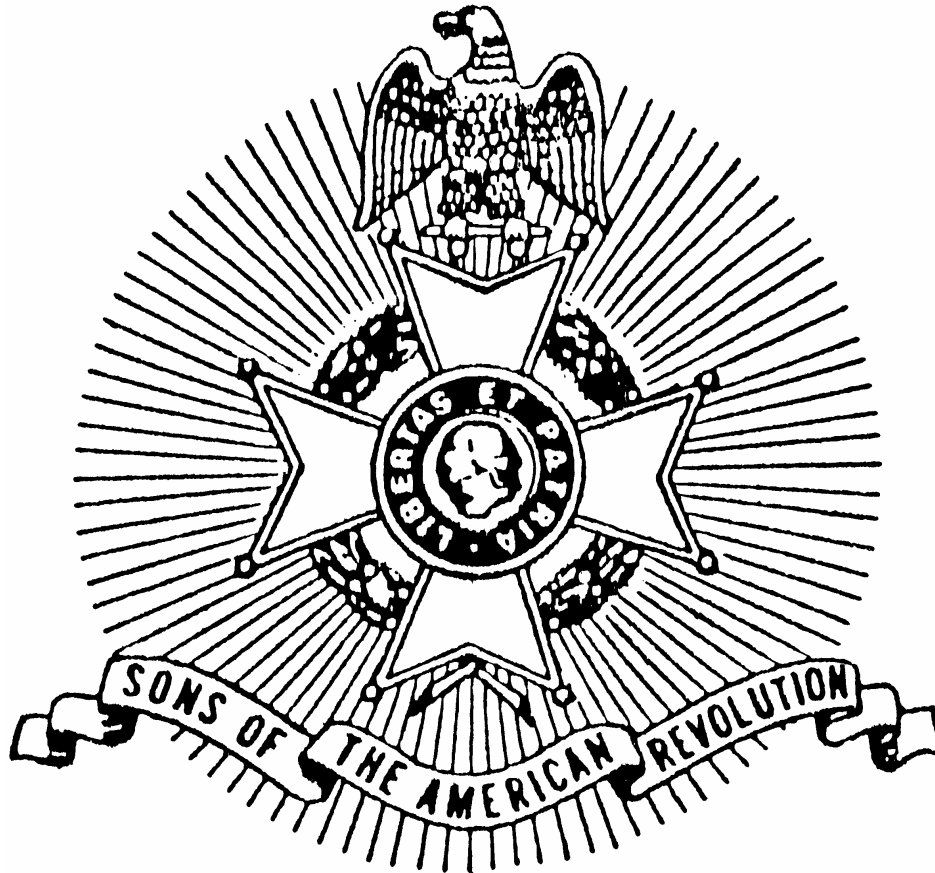


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Fall Board of Management Meeting
Kissimmee, Florida
October 23 & 24, 2009

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Sons of the American Revolution Mission

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Pledge to the SAR

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

The American Creed

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

Recessional

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

FLSSAR
Board of Management Meeting
October 23 & 24, 2009

Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
Pledge to the SAR
The American Creed
Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
Reports of NSSAR Officers- past & present
Reports of NSSAR Committee Chairmen
Report of NSSAR National Trustee
Reports of State Officers
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Unfinished business
New business
Closing
SAR Recessional
Benediction
Adjournment

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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

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Leadership Conference Highlights, September 27 – 30, 2009

- **"The Library"** Construction in Process/Photos were displayed ; Reported to be "Ahead of Schedule"; Estimated Completion Value: \$3-4M, 17,000 sq ft, completion abt. 1 yr

- Developing Partnerships with: History Channel, Smithsonian, Remant Trust, Frazer Museum and other organizations **Should influence larger grants!**

- "New" NSSAR Legislative Affairs Committee: Resolution created for distribution to our U.S. Congress, about American History and Civics Education in our Public Schools; Consistent w/Florida Efforts over last several years ... We shared this information with this committee's chairman, Bob Bowan we plan to coordinate our Florida and NSSAR efforts.

- NSSAR Website/Amazon purchases made through this Amazon link will result in financial benefits to the NSSAR

- As member of the FLSSAR Patriotic Education Committee, I presented the MS Essay "Pilot" Program to NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee; Distributed Copies and received some interest, for example - Illinois Society President expressed interest; Observation: their appears to be no mechanism for piloting, evaluating and endorsing an education program. I will discuss w/the chairman, Frank Hodalski.

- Presented a new Boy Scout recognition option to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee Chairman (also Florida Society Chair and Bob Burt) ... Although the Chairman did not present it to the Committee, he expressed the opinion that it would be adopted!

Merit Badge Triplett Certificate! Since the Leadership Conference, I have been working with Charlie Newcomer, Chairman and T. Rex Legler II. Mr. Legler is developing a new "Patch" program that may link well with the "Triplett" certificate.

- "Blue Ribbon Committee" – The chairman of this committee distributed a report, along with supporting information on the "Center Check Mark" controversy; It is clear to this observer that they did not understand the reasons for the turmoil, that was exhibited by NSSAR members and state societies across the U.S.

- Next (2010) NSSAR Congress: Cleveland OH

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

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Mile Marker Two and all seems to be OK. The CAAH program during the summer has been in a holding position; too many chapters have been inactive. Now that summer is over expect it will pick up. At the Leadership Meeting in Louisville at the end of September I learned that of Florida's 1523 regular members, 174 had contributed. As of 31 March, Florida had contributed \$94,706. From 1 April to 23 June contributions totaled \$1,960 for a total of \$96,666 or an average of \$62 per member.

Membership – As of 6 September 2009, total Florida membership was 1,732 of which regular membership numbered 1,563. Since 1 January 2009, there has been inducted 116 new members, 80 reinstated, and 27 deaths.

Before the Summer BOM I visited two chapters and attended the Battle of Pensacola. Since the Summer BOM I have attended the Constitution Day Ceremonies (St. Lucie River Chapter/DAR's) in Palm City, the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY, the Withlacooche Chapter (10 Oct), and the Lakeland chapter (17 Oct).

At the Leadership Meeting, the Blue Ribbon Committee submitted it's report. Simply put, it addressed the question "was the Genealogy Dept. complying with regulations and the Constitution (Art. III), the By-Laws (No. 9), as well as Form 0912 (original purpose of the committee?). The committee's decision was the Genealogy Dept. was complying, so the Blue Ribbon Committee recommended "no change in procedures."

In the Genealogy Committee meeting the members approved two motions. The first was to extend the "grandfathering clause" to the 2nd generation not only for SAR applications, but to DAR applications as well. The second motion that was approved was to "fast track" applications of sons and grandsons of both SAR and DAR members (fathers and mothers applications).

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Nothing to report

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

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October 18, 2009

Period of this report: August 30, 2009 – October 24, 2009

ACTIVITIES THIS PAST PERIOD:

- Attended all meetings of the Pensacola Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee serving as Chapter Secretary.
- Served the Florida Society as the Commander, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee, Advisor to the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee and Chairman, Battle of Pensacola Committee.
- Served on the Pensacola Chapter planning committee for the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration on May 14-15, 2010.
- Presented three NSSAR Flag Certificates.
- Commanded the Chapter Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR Constitution Week Luncheon on September 19, 2009.
- Inducted the officers of the Aaron Snowden Chapter on October 17, 2009 and presented an overview of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

AARON SNOWDEN CHAPTER: The chapter meets on the 3rd Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at Ryan's Steak House, 4955 Hwy 98, Pace, FL. Two new members, Joseph E. Potter and Harry McCrey Williams, were inducted at the September meeting and four new members, John Duncan Willis, Hoyt Brice Blackburn, James Arthur Young and Henry Lloyd Baldwin, were inducted at the October meeting.

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Two Trees Restaurant, Fort Walton Beach Golf Course, Fort Walton Beach, FL. The Chapter planted a magnolia tree in Marler Park on Okaloosa Island and has had a plaque made. The Chapter will designate the tree as a Liberty Tree with an appropriate ceremony at the appropriate time to be announced.

PANAMA CITY CHAPTER:

The chapter meets regularly on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M. at Po Folks Restaurant on 15th Street and Balboa Avenue in Panama City, FL throughout the year. Visitors are welcome. For further information and information on current activities, please contact John H. Carter at 850-747-9366.

PENSACOLA CHAPTER:

The chapter meets monthly at 5:15 P.M. on the second Tuesday at Sonny's Bar-B-QUE Restaurant, 630 North Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL. At the September 8, 2009 meeting, President Weeks presented the NSSAR Distinguished Service Certificate to Wesley S. Odom in recognition of his outstanding planning and presentation of the 1781 Battle of Pensacola Reenactment at Fort George in downtown Pensacola on May 8-9, 2009. Also at that meeting, President Weeks presented the NSSAR Heroism Medal to Officer Greg Gordon, Pensacola Police Department for his brave persistent actions to rescue a man from a burning house in Pensacola on July 7, 2009. At the October 13, 2009 meeting, President Weeks presented the NSSAR Heroism Medal to Firefighter J. P. Norris, Escambia County Fire Department in recognition for his heroic actions on September 12, 2009 in the rescue of a seriously injured unconscious woman from her dark smoke-filled burning home in Pensacola. The Chapter is working with the Pensacola Veteran's Park Foundation to construct an American Revolutionary War Memorial Monument in the park along side other war memorials. The Monument will feature a statue of a Minuteman on a pedestal. Flag Committee Chairman Young presented three NSSAR Flag Certificates to Isabelle Phillips, Albert Stumpe and Francois Vaillant in recognition of the dedicated patriotism demonstrated by their regular and proper flying of well-maintained American Flags. Young also provided Ms. Cherie Arnette, Escambia County School District Social Studies Specialist an Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest package for reproduction and

distribution to the elementary school social studies teachers for their consideration. Please see the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Report for Chapter Color Guard activity during this period.

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER: The Chapter meets quarterly at 6:30 P.M. The location of the meetings is being change due to the closing of their former meeting place. The Chapter did not have any activity during this reporting period.

WILLIAM DUNAWAY CHAPTER: The Chapter meets monthly on the 1st Thursday at 7:15 P. M. at Jim's Buffet and Grill, 4329 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL. President Robert Dunaway and Vice President Fletcher Dunaway participated in the Color Guard at the Wiregrass Chapter, ALSSAR Constitution Day Program in Enterprise AL on September 17, 2009. On September 19, 2009, President Robert Dunaway and Secretary Harry Dunaway, in uniform, Registrar Larry Clere and Lionel Young attended the Chipola Chapter DAR Constitution Day Program in Marianna. President Robert Dunaway, in uniform, attended the Tri-State Chapter, ALSSAR meeting on October 10, 2009. On October 17, 2009, President Robert Dunaway, Vice President Fletcher Dunaway and Secretary Harry Dunaway, in uniform, rode on the Joel Early Chapter, GASSAR float in the Harvest Day Parade in Donaldsonville, GA.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

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Most Chapters have been enjoying a summer of quiet vacationing. Below are the details of each Chapter's activities in this reporting period.

