applicable for points toward Bronze, Silver or von Stueben Medals, Last Naval Battle, NSSAR Spring Leadership, President General's visit to Florida BOM, Memorial Day, Independence Day, National Congress, NSSAR Fall Leadership, Veteran's Day and Wreath's Across America. All these events are worth 20 points.

Two notes, the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Guard Manual is located on the Florida Society web site, and all activity reports are listed by Camp name, if there is no report then I did not receive one from your chapter.

**1. George Washington Camp #1** Dick Cardell - Color Guard Commander,

Our color guard has enough members with uniforms to perform two events at the same time. We tell the membership that they can attend and participate without obtaining the full colonial uniform. It is not too difficult to put together a militia outfit. For parades, a blue blazer, white or grey trousers and a tricorne hat looks good.

11 Feb 2018 Mandarin Several guardsmen, CAR and Boy Scouts held a flag retirement ceremony.

10 Mar 2018 Last Naval Battle - Chuck Farmer attended. powder

7 Apr 2018 Battle of Thomas Creek. Color Guard contained guardsmen from the Florida brigade and Georgia. A black powder demonstration was performed.

10 May 2018 Yulee Boy Scouts Baden District Awards. Scott Breckenridge, Dick Cardell, Dennis Carpenter, Chuck Farmer and Ken Norwood presented the colors.

Various guardsmen presented awards at ROTC events, DAR meetings, New Citizenship ceremonies, and Habitat for Humanity events..

**2. Francis Marion Camp #2,** Ocala Chapter

No Report

**3. Cape Canaveral #3** Barry Eller

No Report

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

Since the last BOM the Color Guard was privileged to present the colors at a DAR genealogy seminar in the Dunedin library in February. Also in February, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Upper Pinellas and Pasco County Regents Council where the Florida State DAR Regent Dawn Lemongello was the guest speaker. Last month on April 14, the Clearwater Color Guard in conjunction with the St. Petersburg Chapter Color Guard presented and retired the colors at the Clearwater Chapter of the DAR Annual American Spirit Luncheon. This event was a fund- raising event for the benefit of veterans. The event netted \$5,700. The Color Guard also presented the Colors at the first Chapter meeting with the new Chapter President and will present the colors at the last meeting before the summer break at the Chapter.

Recently, the Clearwater Color Guard received an invitation to present the colors at a women's religious conference at the Belleair Country Club but the timing was not suitable. They reported seeing us at the DAR luncheon and were impressed.

The Samuel Adams Camp received a donation of two black powder rifles for the Color Guard. The rifles are in working order but are cap and ball, not flintlocks. It is our understanding that at NSSAR events some SAR units fire cap and ball rifles even though they are 1861 vintage. However, the Clearwater Chapter has at this time decided not to have a firing squad due to the fabric in the uniforms worn, the insurance questions and the training required. One new member of the Color Guard has two working flintlocks and was a member of a firing squad in his PASSAR Color Guard. The Clearwater Chapter has options.

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

The St. Lucie Chapter participated in one thing so far this year the Last Naval Battle, I would like to specifically thank Steve Fields for handling the color guard, he is a God send helping me out of a jam, I don't believe I could have made the effort required only two weeks out of the hospital.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

January Saramana Luncheon Color Guard (01/19/2018), David Purviance, Vince Panissidi (CRD), Doug Erb, and Steve Fields

MLK Birthday CAR event (01/15/2018), Craig Paige and Steve Fields

Winter Board of Management Meeting Color Guard (02/03/2018), Steve Fields and Doug Erb

George Washington's Birthday Luncheon (02/16/2018) Steve Fields, Vince Panissidi (CDR), Doug Erb, Preston Adams, John Fitzpatrick, Charles Reigle, and Dick Mahaffey

Merritt Island, Last Naval Battle (03/10/2018) Steve Fields (CDR), Doug Erb, and Craig Paige

March Saramana Luncheon Color Guard (03/14/2018) Vince Panissidi (CDR), Doug Erb, Rick Garsnett, David Purviance and Steve Fields

April Saramana Luncheon Color Guard (04/20/2018) Vince Panissidi (CDR), Doug Erb, David Purviance and Steve Fields.