Ocala Chapter - President Claude Grubbs
No report provided

Lake City Chapter - President Jim Thrasher
Since Lake City has not yet been re-chartered there are no activities to report.

Lake-Sumter Chapter - President Stephen C. Offutt

. Activities:

July 4, 2009 - Compatriots Bill Piper, Bob Moody, Glenn Langston and Steve Offutt participated in the July 4th parade in Tavares. Over 1,000 people watched the parade on a warm 4th of July.
September 24, 2009 - Compatriots Bill Piper and Glenn Langston in uniform presented a talk about the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War to over 500 8th graders at the Eustis Middle School.

New Members: President Stephen Offutt inducted 5 new members into the Lake-Sumter Chapter on October 3, 2009. Richard DeArmond, Howard Baker, Russell Deal, Richard Offutt, and Ken Carter. Floyd Wiseman - Will be inducted on November 7, 2009

Compatriot Ron Toops is waiting on pending applications for 5 applicants and 6 applicants being processed.

Total Lake-Sumter Chapter members is currently at 60.

Publicity:

Compatriot Bill Piper had an excellent article and picture in full uniform in the Daily Commercial on September 19, 2009 about his presentation of the video "The Many Faces of Old Glory". Compatriot Piper has presented this video several times in the past.

Gainesville Chapter - President: R. D. "Bob" Reeves

Total Membership: 83 Active , 69 Adult, 4 Junior and 10 Associates -- 6 new Supplementals

Nr. Applications pending: 5 @NSSAR; 0 @FLSSAR Nr. New Members: 2 ;

Nr. Reinstated members: 1; Nr. Members inducted: 5, 2 pending.

2010 Dues: packages mailed; 4 New Life Members in our Chapter.

Gainesville Registrar/Genealogist Jim Partin has processed 5 new member application for Gainesville and 5 for Ocala; additionally he has processed 1 Supplemental for Gainesville and 1 for Lake/Sumter.

Last Meeting: Oct 20th □ Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell □ "Gainesville Gangs"4

Date of Next Meeting: Veterans Program, November 19 at 5:30 pm Brown's Country Buffet in Alachua

Certificates/Awards:

- Chapter received Proclamation designating "Constitution Week" from Gainesville City.
- Certificate of Appreciation □ Speaker Judge W. T. Hodges "Some Things You May Not Know About The Constitution."
- Law Enforcement Medal: - Gainesville Police Officer Steve Sweeting
- Law Enforcement Medal: □ Alachua County Sheriff Inspector Todd Card
- Two Liberty Medals presented by RVP Scott Bushnell to Compatriots Jim Partin and Jim Thrasher
- Certificate of Appreciation: Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, "Gainesville Gangs."

Events:

- In August Bob Reeves and Ray Davis made brief SAR presentations at Naturalization Ceremonies and distributed USA flag lapel pins to the 45 new citizens
- Bob Reeves in colonial uniform gave four 5th grade classes Revolutionary War presentations to Glen Springs Elementary School. Bob Reeves and Ray Davis, both in uniform gave two 90 minute presentations to all Talbot Elementary 5th graders and all Norton Elementary 1st grade students.
- Ray Davis in uniform presented two separate presentations High Springs Community School and presented the "Toast to the Flag" and led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Foster Elementary School..
- Ray Davis made SAR presentations at
- Bob Reeves and Ray Davis met with senior officer area veterans at three monthly meetings and with the Alachua County Veterans Advisory Board to discuss issues of mutual benefit and to assist in assisting the Chapter Veterans Committee.
- Bob Reeves in uniform participated in City Government Week with the Gainesville Mayor presented "Good Citizenship Citations" to one fifth grader from each Alachua County Elementary School.
- WITHLACOOCHIE CHAPTER: President – Harley Nelson
- This quarter has been rather quiet as we do not have meetings during the summer.
- We reported that we had several applications at national for review We had four accepted and we had President Stephenson swear them in at our October meeting
- Four members of the chapter color guard participated with the DAR in their Saturday celebrations of Constitution week in downtown Inverness.
- Three members visited Baldomero Lopez State nursing home preparing for our Christmas visit
- Three members attended funeral service for a DAR member.
- One member attended a funeral for an army veteran

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

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FLAGLER CHAPTER

Ernie Gallo was presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter President Ted St. Pierre at the September 15 Chapter Luncheon. Mr. Gallo, a crew member on the USS Liberty, presented a slide show and spoke of the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty on June 8, 1967 during the Six-Day War off the coast of the Sinai Peninsula in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Veteran's Day Celebration on Friday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Matanzas High School. JROTC will host a Veteran's Day Celebration. There will be no formal ceremony. Instead, the SAR has been invited to examine the equipment and implements used in the war against terrorism and talk with Veterans about their exploits and contributions to this great nation. This event will be held at Matanzas High School.

A true American hero and patriot, Tom Beauchamp, passed away on September 25, 2009. Tom was our Chapter's long-time Vice President and Chairman of the Public Service and JROTC committees and worked on the many SAR special projects. On his second tour of duty in Vietnam, Tom commanded a helicopter battalion and received a Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and a Purple Heart. Tom will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Compatriot DAVID KELSEY presented the 2008 First Place Chapter Challenge streamer to Sergeant-At-Arms FRANK PIERCE at the September 15 Chapter Luncheon. Our Flagler Chapter won first place in the 2008 Chapter competition for Chapters having up to 41 Compatriot Members.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

The annual Flag Retirement Ceremony held September 12, 2009, was conducted as a joint activity of the Princess Malee Society, Children of the American Revolution and the Jacksonville Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. We were pleased that the following CAR members participated in the program: Abaca Dowling, President, Florida Society CAR; Zoe Miller, President Princess Malee Society; and Caitlin Brock, Honorary President Princess Malee Society and other members of the Princess Malee Society in attendance. The Mandarin Community Club was the site of the ceremony and members of the club provided refreshments. Susie Scott, President of Mandarin Community Club, graciously served as hostess.

At the Jacksonville Chapter FLSSAR Meeting, September 17, 2009, there were 39 in attendance. Former Ambassador Marilyn McAfee gave an overview of the world situation with Pakistan, Iraq and why it matters to the U.S.

October 15, 2009, brings center stage, Mr. Jim Vearil. Jim is a member and regular speaker with The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society in Jacksonville and serves as Education Chair on the Board of SGES. He will speak on "Using Social History to Understand the Effects of the Civil War on Family Life in the South." This presentation was recently given for the SAR National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, and is coming your way by special request.

The Jacksonville Chapter, FLSSAR, received First Place in the Chapter Newsletter competition on August 28, 2009. The award was presented at the BOM in Kissimmee, Florida.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHAPTER

The St. Augustine Chapter reports that they will be having an active year with several very interesting programs. They also expect to receive several new members into the Chapter in the next several months.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT **East Central Regional Vice President**

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Brevard Chapter Third Quarter Report 2009

Ben Dubose, Secretary Reporting:

8/28-29/2009 Four members attended the Summer BOM: G. Darby, B. Dubose, S. Williams and P. Wright. Guests include Dubose's granddaughter Tina Alleva and Steve William's wife Sheila Shaughnessy; who is the President of our Chapter Ladies Aux.. Dubose, Williams, and Wright joined the Friday night color Guard. the chapter was proud to display its collections of 19 colonial era flags during the BOM and we were asked to bring them back to future BOM Meetings.

9/2/09 Compatriot Dubose met with members of the Cape Canaveral Propeller club to discuss some joint plans for next year's Last Naval Battle ceremonies. they are planning a "Black Tie" "Alliance Ball" for Saturday night 3/6/2010 and we have been asked to attend in period attire. The Propeller Club recently donated \$500 toward our 5th grade LNB project.

9/12/2009 Compatriot's B. Dubose and P. Wright represented the Chapter at the John Barry Day Celebration in Jetty Park and where honored to lead the 100+ member Color Guard.

9/13/2009 Compatriots B. Dubose and P. Wright presented seminars at the Brevard Teacher's In-Service Training Day in Rutledge. Dubose spoke on the LNB, while Wright (seen above) gave a power point presentation on the various youth programs available through the SAR. The teachers were very impressed with everything we had to offer the students of Brevard County.

9/19/2009 A joint meeting was held with the five DAR Chapters in Brevard County and there were almost 80 people were in attendance with 1st Vice President Phil Wright presiding: B. Dubose, S. Williams and P. Wright presented the colors.

Central Florida Chapter Activity Third Quarter 2009

Douglas Marshal reporting:

Our September meeting brought us two new members. Randall Wayne Gastfield and his son Garrett Lee Gastfield. George Gastfield helped in the presentation of his son and grandson. What a wonderful family tradition. Bob Copeland presented the prestigious Liberty Bell Trophy to John Little for his outstanding work with the ROTC and JROTC. John also heads up our color guard. John is a past president. His contribution to our Chapter, the

State Society and the National Society is immeasurable. The Color Guard presented and posted the colors at the DAR State Meeting in Orlando on September 9th. Our Speaker was Lou Treadway, who spoke on the Constitution. Our Public Service Chairman, Norman Myers presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to Orlando, Chief of Police, Val Demings and the Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings, at the October meeting. Yes, they are husband and wife. That is what you call a law enforcement family. Our Chapter will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2011. Preparations are well under way, under the able leadership of Norm Myers as Chairman, Bob Murray, Bob Copeland, Fred MacLean, Tom McElroy and Cecil Thompson. Our Chapter has been invited to Host the January BOM. We look forward to seeing you all there.

St. Lucie River Chapter Third Quarter Report 2009

Hall Riediger reporting:

Five compatriots attended and participated in the August 23/24 BOM Meeting

September 8, 2009- Compatriots Jay Wise and Hall Riediger received proclamations from the St. Lucie County Commission and the Fort Pierce City Council for Constitution Week.

September 12, 2009 - The Chapter participated in the annual joint "Constitution Week" meeting with the DAR. DAR Chapters: Cora Stickeny Harper Halpatiokee, Jupiter Lighthouse, Okeechobee, and Saint Lucie River joined the St. Lucie River SAR at the Monarch Country Club in Palm City to celebrate the occasion. The St. Lucie River SAR presented our guest speaker Rebecca O'Dell Townsend, with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her long term efforts to inform the public throughout Florida about their rights and obligations under the Constitution. The Chapter also presented Roberta Hoffmann, Honorary Regent Halpatiokee Chapter DAR and Lois Weaver, Treasurer, Saint Lucie River Chapter DAR with the Martha Washington Medal for their long term co-operation with the St. Lucie River Chapter SAR with the annual meeting.

September 21, 2009- Compatriot Hall Riediger donated a day to the Treasure Coast High School to speak with 5, 11th grade classes about the Revolutionary War. He does a 45 minute power point presentation about his Patriot Simon Knowles.