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

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

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

Members participated in the Last naval Battle Celebration

Members participated in the Thomas Creek Celebration

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

Glenn Langston, Color Guard Commander, led over 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 in December. The Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Shiloh Cemetery and Lone Oak Cemetery in December.

The chapter competed in the Camp Reports Color Guard contest

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

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

No Report

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

February 16th - The Caloosa Color Guard provided an Honor Guard at the Memorial Service held for Compatriot Wes Morris in Fort Myers. Compatriots McGuire, Buff, Elam, and Stone participated in Continental Army uniform, and Compatriot Moody (officiating at the ceremony) participated in period clerical attire.

February 17th – The Caloosa Chapter Leadership represented the Light Horse Harry Lee Camp “at the point of the spear” marching just behind the Lee County Sheriff’s Officer color guard in the grueling two-plus mile march in the 80th Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade in front of the estimated 200,000 cheering spectators. Marching were Compatriots McGuire, Buff, Stone, and Moody.

February 22nd – The color guard presented colors at the Washington’s Birthday/45th Anniversary Gala celebrated by the Caloosa Chapter attended by 81 members and guests. Honored guests included State President Folk and 1st Lady Ellie, Senior Vice President Niemann, FSDAR State Regent Lemongello, and NSDAR Vice President General Poffenberger.

March 10th – Color guardsmen McGuire, Buff, Stone, and Elliott participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island.

March 16th & 17th – Color Guardsmen McGuire and Elam participated in the FSDAR Annual Meeting on Orlando as part of the SAR/DAR Liaison committee, staffing the information and recruiting table.

April 16th – Compatriot Elam presented the program “Scouts, then and now” to the Caloosa Chapter membership meeting while dressed as a Kentucky Militia Soldier.

May 2nd – Caloosa color guardsmen Buff and Elam, dressed in Continental Army uniforms, presented Bronze JROTC Medal to 14 cadets in the Lee County Army JROTC program at the annual awards ceremony.

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

Guard was formed and approved 2/18/2018 no activities by this report

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

No report

## Liaisons

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

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No report

### DAR Liaison

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A “Call for Volunteers” went out to committee members and others who, in the past, have assisted in staffing information tables at DAR State Meetings. The DAR Annual Conference was held from March 15th to the

18th at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center. FLSSAR has again arranged to have two tables for display and recruiting from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday (Saint Patrick's Day). These events are great opportunities for recruiting and for building good working relationships with DAR chapters throughout the state.

Many of our volunteers attend in uniform and there are always numerous requests from the ladies for photos with compatriots so attired. However, participation in "Class B" is welcome as well. Participating this time were Compatriots Bob McGuire, Ralph Nelson, and Dwight Elam – all in Continental uniform, and John Stewart in Militia uniform. Also, Compatriot Don Lanman helped out in Class "B".

Compatriot Ralph Nelson continued his fund-raising idea in which he donated books on the Revolution from his personal collection which were then used as incentives to contribute. For each \$10 contributed there was a 50/50 split with half going to the State Regent's project and half to the FLSSAR's Endowment Fund.

Compatriot Bob McGuire presented greetings from the FLSSAR to the 700 Daughters attending the National Defense Banquet. As always, the SAR participation in the DAR state meetings resulted in numerous recruitment leads for potential male family members becoming SAR members. It also continued to enhance the positive relations between SAR and DAR which leads to many joint events conducted by SAR & DAR chapters together. Just one example of this cooperation was the Gala on this past Washington's Birthday at the Caloosa Chapter in Ft. Myers. This was attended by the FSSDAR State Regent along with the Senior VPG from NSDAR and a number of chapter Regents and members from the area.

DAR Fall Forum will be held September 21st to 23rd, 2018 at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando. We will again be seeking volunteers to staff the information table on Saturday, the 22nd. Those wishing to have accommodations in the conference site hotel should not delay making reservations in order to obtain the DAR Conference rate of \$119/night. You need to make reservations by phone at (800) 588-4656 to obtain this rate. At the 2017 Fall Forum, the FSSDAR started offering the sale of ads in the Conference Program Brochure at the following rates: \$25 – full page, \$15 – half page, \$10 – ¼ page. Your Liaison Committee Chairman (me) donated the \$25 for a full page ad. This year, I would like to ask the FLSSAR to approve a similar amount (\$25) for the 2018 Program Brochure.

## Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

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The baskets will be raffled at this meeting so it is urged that every chapter attending submit a basket. Money collected goes to give prize money to the various youth programs. Other contributions made to the Ladies Auxiliary are greatly appreciated.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also be holding elections for the various positions. We appreciate all the work that has been done by those that have served this past year.

## 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 Last Naval Battle Celebration took place as scheduled on March 10, 2018 at the Merritt Island site. This commemorates a battle which took place south of Cape Canaveral on March 10, 1783. Continental Navy ships Alliance commanded by Captain John Barry and Duc de Luzun were en route from Cuba to Philadelphia with a cargo of silver when they encountered three British ships including the Sybil commanded by Captain James Vashon. Through the daring strategy of Captain Barry, the Alliance was able to disable the Sybil which then withdrew. The program included a wreath laying on the shores of Sykes Creek and is hosted by Brevard County Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Thomas Creek 241st Anniversary celebration was held on April 7, 2018. Over 100 attended this celebration, with greetings brought from the City of Jacksonville by Ms. Susan Grandin, past local Director of the Trust for Public Land. Greetings were also brought by Florida and Georgia SAR Chapters, and DAR and C.A.R. Chapters. Dr. Roger Smith taught attendees that the Battle of Thomas Creek was not just another border

skirmish, but another attempt to make N.E. Florida the 14th Colony. An SAR Musket Salute brought the program to an impressive closing.

When further information becomes available about the Battle of Pensacola celebration, I will report this as well.

## **Battle of Pensacola**

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Nothing to report at this time.

## **Battle of Thomas Creek**

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On Saturday April 7th 2018 the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek was commemorated in Jacksonville, Florida at Seaton Creek Historic Park with over 100 attending. David Ramseur, Past Chapter and Florida Society President presided over the ceremony. Greetings were brought from the City of Jacksonville by Assistant General Counsel, Ms. Susan Grandin who was the former local Director of the Trust for Public Land and in that office began working on this land preservation acquisition ten years ago. Ms. Grandin involved David Ramseur seven years ago with the Mayors Office and the City Council on acquiring these 846 acres for preservation before acquisition by land developers that contained battlefield artifacts. Also, the City of Jacksonville is planning on enhancing the park with over million dollars with boardwalks, pavilion, overlook tower, kayak launch, and trail signs.

Greetings were also brought by Florida and Georgia SAR Chapters, and DAR and C.A.R. Chapters. We were all delighted to again have a large Patriotic Chorus group sing for us and Boy Scouts assist us in the ceremony. Again, we were all educated by our SAR award winning speaker/compatriot, Dr. Roger Smith who taught us that the Battle of Thomas Creek was not just another border skirmish but another attempt to make N.E. Florida the 14th Colony. Our SAR Musket Salute to honor our Patriots who fought and died in this battle again made an impressive closing to the ceremony.

## **Last Naval Battle**

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No report submitted.

## **Liberty Tree**

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No report

## **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”. As information, our very good FLSSAR entries for the Poster and the Brochure did not make the finals at Congress in Knoxville as a NSSAR winner but they were well recognized for their talent. This year at Congress in Houston, we are again looking forward to winners. After serving many years on this important

youth committee, I am passing the Chairmanship to Compatriot Larry Sturgeon of the Withlacoochee Chapter, who has some great ideas for growing this program. Thanks go to all who helped make this a viable educational program for our youth.