October 10, 2009- Regular meeting three new members were inducted and awards were presented to the "Fire Fighters of the Year" for St. Lucie Fire District. FTO Captain Jennifer Chambers was presented with the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal and Captain William French was presented with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal for their long term commitment to the citizens of St. Lucie County.

Flag Chairman, Oscar Kraehenbuehl presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Joseph M. Farogina of Palm City, Florida.

Treasure Coast Chapter Third Quarter Report 2009

William Stevenson Reporting:

Chapter activity was included in the Florida Society's President's Report.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

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October 23, 2009

Clearwater:

Members of the Color Guard joined the other chapters in posting the colors at the Summer BOM.

On 9/16 they inducted two new members.

On 10/19 they joined the DAR for their annual luncheon.

On 10/21 they honored three Police officers at their luncheon.

On 10/22 they went to Clearwater City Hall in uniform for a function.

St. Petersburg:

No report

Maj. John DeVane:

They had their annual Veterans Day dinner on 11/6/09.

Lakeland:

On 9/17 they had their Annual Memorial Service.

On 9/19 they attended the DAR Constitution Sunday service.

On 10/17 they had our FLSSAR State Pres. Wm. P. Stevenson as guest speaker.

Tampa Chapter

The chapter continues to provide quality programs at their meetings. In September, Vice President Robert Yarnell gave an overview of the Revolutionary War in West Florida with particular emphasis on the Battle of Pensacola. Rodney Kite-Powell, curator of the Tampa History Center, spoke at the October meeting providing a virtual tour of the new history center. In November, Lt. Gen. James Ellis (Ret) will speak on "The mid-east, radical Islam, and terrorism".

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

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October 19, 2009

Palm Beach Chapter:

Presented Boy Scout and Citizenship awards at three area High Schools and two Middle Schools at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Several chapter members attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery in Boynton Beach.

Added 7 new members since 1 January, 2009.

Calendar of Meetings (all meetings at 12 noon):

20 October, 2009, at the Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach

17 November, 2009, at the Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach

12 December, 2009, Christmas Luncheon with Palm Beach Chapter DAR at the Sailfish Club, Palm Beach

19 January, 2010, 16 February, 2010, 16 March, 2010, 20 April, 2010, 18 May, 2010 at the Sailfish Club, Palm Beach

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter:

At their 19 September, 2009, chapter meeting, the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter has 2 applications pending and inducted 2 new members.

Since 1 January, 2009, 2 chapter members passed away (Stuart Browne and Jeffrey L. Cooke).

The chapter is participating in the following programs: Essay contest, Eagle Scout awards, Veteran's Big Print Books, School Program, and Americanism.

The chapter is in the process of collecting data for Military Service Medals

Speaker for the 19 September, 2009, meeting was Chapter Secretary, Charles Crowell.

The chapter meetings are held at noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month, September 2009 through May 2010 at the Colony West Golf Course, Tamarac.

Miami Chapter:

The chapter attended the DAR's Constitution Week luncheon 12 September, 2009, at Miami Shores Country Club, which substituted for the chapter's September meeting. The chapter's Thomas Paine Color Guard presented the Colors.

As of 10 September, 2009, the Miami Chapter had 3 applications pending.

A certificate and a letter of recognition and congratulations was sent by the chapter to a recently advanced Eagle Scout from the Miami area.

The chapter meetings are held at noon on the 3rd Friday of each month, October 2009 through August 2010 at the Miami Elks Club in south Miami.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

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Saramana Chapter

President Harold Crapo, Jr. FLSSAR Sgt at Arms, Phillip H. Tarpley, FLSSAR S/W Regional Vice President, FLSSAR Past Presidents and state officers Frank X. Hodalski and Hal Miller attended August 28-29, 2009 (BOM). RVP Phillip H. Tarpley appointed Chairman of the State ROTC Committee. Saramana President Crapo participated in the Color Guard at the August 2009 BOM. Quill & Bugle Newsletter wins third place for chapter newsletters, Editor Phillip H. Tarpley accepted award

Registrar: Saramana Registrar Phillip H. Tarpley reports 8 new member applications were forwarded to NSSAR along with 7 supplemental applications. Seven more applications for membership are in process.

Eagle Scout Committee: Saramana Patriot Lester K. Hunt reported he is working closely with the Scout Troop leaders in order to identify those Scouts earning the Eagle Scout designation and bolster their awareness and local long lost interest in the SAR Awards program.

Veteran's Affairs: Saramana Patriot Robert Grant Sarasota Chairman gave his report on Veteran Affairs concerning the "Wreaths Across America Program". President Crapo reported the Saramana Chapter continues to collect and deliver needed personal care items, books, DVDs, etc. to the Port Charlotte Veterans Home. Saramana SAR President Crapo accepted an invitation to participate in a "Salute To Women Veterans" program being hosted by the Women's Resource Center of Sarasota County.

Month of September Activity: Color Guard Member events included a DAR/SAR U.S. Constitution meeting September 19, 2009. Bradley, Crapo, Cushing and Tarpley presented the Colors. Saramana President Crapo was invited to prepare and deliver an after-luncheon speech at the DAR/SAR joint meeting. He delivered a message about the U.S. Constitution and how it was debated, structured and amended before it was accepted on 17 September 1787. The 75 attendees gave him a standing ovation after the presentation. Chapter luncheon meeting October 9 **Proclamations:** The Saramana Chapter solicited and personally collected four Proclamations relative to U.S. Constitution Week from Governor Crist, Palmetto City Mayor, Manatee County Commissioners and the Sarasota County Commissioners.

Digital Media: Once again the Manatee Educational TV facility has contacted Saramana President Crapo and is interested in creating another patriotic DVD using the presentation Harold gave at the DAR/SAR U.S. Constitution luncheon. Previously, METV officials had made clear they wish to join in a partnership with the local SAR and produce DVDs relevant to Early American History. Future Chapter Events include: Nominating Committee report and election of Officers at November 11 meeting **October 23-24, 2009:** FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade participation. **November:** Sarasota Veterans Day Parade, **December:** Participation in the Wreaths Across America at the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery.

Caloosa Chapter

Monthly luncheon meetings of the Caloosa Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, are held on the second Wednesday of the month, October-May, at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers, FL., 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. All-inclusive cost: \$18. The public is invited. For information, call 239-454-0545.

October 14 - Mr. Ed Mathews, Lehigh Senior High School Social Studies Department Head, "The Age of Thomas Jefferson"

November 11 - Mr. Bill Reeve, President: Real Estate Appraisal & Litigation, LLC, "Recollections of a Marine in the Kennedy White House"

December 9 - Ms. Jeanne Basso, President Southwest Florida Council of Regents (DAR), "Christmas with Daughters Around the World"

January 13 - February 10 - March 10 - April 14 - May 12 - Guest speakers to be announced.

September activities included chapter representation at DAR Constitution Day Luncheons in Punta Gorda and Tampa (Punta Gorda: Compatriots Randy Moody and Guy Walton. Tampa: Tom Veal). A Lee County Commission Constitution Week proclamation that was presented to Caloosa Chapter was read by the mayor of Punta Gorda (Charlotte County) at the DAR luncheon. VP Moody attended the Fall national leadership meeting and was appointed to the Chaplain's Committee by PG Butler.. The chapter's first luncheon meeting of the new season was held on October 14th. Seven new members were inducted, which may be the largest number at any one meeting since the Bicentennial. Chalk it up to either loyalty to the SAR or simple economics, or both, but two Caloosa compatriots became life members recently: President Terry Walton, life member number 1701, and Vice President Randy Moody, life member number 1737.

Chapters did not respond to request for their Chapter activity reports: Naples and Charlotte

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

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At the request of the last BOM, I put together a listing of deadlines and other important dates appropriate for local chapters. The feedback received was minimal but that which came in was positive.

We're gearing up for the collection of 2010 dues and the annual reports. To this end, the BOM will need to consider two motions voted upon annually.

1. For the last few years the Florida Society has not charged dues for members who are on active military duty. Last year, 14 members met this criterion. This waiver of dues applies only to Florida dues. National dues still must be paid by either the member or their chapter. Chapter dues are at the discretion of the chapter. The BOM will need to decide if it would like to extend this program into 2010.
2. Each year the Florida Society rebates a portion of the state dues back to the chapter. This practice began in the late 1990's (1997 I believe). The rebate has in the past been \$3 per member paying Florida Society dues. In the current year the society is operating on a budget with a deficit and the first draft of the 2010 budget has a similar shortfall of funds. To help alleviate this situation, I propose that the rebate for 2010 be reduced. A \$1 reduction would generate between \$1,400 and \$1,500 for the work of the society. The Finance committee will speak to this matter.

Information regarding the annual report will be sent out during the second week of November.

Other work has been primarily routine however we took on a project to correct some of the omissions and errors in the online National database. As of this writing nearly all the missing state numbers have been entered and all the chapter designations have been corrected. There are limitations to working on the database and as a result no easy way to double check things. To this end, local chapter officers with access to the database are encouraged to send any corrections to the secretary. [Note: I am permitted to change only items found on the main page for each member. Corrections dealing with ancestors, membership chronology, and similar matters must be submitted to National.]

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Randy Moody sarrevdoc@comcast.net

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

Compatriot	National	State	Chapter
William Knox	147612	7424	Daytona-Ormond
John Yost	153010	7853	Lakeland
John T. Quinn	171332	9125	Lakeland
Jacob G. Gredicek	147675	7997	Clearwater
Ashby Stiff	73105	2500	Tallahassee
Thomas Evan Beauchamp	158378	8184	Flagler
Jeffrey Cooke	127715	5381	Ft.Lauderdale
Stuart Prescott Browne	124579	5069	Ft.Lauderdale

It is important that someone from each chapter report deaths to me and the FLSSAR Secretary in a timely manner so we can properly pay our respects to the families. Thank you for your cooperation.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer

David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

	BUDGET 2009	Actual 1/1- 9/30/2009	Proposed 2010 Budget
RECEIPTS:			
Dues - net of rebates	\$32,850	\$ 31,479	\$ 30,863
Operating Trust Fund	2,250	2,349	2,500
BOM Income net of expenses	600	807	600
Other Income	<u>450</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>450</u>
Total	\$36,150	\$ 35,200	\$ 34,413
Disbursements:			
State Officers	\$ 17,600	\$ 13,657	\$ 19,700
Youth Programs	9,250	9,621	10,120
Other Committees	<u>11,250</u>	<u>7,181</u>	<u>7,310</u>
Total	38,100	30,459	37,130
Receipts over Disbursements	\$ (1,950)	\$ 7,127	\$ (2,717)

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 30 Sep 2009:

ASSETS:

Checking	\$ 30,914
Wachovia CD's	34,166
Money Market Account	<u>4,948</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 70,028
Investments (PEPCO Holding) Restricted (POM: \$14.88 X 400 shares for Publicity)	\$ 5,952
Total Assets	\$ 75,980

LIABILITIES:

none

EQUITY:

75,980

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

\$ 75,980

Submitted by David H. Ramseur, FLSSAR R FLSSAR Treasurer
12-Oct-09

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar

Ray Lantz rclantz@bellsouth.net

FLSSAR Application Stats 24 Aug 2009-15 Oct 2009

	Application Type					Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	Youth	
Submitted To NSSAR	35	11		4		50
Approved* By NSSAR	21	10	1	2		34
Pended* By NSSAR						
Pended By FSSAR						
XX						
Average NSSAR Approval Time	100 Days		NSSAR Pended Rate	0 %	FLSSAR Pended Rate	0 %

* 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.