**Poster Contest:**

Accordingly, for FLSSAR 2017-18 the Poster Contest Revolutionary War theme will be the “Battle of Pensacola”. As before, I would suggest the Chapter winner deadline date of April 2018. For the FLSSAR contest the chapter winning posters (22 X 28 inches) will need to be brought to the Annual FLSSAR meeting Friday May 18th before 3:30 P.M. in the

Cypress I meeting Room for Judging. 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/Americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest](http://www.sar.org/Americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest) Next year our FLSSAR Poster theme for 2018-19 the Revolutionary War People will be “Spanish General Bernado de Galvez” the hero of the 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 2018. 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 Houston in July 2018. For more details and entry forms go to: [www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards](http://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-and-awards).

“The permanent Middle School Brochure Contest theme that began 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 Eagle Scout Committee performs and supports several very important activities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please be aware that the local Chapter application deadline dates must be early enough to allow the selected winning Chapter application to be forwarded to the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman (Popham@earthlink.net) NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY 2018. The Compatriot members of the Eagle Scout Committee will each review ALL Chapter winner applications, and our Florida Society 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced at the FLSSAR Winter BOM during the 3-5 February 2018 meetings in Orlando. Our State Scholarship monetary award has been \$1000 for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third place. The Ladies Auxiliary has also been very generous with checks for the winners as well. The first-place winner and his parents will be recognized, and the Scout will receive his awards at our Annual Meeting Youth Luncheon in May. His application will also be forwarded for the NSSAR competition during the 2018 Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville KY in early March.

**Florida Society 2017 Contest Results:** The Chapter Winners were submitted immediately after the 31 December 2017 deadline, and reviewed by a panel of Judges comprised of six members of the Florida Society Eagle Scout Committee. The 2017 Winners are:

First Place:	Stuart Case – Clearwater Chapter
Second Place:	Benjamin Bryant – Tampa Chapter
Third Place:	(Tie) Justin Barthel – St. Augustine Chapter Joshua M. Hebert – Jacksonville Chapter

## History Fairs

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No report

## George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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Congratulations to Jason Puwalski, who represented the Caloosa Chapter with his first place essay on the Women of the American Revolution. Daniella Kagan, of the Naples Chapter won second place, and Rachel Lechwar, representing Jacksonville Chapter garnered third prize in a competitive state contest with 14 participants.

For the 2017 contest, 32 essays were received from 13 Chapters. Thank you Caloosa, Central Florida, Clearwater, Jacksonville, Lake Sumter, Miami, Naples, Ocala, Palm Beach, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Withlacoochee. Additionally, there were 2 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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## Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

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*Nothing to Report at this Time*

## JROTC

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The JROTC Committee is pleased to report that awards of medals and certificates have been presented to the outstanding cadets throughout the State of Florida and Puerto Rico in high school JROTC units and college ROTC units. Chapters have responded promptly to requests from the JROTC/ROTC unit officers for these awards. Good Job!

This years Enhanced JROTC Program contest winner for the FLSSAR Outstanding Cadet is Cadet Samanta Marlene Pomier Jofre from Naples High School. She was nominated by the Naples SAR Chapter. Cadet Pomier Jofre has a 4.76 GPA and is an outstanding student, leader and accomplished member of her community as demonstrated by her leadership and contributions to her school, unit and community. She as outstanding potential.

Cadet Wendy Zhang from the Sarasota Military Academy was awarded second place. She was nominated by the Saramana SAR Chapter. Cadet Joseph Lubinski from Middleton High Shool in Tampa placed third. He was nominated by the Tampa SAR Chapter.

It was once again a close and very competitive contest reflecting the outstanding quality and potential of the many cadets entering the contest. All of the top three cadets have been awarded monetary awards from the FLSSAR and the Ladies SAR Auxiliary this year. The FLSSAR winner receives a total of \$1,350, second place a total of \$600 and third place a total of \$300.

As of this date, the rules for the 2018-2019 Enhanced JROTC Program contest have not been changed. Should there be any changes, they will be publicized. However, perhaps reflecting the caliber of cadets in the Program, NSSAR has advised that the information submitted on the Nomination Form counts for 50% of the cadet's score. One or two word statements are meaningless. Details and results of undertakings are mandatory. Additional pages should be added to detail and expand what the cadet has done and elaborate how important the cadet is to the school, unit and community. The well-rounded outstanding cadet is active in the school, unit and community, and the cadet displays a take-charge and leadership potential in all areas of his/her life. It is critical that the Chapters and the units bear this in mind for the nominated cadet to be competitive at the NSSAR level. In 2016, 21 states submitted nominees; in 2017 there were 24, and this year there are 29 nominees. The competition is increasing. The winner at NSSAR receives \$4,000, second place receives \$1,500 and third place \$1,000. The NSSAR judging is currently underway, and the winners are expected to be announced by the middle of May.

Lastly, I would like to thank the JROTC Committee members for their work on the committee this year and a special thanks to outgoing committee members: Arthur Hays, John McCullough and Benjamin Tidwell. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated and you will be missed next year.

## Community Outreach

### American History Teacher Award

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Only one candidate was presented to the Committee this year. Nevertheless, Ron Grove's Lake Sumter Chapter's Robert Burke of Montverde Academy is very qualified and probably would have prevailed in a crowded field. He has been declared the Florida winner and being forwarded on to national for that competition with our best wishes for success.

Hopefully, more chapters will take this opportunity to seek out and reward good teachers at either the middle school or high school level..

## **Habitat for Humanity**

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No Report

## **Operation Ancestor Search**

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Over the past year OAS has continued to serve at two Florida Veterans Medical Centers:

James A. Haley Polytrauma Unit (Tampa)

Bay Pines Community Living Center (St. Petersburg)

We have scheduled one visit each month at each facility. We serve up to six patients each visit at both locations for approximately two plus hours. Our three to six volunteers are primarily from the Clearwater Chapter with occasional help from volunteers from two local DAR chapters and the Pinellas County Genealogical Society. Our efforts take a break from June-September due to volunteer availability.

At these two facilities OAS is warmly received. Patient acceptance and enthusiasm is high. Often, the patient's benefits are seen as profound. Our volunteers also receive psychic benefits from performing the service.

Regrettably, efforts by other state SAR chapters have not been successful in gaining cooperation at other VA centers.

## **Patriotic Activities**

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No report

## **Public Service and Heroism**

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All Chapters...please continue to be on the lookout for local opportunities to recognize worthy local citizens for the SAR Life Saving Medal and Heroism Medal. Remember to report the presentations to FLSSAR (PP Lawrence Fehrenbaker <lfgnsar@comcast.net>.

SAR Life Saving Medal: <https://store.sar.org/product/life-saving-medal-and-enamel-bar>

SAR Heroism Medal: <https://store.sar.org/product/heroism-medal>

## **Publicity /Earl Marlin**

Publicity Donald K. Lanman DLanman258@aol.com

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Contest judged and is ready for the BOM

## **Veterans Affairs**

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This year, 2018, marks the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the USS Stark Memorial Award event. It was initiated in 1988 to memorialize the brave men and women who have and who continue to stand up and to protect and preserve the freedom our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve.

The purpose of this memorial award is to recognize all chapters and award outstanding chapters and state societies for their work with and for veterans. Some of these activities include making contributions to veterans hospitals, nursing homes and medical centers; hospital, nursing home and home visitations; outings; volunteer service; participation in veterans' funerals; flag placement on graves; working with veterans in ancestor search to mention just a few of the activities. Participation with Veteran and other organizations at memorials and other sites is also import and and should be recognized and reported.

The highlights and accomplishments by the chapters in the state is covered in their respective chapter reports. At the state society level, the USS Stark Memorial Award contest ended at year end. Total points earned in 2017 was lower by 30% from 2016. Only four chapters participated in 2017 versus six in 2016. On the plus side, points earned in 2017 were higher than in the five years prior to 2016. Part of the decline in the 2017 points earned may have been due to construction at the James Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, and volunteers were unable to contribute their time and talent.

The 2018 contest is underway and will end on December 31, 2018. It is important to realize that the NSSAR state society winner is determined by the total points earned by all the chapters in the state divided by the total membership in the FLSSAR. Even if a chapter reports only a few points - not enough to win even the small chapter award or compete in the state, it helps the FLSSAR in the NSSAR contest.