NSSAR Pended Reasons:

No applications were pended during this reporting period.

FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

No applications were pended during this reporting period.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Enclose 2 application copies on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- 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.
- Recommend using pager clips instead of staples.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.
- Any name, date or location used in the application generation requires a document to prove that information. Do not enter names, dates or locations in this section a proof document has been provided that exactly matches that information.

Notes of Interest:

- The current SAR grandfather policy, as articulated in Bylaw No. 1, Section 5, and on SAR Form No. 0912, provides that male relatives of former or current SAR members within two degrees of kinship may be permitted to join the SAR, even if the former or current member's application is not sufficiently documented according to current SAR genealogy standards, provided that the lineage and/or patriotic service has not been questioned by either the SAR or the DAR. When such applications are accepted, the line is "grandfathered," and subsequent applicants will be required to document the lineage and/or patriotic service fully in accordance with current SAR genealogy standards. The policy accepted by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee on 25 September 2009, will extend this grandfather policy to DAR applications, so that male relatives of former or current DAR members within two degrees of kinship may be permitted to join the SAR, even if the DAR member's application is not sufficiently documented according to current SAR genealogy standards, provided that the lineage and/or patriotic service has not been questioned by

either the SAR or the DAR. Some compatriots are referring to this as the SAR's "grandmother" policy. This new policy will provide a resolution to many DAR application center check mark issues. The details of this new policy are still being developed, and will be posted on the SAR Genealogy webpage (<http://www.sar.org/committee/genealogy/policies.html>) as soon as possible.

- "Fast Tracking" of SAR applications which meet certain criteria was approved by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee on 25 September 2009. In general, SAR applications that are based in large part on recently-approved SAR applications may be processed more quickly than applications that are based on older applications, or that are based on a new lineage. Per the proposal, the Staff has been charged to devise the specific details of "fast tracking" procedures, and will report back to the Committee at its meeting in the Spring of 2010. As soon as specific details have been established they will be posted on the SAR Genealogy webpage (<http://www.sar.org/committee/genealogy/policies.html>) as soon as possible.
- Policy on Correspondence Pertaining to Pended Applications has been revised by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee on 25 September 2009. Previously, if an application was pended due to a minor deficiency, the Headquarters policy provided that the Staff could act on it as soon as the minor deficiency was corrected (such as a missing signature, or a single document). If the application was pended due to more than a minor deficiency, the additional material was placed in queue with other correspondence received on the same day. The current procedure has been changed to provide, if an applicant addresses all of the concerns raised by the Genealogy Staff within 60 days, his application may be re-reviewed by Staff upon receipt of the additional material. If the applicant does not respond within 60 days, his additional materials will be placed in queue with other correspondence received on the same day. This revised procedure will greatly reduce the lengthy processing delays many applicants have experienced previously.
- The NSSAR Genealogy Committee has formed a Sub-Committee to review the current SAR Genealogy policy pertaining to soldiers who appear to have deserted or gone AWOL.
- National Dues & Application Fees Increase: Effective dues year 2010, Regular Membership dues increase to \$30. Junior Membership dues increase to \$10. The collection of dues runs parallel or concurrent with the 2010 increase. (The collection period for this increase begins now for 2010) November 1 to December 31, 2009. New Member Applications received during this period must include \$30 for 2010 dues plus \$60 for the application fee. Junior Membership Applications received during this period must include \$10 for 2010 dues plus \$30 for the application fee. These new rates are currently available in PDF file form from the FLSSAR web site. On the home page look on the left for a link labeled "Documentation". Clicking on that link will bring up a menu where you'll see the "Applications Fees & Dues Schedule" link.

GENEALOGIST REPORT

Dear Compatriots:

In my previous reports, I have provided you with updates on the ongoing saga of the DAR center check issue, and will continue to do so as long as I am able. As I have stated before, I believe it is my duty as FLSSAR Genealogist to keep you informed of these types of matters.

As you are probably aware, PG Appleby formed a Blue Ribbon Panel at the Annual Congress in Atlanta to investigate the DAR center check issue. PG Nathan White was appointed as chairman and HG Lindsey Brock and others were appointed as members of this committee.

Even though I was one of the first to question GG Joe Dooley's ruling in September 2008 that prohibited the use of DAR record copies with center checks as proof for SAR applications and despite the numerous reports that I wrote on this topic and distributed to compatriots around the country, the Blue Ribbon Panel **never** officially asked me for any input on this issue; however, HG Lindsey Brock did ask me to forward information to him which he said he would pass on to Blue Ribbon Panel committee members. Instead, PG Butler personally removed me from all national committees on which I served, including the Genealogy Committee.

At the request of Panel Chair PG Nathan White, President-Elect Rick Hollis of the Tennessee Society did present an eight page report on his findings regarding this issue that contained almost one hundred pages of exhibits. I present the text of his report as Exhibit 1. If you are interested in his excellent exhibits, please let me know, and I will be more than pleased to send them to you in their entirety in electronic format.

The crux of Mr. Hollis' report discusses SAR Genealogical Policy GR040704-A ("The 1986 Rule") that states "The NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the NSDAR, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of the Cincinnati, Founders and Patriots of America, (and) The Society of Colonial Wars with respect to related sections of the SAR application that require proof of service and/or proof of the applicant's lineage". This policy appeared on the **NSSAR Genealogy Committee Home Page** for years and the heading on the top of the page where it appeared stated "Policy Approved by the 2004 Annual Congress." I presented a copy of this policy at the March 2009 Genealogy Committee Meeting in Louisville where it was disregarded by most of the compatriots in the room, who chose to uphold GG Dooley's September 2008 ruling that prohibited the use of DAR record copies with center checks as proof for SAR applications – even DAR record copies dated 1986 and after. I could not understand this clear violation of The 1986 Rule.

Not long after Mr. Hollis presented his comprehensive report on this topic to the Blue Ribbon Panel, PG Butler replaced PG White as chairman of the Blue Ribbon Panel and appointed PG Howard Horne as the new chairman. PG Horne dramatically reduced the scope of what the Blue Ribbon Panel was originally tasked to consider. I present as Exhibit 2 a series of e-mails between Mr. Hollis and PG Horne where Mr. Hollis flatly refuses to redo his report that was previously submitted to Chairman White who thanked him for his **"comprehensive response"** and stated that **"This will be helpful to the committee."** Unlike PG Horne, PG White did not limit the scope or length of what could be submitted to the Blue Ribbon Panel for its consideration. Even HG Lindsey Brock communicated with individuals in at least two state societies and encouraged them not to attend the Blue Ribbon Panel hearing, so as not to lend any credence or validity to it.

Similarly, in an e-mail dated September 15, 2009 that I have included as Exhibit 3, PG Butler also limited the scope of deliberations on this issue. He states **"There shall be no discussion about how the matter came to be reviewed by the Genealogy Committee, or the fairness of the hearing. I am ruling in advance that the committee process and hearing were conducted fairly...There shall be no discussion about any NSSAR General Officer, staff member, or Committee Members, or how they conducted themselves in the performance of their duties."** In the various reports that I did, one of the most important aspects of each related to how this new genealogical policy came to be and whether the Society's rules were followed. As you can see, PG Butler is not permitting this type of discussion and further states that **"...there have already been calls for referral of some members conduct to the Ethics Committee."** I would be most curious to know of which specific actions PG Butler is speaking that would justify such a referral to the Ethics Committee.

The 1986 Rule was adopted unanimously by the SAR Genealogy Committee on September 26, 2003 (Exhibit 4). Some of the Genealogy Committee members present and voting at this meeting where this policy was unanimously adopted included Edward Butler, Jessie Hagan, and William Marrs.

At the 2004 Annual Congress, The 1986 Rule that had been unanimously adopted by the Genealogy Committee was presented for ratification by the Annual Congress (Exhibit 5). The motion for the ratification of The 1986 Rule by the Annual Congress was tabled as there were concerns that The 1986 Rule was not broad enough (some wanted to include Sons of the Revolution record copies as acceptable proofs) and to avoid lengthy discussion. Since the Annual Congress did not ratify The 1986 Rule, the members of the Blue Ribbon Panel including PG Horne and HG Brock voted unanimously to leave in place the policy promulgated by GG Dooley that prohibits the use of DAR record copies with center check marks as proof of lineage and service for SAR applications.

Now, it is important to note the Annual Congress did not revoke The 1986 Rule; consideration was simply tabled to provide time to gather information related to SR record copies. This means that The 1986 Rule unanimously adopted by the Genealogy Committee in 2003 was SAR genealogical policy until changed by GG Dooley in September 2008.

This brings up another interesting point. How can it be that the SAR website stated for years that The 1986 Rule was approved by the 2004 Annual Congress when indeed it was not? Well, that is a topic for another discussion.

One thing that I learned this week was that the Blue Ribbon Panel did more than just reaffirm GG Dooley's ruling prohibiting the use of DAR record copies with center checks. PG Howard Horne and HG Lindsey Brock voted in the Blue Ribbon Panel meeting for the Panel to file an ethics complaint against Tennessee SAR President-elect Rick Hollis for something he said or wrote. I find it most curious that Mr. Hollis, who has been one of the most vocal advocates for revoking the policy promulgated by GG Dooley that prohibits the use of DAR center check record copies, is now facing an ethics complaint. I find it even more curious that HG Lindsey Brock would vote to bring such charges, when he was privately assuring compatriots that he agreed that the policy change promulgated by GG Dooley should be undone. As a matter of fact, HG Lindsey Brock spoke to me on more than one occasion about how highly he regarded Mr. Hollis and that I should get to know him! If anyone would like to know what Mr. Hollis looks like, he appears in a photo on the cover of The Florida Patriot, Fall 2009 issue. HG Lindsey Brock also appears in the same photo.

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Tennessee Society SAR Board of Governors unanimously approved the following proposed amendment to the NSSAR Bylaws, to be considered at the Annual Congress in Cleveland in June 2010. The proposal was sponsored by Tennessee State Registrar Richard T. Spencer, Jr. I highly encourage the Florida Society to support this amendment, as it resolves the genealogical issues that both the Executive Committee and Board of Management of the Florida Society asked me to resolve at the October 2008 Board of Management meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Duay
State Genealogist, FLSSAR

By-law No. 1 - Membership

Add the following at the end of **Section 5**:

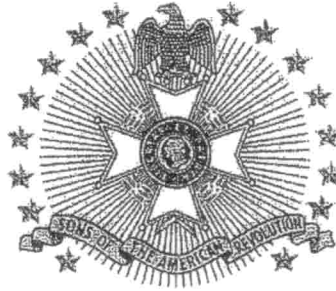
The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution affirms its respect for the policies and procedures of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) relating to approval of its membership applications. Accordingly, NSSAR will accept as proof of service and/or proof of lineage any DAR application

approved in 1986 or thereafter, except, (1) those involving lineage subsequently closed by DAR, (2) those on the DAR short form, and (3) DAR “legacy” applications.