Lastly, I would like to thank the eight members of this committee for their work this year. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

## Veteran's Recognition

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I am pleased to announce that after several years of service as the Chairman of the FLSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, a new leader is about to step up to continue this important task. Compatriot Donald Lanman is expected to be named the new chairman as part of the new Administration commencing after this BOM. Contact Don in the future at [DLanman258@aol.com](mailto:DLanman258@aol.com).

We have continued to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with additional Compatriots 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.

### NSSAR Veterans Recognition

Veterans who desire to participate in the Veterans Recognition programs established at the National level, including receipt of Certificates of Patriotism and membership in Veterans Corps, should review the information available on the National website (<https://SAR.org>). After logging onto the website, in the "Compatriots" section and the "Committees" subsection, individuals will find information and forms regarding those programs. **PLEASE NOTE:** at least at present the FLSSAR and NSSAR veterans recognition programs are separate and each requires different forms and documentation. While there is new leadership on the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, there has been no change in policy for obtaining recognition for military service at the National level.

## Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

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New chairman of the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee is:

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It has been a pleasure to have served you as ETFD Committee Chairman.

## Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

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**Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2017**

	<b>Activity Jan-Apr</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Annual Dues	94,245	105,000	
Prepaid Dues from December	6,170		4,585
OTF distribution	3,234	3,000	(234)
Registrar Receipts	3,801	12,000	8,199
Secretary Receipts	460	1,250	790
Other Income		-	-
BOM Receipts			-
Registration	1,838	18,500	16,662
50/50		200	200
Hospitality Room		-	-
Donations			-
LNB Medal Sales	57	-	(57)
Patriot Mag Ad Income		-	-
Carry Over From Prior Year	13,059	13,059	-
Total	122,864	153,009	30,145

**Florida Society Budget Comparison  
For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2017**

	Activity Jan-Apr	2018 Budget	Remaining Budget
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
NSSAR Dues	62,785	65,000	2,215
Dues Refunds		-	-
Reinstatement Dues	1,055	1,500	445
Registrar Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Secretarty Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Exec Admin Stipend	2,400	4,800	2,400
Presidents Expenses	1,076	5,000	3,924
Sr VP Expenses	997	2,500	1,503
Secretary Expenses	472	750	278
Treasurer Expenses	5	250	245
Registrar Expenses	140	600	460
BOM Expenses			-
Hotel (Meals)	2,140	19,000	16,860
BOM Refunds		-	-
Hospitality Room	227	250	23
A/V & Other	1,299	2,250	951
Hotel Deposits		-	-
Internet/Computer Expense	102	500	398
Technology Comm		100	100
Knight Essay Comm	750	2,000	1,250
American His Teacher Comm		500	500
Eagle Scout Comm		2,000	2,000
JROTC Comm		2,100	2,100
Good Citizenship Comm		250	250
Patriotic Education		500	500
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	1,828	3,500	1,672
Americanism Poster Contest		350	350
Americanism Brochure Contest		350	350
FSCAR Donation	1,000	1,000	-
History Fair Comm	475	500	25
CAAH Donation		1,000	1,000
NSSAR Library		200	200
Battle of Pensacola		250	250
Last Naval Battle		500	500
Battle of Thomas Creek	499	500	1
Support Our Troops Cost		-	-
Medals & Awards Comm		1,500	1,500
Patriot Medal Comm	452	400	(52)
Chapter Challenge		-	-
Newsletters & Period Comm		600	600
Publicity Comm		600	600
New Chapter Dev Comm		500	500
Other Committee Cost		250	250
Bank Charges/Fees	1	100	99
Miscellaneous Costs	96	500	404
D&O/Liability Insurance		1,000	1,000
Patriot Mag Cost	4,174	6,000	1,826
Other Postage/Delivery		100	100
ETF Donation		2,500	2,500
F4F Donation		6,867	6,867
To Be Designated By Ralph Nelson		392	392
<b>Total</b>	<u>86,774</u>	<u>148,909</u>	<u>62,135</u>
<b>Net Cash Surplus</b>	<u>36,090</u>	<u>4,100</u>	