The type of markings employed by DAR to signify verification of facts shall be immaterial to the acceptability of a cited DAR application, if the application bears (1) the dated signatures of the appropriate DAR officer or officers confirming approval of the application, and (2) the new DAR member’s national number. Any SAR application pending or “grand fathered” pursuant to the change in genealogy policy promulgated on September 29, 2008, shall be unconditionally approved forthwith.

The resolution of the Genealogy Committee adopted September 25, 2009, regarding “grand mothering” of SAR applications is rescinded.. Any application approved pursuant to that resolution shall forthwith be deemed unconditionally approved, and limitations on future use of so-called “grand mothered” applications shall be removed.

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Compatriots,

When I posted a message on SAR-TALK on June 16, 2009 asking the question, "Am I the only one who is disgusted over the DAR center checkmark issue???" I was amazed at the response I received. Most people complied with my request to send responses privately. I quickly learned that I was not the only one who was concerned about the DAR center checkmark issue. Like many others, I attended the March 2009 Spring Leadership Genealogy Committee meeting and sat on the front row. I listened to the evidence presented by Compatriot Ted Duay and Genealogist General Joe Dooley, and left the meeting devoid of confidence that our policies were being administered properly.

Professionally, I manage non-profit associations, including a special emphasis on operational compliance with by-laws and policies established as guidelines for operations. Since March 2009, I have performed a very informal compliance review and based upon the information that is publicly posted and available, it is my finding that the Genealogist General did not honor a policy adopted by the 2004 Annual Congress when posting a policy change on SAR-TALK on September 29, 2008. [Exhibit A] Staff Genealogist Susan Acree confirmed the change with her email of February 18, 2009, that stated, "So, your recollection is accurate. October 2008 is probably very close to the date that we began pending SAR apps. based on centrally marked DAR applications." [Exhibit B]

~ On Mon, 9/29/08, joexyz <joexyz@verizon.net> wrote:

From: joexyz <joexyz@verizon.net>
Subject: [SAR-TALK] Genealogy Policies / Fall Leadership Conference
To: sar-talk@rootsweb.com
Date: Monday, September 29, 2008, 4:17 PM

521 South First Street, Clarksville, Tennessee 37040

tssar@bellsouth.net

615.812.2648 (m)

EXHIBIT 1

Compatriots,

This past weekend, the Genealogy Committee met during the Leadership Conference, and several items were approved that I'd like to bring to your attention.

Spanish Patriots: [deleted – not germane]

Pended Applications: [deleted – not germane]

Approved DAR Applications:

The Genealogy Department and the Genealogy Committee also want to make compatriots aware of recent procedural changes in the DAR's use of verification marks. Whenever the DAR is reviewing a new application which refers to one of their previously approved applications, the DAR staff genealogist now places a single large check mark down the middle of the page or on the margin, rather than marking each genealogical fact as verified.

The SAR needs to verify specific facts, and the current DAR practice does not convey which facts are verifiable. If you cite an approved DAR application on a new or supplemental SAR application, be sure that the facts you need to prove on your application are verified on the DAR application, as evidenced by a discreet check mark after each genealogical fact. If the needed facts are not individually check-marked, please find another approved DAR application, or try to find the documents the DAR relied on to verify the genealogical facts in question.

Fraternally,
Joseph W. Dooley
NSSAR Genealogist General

Almost immediately, members of the Genealogy Committee began to respond to the Genealogist General and to SAR-TALK expressing their concern that the issue, indeed, was not discussed at the Genealogy Committee meeting, as suggested in his SAR-TALK posting September 29, 2008.

[EMPHASIS] When referring to a *policy change* that the Genealogist General posted on SAR-TALK, by definition, it is a revision of existing policy. The act of changing the old policy confirms that DAR center checkmarks were accepted until that time. The GG claimed that the change was due to "recent procedural changes in the DAR's use of verification marks." Yet, a letter from Terry D. Ward, Director of the Office of the Registrar General – Genealogy Division, **[Exhibit C]** states emphatically, "First, let us dispel the notion that this is a new practice on our part. Quite the contrary, it has been a part of our verification procedure for at least 15 years." She continues to say that DAR does not care whether SAR uses these applications or not – and that is true. It is not their concern whether we ever obtain members. This is not their job.

Moreover, DAR applications have the following information: Date "Application Verified;" Date "Accepted by the National Board; signature of the "Registrar General" and signature of the "Recording Secretary General." Some applications say, "Verified and Approved." How can SAR possibly claim that DAR applications are not verified when it is signed by the Registrar General and authenticated by the Recording Secretary General? We should exhibit professional courtesy.

POLICY DOCUMENTATION for GR040704-A

I reiterate that I believe that the implementation of policies established by the 2004 Annual Congress have been violated by the Genealogist General and other present or former General Officers who are complicit with his administration of policy.

GR040704-A states, "The NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the:

- NSDAR
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Society of the Cincinnati
- Founders and Patriots of America
- The Society of Colonial Wars

with respect to related sections of the SAR application that require proof of service and/or proof of the applicant's lineage."

I made a copy of this policy on June 7 and June 25, 2009 from the Internet. However, between June 25 and July 2, these policies were disconnected from the website. Interestingly, and it is worth noting, that on June 24, I received two requests for a copy of policy GR040704-A, identified on the Genealogy web page as having been "Approved by Congress July 2004." Peter Keltch requested a copy at 5:15 p.m. and a while later Larry Cornwell made the second request. My reply to Compatriot Keltch was visible at the bottom of Compatriot Cornwell's request, so it was obvious that they were communicating. Then, within a few days, sometime before I checked the website again on July 2, the policies were disconnected from the website.

More importantly, with whom did Compatriots Keltch and Cornwell share this information? Who, with authority to access our website, tried to sanitize the web page of these policy links?

On each of these dates, and until June 25, 2009, the Genealogy policies listed below were linked:

Policies on Acceptable Documentation

GR060225: Policy Adopted at Leadership Meeting Feb 25, 2006

Limited Use Allowed for DNA Test Results

GR051229: Genealogist General's Ruling of Dec 29, 2005

Procedures for C.A.R. members who want to become SAR members ~ a) under age 18, b) age 18 or older

GR050705: Bylaw Amendment Adopted at 2005 Congress

"Grandfathering" of the Use of SAR Applications Whose Documentation of Descent is not Acceptable by Current SAR Standards

GR050324: Genealogist General's Ruling of Mar 24, 2005

Need to Obtain Record Copies of DAR Applications on which the Specific Facts that You Wish to Support Have Been Reviewed and Approved

GR0411009: Genealogist General's Ruling of Nov 9, 2004

Applications Based on Old SAR, DAR, or CAR Approved Applications

GR040704: Policy Adopted at Congress July 2004

Applications from Other Heritage Societies; Documentation from Internet Sources

GR030926: Policy Adopted at Trustees Meeting Sept 2003

Guidelines of Acceptability for Internet Transcripts and Documentation

Policies on Acceptable Patriotic ServiceGR030301: Policy Adopted at Trustees Meeting Mar 2003

Guidelines for Acceptance (as Patriot Ancestors) of Residents of New Spain

GR021201: Policy by Constitution Change Dec 2002Acceptance of non-U.S. Residents (as Patriot Ancestors) for Service against Great Britain
Anywhere in the World**Reports to the SAR**Genealogist General's Report to the 2005 Annual Congress,**General Articles on Genealogy**Duties of the Genealogist General, by Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Genealogist General
2004-6Evidence, Proof and Burden of Proof in Genealogy: a Judicial Perspective, by Judge Edward
F. Butler, Sr., Genealogist General 2004-6

Then, after giving a copy of the specific web address to Compatriot Bill Marrs on July 7, while at Congress, I returned home to find that these links have been replaced with a page that states, "The statements previously posted on this page were uploaded without authorization, and are currently being reviewed by the President General's Blue Ribbon Panel." [Exhibit D] However, how can this statement be correct when Genealogist General Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. authorized the establishment of the web page and its contents? In an email dated January 3, 2006, found in the SAR-OFFICER-L Archives [Exhibit E-1], he announced his excitement for the new genealogy web page and asked officers to "pass this email on to all chapter registrars, genealogists, and those who might be working with a prospective new member. Of particular help should be the sections on Frequently asked Questions, Policies on Acceptable Documentation and Policies on Acceptable Patriotic Service." The URL given is identical to the ones cited that include GR040704-A, and that are submitted as evidence. GG Butler reminded officers about this again in a SAR-OFFICER-L posting dated March 10, 2006 [Exhibit E-2], as well as SAR-TALK-L Archives on January 3, 2006 [Exhibit E-3] and again on March 10, 2006 [Exhibit E-4].

In order to complete this report, requested by Blue Ribbon Panel Chair Nathan E. White, I have used a publicly available archive website, to examine our website on 14 separate dates ranging from February 10, 2006 until August 19, 2007, in addition to the four additional dates examined on June 7, June 25, July 2, and July 11, 2009. These dates are:

February 10, 2006; June 14, 2006; August 22, 2006; October 4, 2006; November 24, 2006;
December 6, 2006; January 10, 2007; January 15, 2007; January 16, 2007; January 20,
2007; January 26, 2007; March 6, 2007; May 13, 2007; August 19, 2007.

The Internet Archive Wayback Machine index for the SAR Genealogy Committee's web page is included. [Exhibit F]. According to available information, Genealogist General Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. and Ralph D. Nelson, Jr., VPG International [Exhibit G] created a genealogy website that began in June 2005, with the final product introduced in January 2006. [Exhibit E-1].

Printed copies of each of these "Policies on Acceptable Documentation" and "Policies on Acceptable Patriotic Service" as well as "General Articles on Genealogy" are presented as Exhibit H (February 10, 2006), Exhibit I (August 22, 2006), Exhibit J (August 19, 2007). The policies begin in 2002 and continue until 2006, and are provided as evidence that these policies were posted on the website, unchanged, under the direction of Genealogist Generals Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. (2004-06) and Dr. Charles F. Bragg (2006-08). The germane policy is GR040704-A, and copies of the policy from several dates in 2009 are included as Exhibit K to demonstrate that the policy was also publicly available during the administration of Genealogist General Joseph W. Dooley, 2008-10. A comparison of the pertinent policy in Exhibits H, I, J and K will illustrate that the policy was "Adopted at Congress July 2004" is unaltered in 2006, 2007, and 2009.

Because links to SAR Genealogy web pages are being disconnected with such frequency, it should be noted that we have printed hard copies of the relevant pages and the contents of their links, and have also saved the archived pages to hardware for safekeeping.

The policy GR040704-A is clearly stated and was not amended by a subsequent Annual Congress. Congress is the superceding authority in our organization and neither its by-laws nor policies (*approved by Congress*) can be amended without the vote of another Congress. Committee member Ted Duay first presented this to the Genealogy Committee in March 2009.

Additionally, the mindset of acceptability of all DAR applications, including center check marked applications can be established by a document published and copyrighted by Judge Butler in 2004, and posted to the website. Posted under "General Articles on Genealogy" it is entitled, "Evidence, Proof and Burden of Proof in Genealogy: a Judicial Perspective, by Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Genealogist General 2004-6." [Exhibit L] To describe the handling of "Old DAR Applications, Judge Butler states on page 8, "Applications with one set of tick marks, usually down the middle of the page, will be presumed to have been completely verified, and no further information about that information will be required." In other words, center marked DAR record copies are acceptable. He used the same language in the next paragraph to describe "Old SAR Applications."

At Congress, people pulled me aside to discuss their recollections of the 2004 Congress. Some remember that this is when the 20-year rule was abandoned in favor of a date certain, for accepting DAR applications. GR040704-A includes the language parenthetically, "(dated 1986 or later)." This assessment seems to be confirmed by a February 17, 2009 email from Staff Genealogist Susan Acree who stated, "The '20 year' statement was removed about 3 or 4 years ago, as the time-line for the 20 years is, basically, a moving target." Her memory approximates 2004. [Exhibit M]

My conclusion - GR040704-A is valid.

THE QUESTION

By what authority does a Genealogist General change policy adopted by an Annual Congress?

To examine this question, I consulted the Constitution and By-laws for SAR, the Handbook, and an interesting document posted on the web page entitled, "Duties of the Genealogist General," by Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Genealogist General 2004-6 [Exhibit N]. Neither in the Constitution and By-laws, the Handbook, nor even in Judge Butler's chronicle of duties did I find a claim that the Genealogist General can make policy. It states, as follows:

Duties of the NSSAR Genealogist General
by Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Genealogist General, 2004-2006

The duties of the NSSAR Genealogist General are not spelled out in the Constitution or By-Laws of the society. The following duties should be assumed by anyone elected to that office:

1. Define existing problems in the NSSAR application process, and communicate those problems to the NSSAR Genealogy Committee for action. Report the actions of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee to the Executive Committee.
2. Make recommendations to the NSSAR Genealogy Committee, Executive Committee, and the Trustees about proposed changes in policy regarding the application process, including the use of various types of evidence and the degree of proof required.
3. Act as liaison with any state society that is seeking to amend the NSSAR By-Laws relating to the application process.
4. Propose policy relating to membership requirements.
5. Serve as an ex-officio member of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee and the NSSAR Lineage Workshop Committee.
6. Participate with the chairman of the above committees in setting the agenda for meetings, and work toward the established goals of each committee.
7. Rule on ambiguities and conflicts in the NSSAR application process or policy affecting the acceptability of evidence, or the weight and credibility of evidence submitted in SAR applications. Then report to the NSSAR Genealogy Committee on those rulings. If the committee agrees with the rulings, the committee should adopt same. If the committee does not agree in full, the committee should issue a written statement of policy, otherwise the Rulings of the Genealogist General shall become final. If dissatisfied with the ruling of the committee, the Genealogist General may submit a proposed policy interpretation change to the trustees.
8. Maintain a binder containing at a minimum the stated policies of the NSSAR regarding the application process; copies of all Rulings of the Genealogist General; Minutes of the meetings of the Genealogy Committee and the Lineage Workshop Committee, and copies of all publications of both committees; and copies of all Rulings of the

Chancellor General relating to the NSSAR application process or the duties of the Genealogist General. A copy of this binder shall be maintained by the membership department at headquarters.

9. At the pleasure of the current President General, serve as a non-voting member of the NSSAR executive committee, and serve as official liaison with the NSSAR Genealogy Committee and Lineage Workshop Committee.
10. Promote Genealogical Research and Writing in the NSSAR, including the submission of timely articles for publication to both The SAR Magazine and the Headquarters Dispatch, as well as state society newsletters and national genealogical magazines.
11. Promote and/or supervise genealogical seminars and lineage workshops at the NSSAR Annual Congress and in conjunction with meetings of the various state societies and/or district meetings.
12. Maintain an e-mail list of SAR state Registrars and Genealogists, and periodically communicate with them about problem areas and/or changes in the application process with suggestions as how they might improve the quality of applications submitted by them. Inform them about new developments in the NSSAR application process and about genealogical information which might be beneficial or interesting to them. It is important to give them feedback.
13. Communicate to the membership periodically about the status of applications and current events in the field of genealogy that might be of interest to the members. SAR-Talk and the SAR Officers and Chairman's e-mail list should be utilized for this communication together with the e-mail list of SAR state Registrars and Genealogists.
14. Prepare and submit written reports for each of the two annual meeting of the Trustees and for the Annual Congress.
15. Attend the two annual meeting of the Trustees and for the Annual Congress, including the meetings of the NSSAR Executive Committee at each.
16. Respond to queries of the NSSAR membership staff and Executive Director and provide guidance to them.
17. Review problem applications and those submitted to the President General in the appeal process, either approving same or pending them for additional proof.
18. Respond to individual queries of the various state Registrars and Genealogists.
19. Keep abreast of the latest developments in the field of genealogy and genealogy software. This can be accomplished by reviewing online genealogy sites and by subscribing to publications such as Heritage Quest, Family Tree, Genealogy Bulletin and the Magazine of the National Genealogical Society.

Furthermore, as found in the Handbook (2008), the Constitution and By-laws defines the duties of the Genealogist General [Exhibit O] as follows:

Bylaw No. 9 - Genealogist General

The Genealogist General shall examine all applications for membership and approve the applications of those found to be eligible, which eligibility shall be based on the policies, criteria and procedures as set forth by the Genealogy Committee and in accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws. Any appeal from his decision, which shall be submitted to him, shall be examined and he shall report his decision, with supporting evidence, to the President General within thirty days of such appeal. The President General, in making his decision, may seek the advice of the Genealogy Committee, such advice to be rendered within 30 days.

Nowhere do I find that the Genealogist General, Genealogy Committee, Trustees, or Executive Committee can make policy that preempts the vote of an Annual Congress.

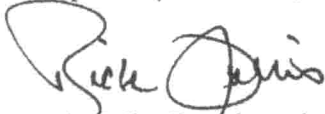
Compatriots, I am neither now nor at any time seeking the removal of anyone from office. That has never been an objective throughout this process. However, evidence suggests that certain national officers have been careless in administering their fiduciary responsibilities of maintaining internal controls over the integrity of the Society's policies and procedures on genealogical matters, including care and control of how these policies are presented and interpreted on the SAR website. Specifically, the Genealogist General, whose duty it is to know and abide by the genealogical policies of the organization, based upon the evidence, failed to do so.

I do believe that our rules are our foundation and that when you start destabilizing the foundation, you put our entire organizational structure at risk.

Many applicants have filed their application in good faith and in accordance with rules that have been in use for many years. Fairness dictates that applications pended or grandfathered because of the use of a center checkmark should be approved without qualification immediately and their membership certificates issued at once.

Please contact me at your convenience to discuss any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Hollis, President-elect
Tennessee Society SAR



Re: Center Mark issue

Monday, September 14, 2009 9:25 AM

From: "Rick Hollis, TNSSAR President-elect" <tnssar@bellsouth.net>
To: hhorne04@comcast.net
Cc: "lindsey.brock" <lindsey.brock@comcast.net>, "Larry D. McClanahan" <ldmcc@comcast.net>, karsar@earthlink.net, "Edward Butler" <judge58@aol.com>, "William L. Eubank III" <eubankwf@comcast.net>

PG Horne,

No, sir. I shall not rewrite my report. It stands as submitted. It was complemented by the Blue Ribbon Panel Chair after he received the report in July, and it squarely targets the issues that exist.

In your original email, you requested, "*A written report from each of your Societies stating the sense of the Center Mark issue and how it is hampering recruiting of new members, if this is the case.*" The Tennessee Society does not have a problem recruiting members and have never suggested that we do. We have a problem with getting our applications approved because of the new policy instituted on September 29, 2008 whereby DAR record copies with center checks may not be used as proofs.

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tnssar@bellsouth.net

--- On **Mon, 9/14/09**, hhorne04@comcast.net <hhorne04@comcast.net> wrote:

From: hhorne04@comcast.net <hhorne04@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Center Mark issue
To: tnssar@bellsouth.net
Cc: "lindsey.brock" <lindsey.brock@comcast.net>, "Larry D. McClanahan" <ldmcc@comcast.net>, karsar@earthlink.net, "Edward Butler" <judge58@aol.com>, "William L. Eubank III" <eubankwf@comcast.net>
Date: Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:35 AM

President Elect Hollis:

Please condense your multi-page report into three pages, single spaced. You and the other State Society Representatives are doing this very same thing. You all will have 15 minutes each to state your case before the Committee after which the Committee will spend about 30 minutes questioning each of you. Thank you. Await your condensation.

Howard F. Horne, PhD
PG NSSAR 1999-2000

----- Original Message -----

From: Rick Hollis, TNSSAR President-elect

EXHIBIT 2

To: hhorne04@comcast.net
Cc: lindsey.brock , Larry D. McClanahan , karsar@earthlink.net, Edward Butler , William L. Eubank III
Sent: Mon, 14 Sep 2009 10:26:36 +0000 (UTC)
Subject: Re: Center Mark issue

I want to be clear about this...

We have presented the Blue Ribbon Committee with reports filled with FACTS supported by evidence, but, you do not like these FACTS, so now, you want us to produce new reports, filled with different FACTS??

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--- On **Sun, 9/13/09**, hhorne04@comcast.net wrote:

From: hhorne04@comcast.net
Subject: Re: Center Mark issue
To: tnssar@bellsouth.net
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009, 7:19 PM

Each of the members of the Committee have the full compliment of your report.

Howard F. Horne, PhD.
PG NSSAR 1999-2000
----- Original Message -----
From: Rick Hollis, TNSSAR President-elect
To: hhorne04@comcast.net

Cc: lindsey brock , ldmcc@comcast.net, karsar@earthlink.net, Edward Butler , William L. Eubank III
Sent: Sun, 13 Sep 2009 23:40:00 +0000 (UTC)
Subject: Re: Center Mark issue

PG Horne,

Your assessment of my report is interesting, and differs greatly from the opinion of the several other people who have seen and reviewed the material. I am curious. You state that there was "no back up justification included." Did you receive a copy of my eight page letter submitted to the Blue Ribbon Panel on July 12, 2009, PLUS the 97 pages of exhibits attached??

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To: tnssar@bellsouth.net
Cc: "lindsey brock" , ldmcc@comcast.net, karsar@earthlink.net, "Edward Butler" , "William L. Eubank III"
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009, 10:07 AM

President Elect Hollis:

We have a copy of this material. However I see no back up justification included. Much of what you wrote was simply not on the "mark". We need specific facts from you.

Howard F. Horne, Ph.D

President General NSSAR 1999-2000

----- Original Message -----

From: Rick Hollis, TNSSAR President-elect

To: hhorne04@comcast.net

Cc: lindsey brock , ldmcc@comcast.net, karsar@earthlink.net,

Edward Butler , William L. Eubank III

Sent: Sun, 13 Sep 2009 08:57:56 +0000 (UTC)

Subject: Re: Center Mark issue

PG Horne,

This summer in Atlanta, Blue Ribbon Panel Chair PG White requested that I prepare a report on the several issues surrounding the center check mark discussion and to submit it to the Blue Ribbon Panel, and I did. It is a thorough report, complete with documentation verifying the FACTS. Your email seems to suggest that you have not received a copy. I am sorry that I cannot email it to you until Monday when I am back at my office, in Nashville, but I shall be happy to do so at that time.

Rick Hollis, President-elect

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--- On **Sat, 9/12/09, hhorne04@comcast.net** wrote:

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Subject: Center Mark issue
To: tnssar@bellsouth.net
Cc: lindsey.brock@comcast.net, ldmcc@comcast.net,
karsar@earthlink.net, "Edward Butler"
Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009, 10:55 PM

President Elect Rick Hollis:

The Blue Ribbon Committee will take many things into consideration on the matter of the Center Mark issue. Since the Tennessee Society claims a problem exists we want you to be very explicit as to what the problem is. We are interested in facts and only facts. We will need a three page write up from you no later than Friday the 16th. This write up should be single spaced and outline in very specific terms what YOU see to be the problem on the center mark issue.

Howard F. Horne, Ph.D.
PG NSSAR 1999-2000

--- On Tue, 9/15/09, Judge58@aol.com <Judge58@aol.com> wrote:

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> From: Judge58@aol.com <Judge58@aol.com>

> Subject: [SAR-OFFICER] Center Check Mark Vote Procedure

> To: sartalk@sar.org, SAR-OFFICER-L@rootsweb.com

> Cc: lindseybrock@comcast.net, sacree@sar.org, joexyz@verison.net

> Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 2:12 PM

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> Compatriots,

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> This matter was considered by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee at the 2009 Spring Leadership meeting, upon the recommendation of the genealogy staff and the Genealogist General. The committee vote was 82-4 against the use of DAR Center Check Marked Applications because a small percentage of them were flawed. The committee recommended that applicants should request from DAR "the most recent full application" to avoid receiving "center check marked" or "short form" applications.

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> Although historically, the NSSAR Genealogy Committee is the final arbiter of the rules of admission into our society, several members still complained. As you know, at the Atlanta Congress PG Appleby appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel to investigate and make a recommendation to the Trustees regarding the use of DAR Center Check Marked Applications.

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> PG Nathan White was appointed chairman. Unfortunately, PG White is suffering from severe back pain and will not be able to attend the Fall Leadership meeting. Upon his offer of resignation, I have appointed PG Howard Horne as the new chairman.

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> PG Horne, chairman, has called for written submissions from all parties who want to be heard. Representatives from the four societies which have complained have been invited to speak to the committee on Friday morning, Sep. 25th, at 10:00 a.m., after which the Panel will meet to consider its recommendation to the Trustees. PG Horne will deliver the report of the Panel to the Trustees early on Saturday morning when each PG is called upon for comments.

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> At that time, I will allow each side to speak for a total of 10 minutes. The time can be divided among the speakers on each side. If you wish to be heard you must inform me NLT Sep. 24th at 5:00 p.m. If the parties can't agree among themselves how to divide the time, I will make the allocation. It is my goal to insure that all points of view are presented. A timekeeper will be appointed to enforce the time limitations on speakers.

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> The following rules will be strictly enforced by the chair:

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> 1. The sole issue to be voted upon is whether to uphold the ruling of the Genealogy

EXHIBIT 3

Committee in its decision not to accept DAR Center Check Marked Applications without further documentary evidence.

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> 2. There shall be no discussion about how the matter came to be reviewed by the Genealogy Committee, or the fairness of the hearing. I am ruling in advance that the committee process and hearing were conducted fairly, and that each side was given a fair opportunity to speak at the hearing.

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> 3. There shall be no discussion about any NSSAR General Officer, staff member, or Committee Members, or how they may have conducted themselves in the performance of their duties. All parties are cautioned to be very judicious in their remarks and innuendo, as there have already been calls for referral of some members conduct to the Ethics Committee.

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> 4. After the Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Panel delivers his report, the representatives of the opposing view will collectively be given 10 minutes to present their arguments. Afterwards, the representatives of those supporting the recommendation of the Panel will also have 10 minutes to speak. After both sides have spoken, there will be a vote of the Trustees.

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> 5. Once the Trustees have voted, all members should abide by the ruling of the Trustees without further comment. It is necessary that this divisive matter be put behind us and that we move on with other important business of the society.

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> Fraternally,

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> Ed Butler

> President General

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NSSAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Filing Date: January 30, 2004

Committee Name: _____ Genealogy _____ Chairman Name: Marston Watson
Address: 48 Southwind Circle, Richmond, CA, 94804 Tel. (510) 234-1776 (Email: mwatson@royalancestry.org)
Meeting Dates & Location: _____ Friday, September 26 (9-10 a.m.) _____
Committee Communications by Mail, Dates: Email sent to committee 10/14/03 & 1/30/04 _____
Telephone Polling Dates _____

MEMBERS:

1. Rod Hildreth, Vice Chair.
2. Richard E. Anderson
3. Lauren (Larry) Bradley
4. Charles F. Bragg
5. Edward F. Butler
6. T. Fisher Craft
7. Robert F. (Bob) French
8. Jesse L. Hagen
9. William H. Lees
10. Stephen A. Leishman
11. Billy B. Lyle
12. William M. Marrs
13. Rev. D. Gene Patterson
14. Richard A. Steele
15. Lt. Col. Billy Wallis
16. Col. Richard F. Locke (Chairman Emeritus)
17. _____

EXPENSES None

PARTICIPATION AT SEP. 26, 2003 MEETING: (Identify Member by Number)
Attendance at Meetings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Correspondence _____ Telephone _____

Others Present: PG Raymond Musgrave, PG Larry McClanahan, CG David Appleby, GG William Neal, Miles Dechant, Stanley Henderson, Will Carr, Jack Moore, Daniel McMurray, Joseph Thomas, Gerald Burkland and Gerald McCoy.

REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Genealogy Committee met at the NSSAR Headquarters (Memorabilia Room) and approved the following motions, for referral to and adoption by the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees:

1. The Genealogy Committee recommends the creation and implementation of a National Registry of Genealogists and Researchers program.
2. The Genealogy Committee shall establish policies and procedures regarding the conditions under which new member and supplemental applications are accepted, to ensure that there is reasonable evidence which eligible applicants or members must provide; recommends methods of search for an applicant to follow where proof is missing on any essential fact; reviews all pending new member applications over six months old or any pending applications not accepted by the Genealogist General that has been appealed to the President General, and recommends a course of action for each application reviewed; and conducts a workshop on genealogical sources and procedures at the Annual Congress.
3. The NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the NSDAR, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of the Cincinnati, Founders and Patriots of America and The Society of Colonial Wars, with respect to related sections of the SAR application that require proof of service and/or proof of the applicant's lineage.
4. The NSSAR will accept certain vital record data that is available on the Internet or sold on a CD-Rom, which have been compiled from reputable sources and would otherwise be acceptable to the



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NSSAR as documentation. In all cases of Internet documentation, a hard copy that identifies the URL and/or source of the document shall accompany the submission so its authenticity can be verified if necessary.

NSSAR Genealogy Committee
Minutes
September 26, 2003

The Chairman Marston Watson opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The Committee members present were: Compatriots Rod Hildreth, Vice-Chairman, Richard Anderson, Larry Bradley, Charles Bragg, Edward Butler, Robert French, Jessie Hagan, William Lees, Stephen Leishman, William Marrs, Gene Patterson, Richard Steele and Billy Wallis. Chairman Emeritus Richard Locke, Genealogist General William Neal and staff members Susan Acree and Betty Graham were also present. The Committee members excused were Fisher Craft, Billy Lyle and John Shugrue. Also attending the meeting were Presidents General Raymond Musgrave and Larry McClanahan, Chancellor General David Appleby and Compatriots Miles Dechant, Stanley Henderson, Will Carr, Jack Moore, Daniel McMurray, Joseph Thomas, Gerald Burkland and Gerald McCoy.

Motion: Vice Chairman Hildreth moved, seconded by Ed Butler, that: Richard Steele shall be elected as Secretary of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

President General Raymond Musgrave made some remarks pertinent to Genealogy Committee's mission and the need to have our organization become more user friendly. He recommended the need to accelerate membership application approvals, in addition to encourage and promote father and son memberships. He urged the Society to maintain a positive and constructive attitude in assisting applicants in obtaining application approval.

Vice Chairman Rod Hildreth indicated that the NSSAR needs to (1) implement a user-friendly process for application approvals, (2) implement programs to increase membership and (3) implement a positive and constructive attitude toward future membership.

Chairman Watson introduced a need for the creation of a NSSAR National Registry of Genealogists and Researchers among the state societies who are willing to assist, upon request, in an occasional search of a vital record or other source on behalf of a member society.

Motion: Compatriot Butler moved, seconded by Compatriot Leishman, that: The Genealogy Committee recommends the creation and implementation of a National Registry of Genealogists and Researchers program. The motion carried unanimously, with the sub-committee being formed with Compatriots Butler, Marrs and Hagan as members and chaired by Compatriot Butler.

Chairman Watson proposed that the Genealogy Committee charge be revised for better clarification of its duties and responsibilities.

Motion: Vice Chairman Hildreth moved, seconded by Compatriot Marrs, that the following charge be adopted: The Genealogy Committee shall establish policies and procedures regarding the conditions under which new member and supplemental applications are accepted, to ensure that there is reasonable evidence which eligible applicants or members must provide; recommends methods of search for an applicant to follow where proof is missing on any essential fact; reviews all pending new member applications over six months old or any pending applications not accepted by the Genealogist General that has been appealed to the President General, and recommends a course of action for each application reviewed; and conducts a workshop on genealogical sources and procedures at the Annual Congress. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Watson asked the Committee for a restatement of the existing policy to accept record copies of applications from the following four lineage societies.

Motion: Compatriot Hildreth, seconded by Compatriot Steele, that: The NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the NSDAR, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of the Cincinnati, Founders and Patriots of America and The Society of Colonial

Wars, with respect to related sections of the SAR application that require proof of service and/or proof of the applicant's lineage. The motion carried unanimously.

[It is important to note that the NSDAR regards a "record copy" of its application as one which has the words RECORD COPY on it, regardless of whether or not all of the events on the application have a check mark or every signature from the NSDAR general officers appears on the record copy.]

Compatriot Watson raised the issue of how the use of vital records found on the Internet could be accepted as proof for birth, marriage and death events on NSSAR applications.

Motion: Compatriot French moved, seconded by Compatriot Leishman, that the following motion be adopted: The NSSAR will accept certain vital record data that is available on the Internet or sold on a CD-Rom, that have been compiled from reputable sources and would otherwise be acceptable to the NSSAR as documentation. In all cases of Internet documentation, a hard copy that identifies the URL and/or source of the document shall accompany the submission so its authenticity can be verified if necessary. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of Guidelines of Acceptability for Internet Transcripts and Documentation is attached.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Steele
Secretary

10 October 2003

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1 Genealogy committee has for years discussed and
2 recommended certain applications from other
3 societies in an effort to expedite our own process,
4 and we are going to read the list that has been
5 accepted by the Genealogy committee, and I will read
6 this to you.

7 Motion that the NSSAR will accept record
8 copies of applications dated 1986 or later from the
9 National Society Daughters of the American
10 Revolution, General Society of Mayflower
11 Descendants, Society of the Cincinnati Founders and
12 Patriots of America, and the Society of Colonial
13 Wars with respect to related sections of the SAR
14 application that require proof of service and/or
15 proof of the applicant's lineage.

16 I move the adoption of this motion.

17 (Second.)

18 MR. NELSON: I have a question, sir.

19 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Ralph...

20 MR. McCARL: I note that the Sons of
21 the American Revolution are not included in that
22 list, Marston. Was that considered and left off the
23 list, and if so, why? Thank you.

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1 MR. SHERMAN: How about the French
2 society?

3 MR. WATSON: I would like to answer
4 that question. For reasons, and I think a lot of it
5 has in the past, if I'm mistaken, I'm mistaken, but
6 I believe it has been the recommendation of staff
7 that we do not include it. I don't know the answer
8 why, quite frankly.

9 I think part of it might be that the only
10 applications that they accept, of course, are those
11 that have specific military service, but that
12 shouldn't -- I don't know if that's the answer. I
13 don't know that.

14 MR. McCARL: Could that question go
15 back to genealogy consideration?

16 (Inaudible.)

17 (We can't hear you.)

18 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Come up to
19 the microphone, please.

20 State your name and the state you
21 represent.

22 MR. CHRISTOU: Kristos Christou from
23 Maryland. The SR approves at the state level, not

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1 the national level, so there's no central authority
2 and because of the differences in each genealogist,
3 it was decided a long time ago that we would not
4 approve because there were so many state level
5 genealogists with varying decisions.

6 MR. McCARL: Point of order,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: There has
9 been a point of order raised.

10 MR. McCARL: Henry McCarl, Secretary
11 General. I just have gone through a review of two
12 applications for SR. I belong to both the
13 Massachusetts society of SR and the Pennsylvania
14 society of SR.

15 Both went through state reviews, very
16 thorough, very complete and national reviews. If
17 that policy was true at one time, it is, apparently,
18 no longer the case.

19 MR. CHRISTOU: And that may be
20 accurate. I remember that from years past. We
21 would not be able to know until he returned.

22 MR. McCARL: I want it reviewed.

23 MR. CHRISTOU: Maybe it can be reviewed

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1 again. I know in the past that's what happened at a
2 national level.

3 MR. WHITE: My question, and I'm
4 unfamiliar with it, but what is the significance of
5 1986 with the DAR?

6 MR. WATSON: Let me explain that it was
7 my feeling or our feeling at the time that we wanted
8 to make sure that anything before that time was
9 reviewed carefully. It doesn't mean it was not
10 accepted.

11 Apparently, the standards of our Society and
12 all these others have been tightened to make sure
13 because records are more readily available than they
14 used to be in the old days, that I'm looking right
15 over here to Ralph when I say that, but, anyway,
16 that we simply wanted to be sure that anything prior
17 to that was carefully reviewed and the staff has to.

18 It will review those after 1986. If they
19 are not proper applications, this is not an
20 automatic stamp of approval; is that correct?

21 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE:
22 Ralph Nelson...

23 MR. NELSON: I move that we table this

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1 for further review by the committee. I believe that
2 the actions can be implemented as they stand; is
3 that correct, that the committee's charter can be
4 approved by the president, or do they require action
5 by this Congress?

6 MR. WATSON: I don't know the answer to
7 that question.

8 MR. NELSON: Ordinarily, it's the
9 pleasure of the president unless specified by the
10 bylaws.

11 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Pardon me.
12 What the Chair has done is placed these reports and
13 recommendations in the form of a motion before this
14 body at the National Congress.

15 By doing so, he falls under the rules.

16 Mr. Parliamentarian, I feel that table
17 motion is in proper order; is that correct?

18 MR. WHIT: Motion may be tabled.

19 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Motion may
20 be tabled according to Parliamentarian White.

21 MR. WHITE: I move it be tabled so that
22 we avoid lengthy discussion at this point.

23 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Is there a

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1 second to the motion?

2 MR. DOWNING: Second.

3 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: Second by
4 Roland Downing.

5 Any discussion?

6 MR. LEGLER: Rex Legler, state of
7 Indiana.

8 MR. DOWNING: Point of order. No
9 discussion on tabling.

10 PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSGRAVE: That's
11 correct. That's a rule from the parliamentarian.
12 I'm sorry, sir. Thank you.

13 We have a motion to table. No discussion.
14 We'll ask the ayes and nays.

15 All those in favor of tabling the motion
16 will signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 All those opposed, like sign.

19 (No.)

20 The ayes have it.

21 MR. WATSON: We have one last motion,
22 and, again, in an effort to help our Society provide
23 the right kind of documentation from all corners of

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Nothing to report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chancellor

Carl Hoffmann, PG hoffmaria@yahoo.com

Nothing to report

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Parliamentarian

Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

Nothing to report

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Sergeant at Arms

Harold Carpo hbcejc@tampabay.rr.com

Nothing to report

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Historian

Robert Murray anbo5107@att.net

Nothing to report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Editor, Florida Patriot

Dick Fowler fowersar@yahoo.com

The last edition of *The Florida Patriot* had captions for all of the colored pictures; giving the names and, in most cases, the chapters of those people pictured.

Where possible, my goal will be to include name captions for all pictures in the future.

This will help everyone to get to know each other better.

The September/October 2009 edition of *PATRIOTS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION* contains a full page "Town Square Post" writeup on "Meet Richard Fowler - A.K.A., Benjamin Franklin." You should be able to view a copy of this magazine in many libraries. I thank them for this honor and for the publicity. It is a high-quality magazine and they have expanded the most recent edition to sixty pages.

You can see their website at www.patriotsar.com

Statutory Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Audit

Chairman: Price Legg

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Executive

Chairman: William Stevenson panspot@aol.com

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Committee Report Finance

Chairman: David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

Acc. No.		<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>Actual 1/1 - 9/30/09</u>	<u>Proposed 2010 Budget</u>
	<u>Account Name:</u>			
501	Dues Income	\$ 72,900	\$ 72,087	\$ 78,290
503	Operating Trust Fund Income	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,349	\$ 2,500
	Investment			
504	Income	\$ 450	\$ 451	\$ 450
505	Other Income	None	\$ 114	None
510	BOM Receipts	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,746</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
	Total Income Budget	\$ 90,600	\$ 87,747	\$ 96,240
601	Presidents Expense	\$ 700	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,200
602	Sr. Vp. Expense	None	\$ 20	\$ 100
603	Reg. Vp. Expense	\$ 100	None	\$ 100
604	Secretarys Expense	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,810	\$ 6,800
605	Treasurer's Expense	\$ 600	\$ 640	\$ 600
606	Registrar's Expense	\$ 700	\$ 411	\$ 600
607	Recording Secretary	None	None	None
608	Editor's Expense	\$ 9,200	\$ 6,428	\$ 9,000
609	Other Officers Expense	\$ 300	None	\$ 300
611	Donations Paid	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,140</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	Sub Total	<u>\$ 18,600</u>	<u>\$ 13,657</u>	<u>\$ 19,700</u>
701	BOM Expenses	\$ 14,400	\$ 11,357	\$ 14,400
725	National Dues	\$ 35,450	\$ 35,825	\$ 42,960
750	Dues Rebate	<u>\$ 4,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,783</u>	<u>\$ 4,467</u>
	Sub Total	<u>\$ 54,450</u>	<u>\$ 51,965</u>	<u>\$ 61,827</u>
801	Audit Committee		None	None

		None			
805	Eagle Scout Committee	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,872	\$ 2,000	
808	Executive Committee	\$ 300	\$ 25	\$ 200	
809	Elementary School Poster Contest	\$ 350	\$ 361	\$ 370	
810	Genealogy Committee	None	None	None	
812	Good Citizenship Certificates	\$ 600	None	None	
815	Knight Essay Committee	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	
816	Battle Of Pensacola	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,500	
817	Last Naval Battle Committee	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,409	\$ 1,500	
820	Medals & Awards Committee	\$ 500	\$ 412	\$ 500	
822	National Trustee Committee	None	None	None	
825	NSSAR Library Committee	\$ 100	None	\$ 100	
827	New Chapter Committee	\$ 1,700	\$ 128	\$ 900	
830	Newsletter & Periodicals comm. Oration	None	None	None	
835	Committee	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,351	\$ 3,000	
840	Patriot Medal Committee	\$ 300	\$ 150	\$ 250	
843	Procedures Manual Committee	None	None	None	
845	Publicity Committee	\$ 400	\$ 350	\$ 200	
847	Patriotic Education Committee	\$ 300	\$ 60	\$ 300	
850	ROTC Committee	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,500	
855	Sons of Liberty Brigade	\$ 400	None	\$ 200	
	Support The				
857	Troops	\$ 1,000	\$ 526	\$ 1,000	
860	Other Committees	\$ 1,200	\$ 937	\$ 1,000	
864	Webmaster Expenses	\$ 1,050	\$ 747	\$ 160	
	Sub-total	\$ 19,500	\$ 14,998	\$ 17,430	
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 92,550</u>	<u>\$ 80,620</u>	<u>\$ 98,957</u>	
	Net	<u>\$ (1,950)</u>	<u>\$ 7,127</u>	<u>\$ (2,717)</u>	
	For the 2010 Budget to balance:				
	Reduce \$3 dues rebate to \$1.18				
	or \$1.82/\$3.00 X \$4,467 =				
	\$2,710				Balanced

FLSSAR Committee Report Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report

Nominating

Chairman: Ron Toops rtoops2001@yahoo.com

The Nominating Committee was elected by the members of the Summer Board of Management (BOM) Meeting. The members of this Nominating Committee elected their chairman. Each member of the committee is actively canvassing those who previously held the key positions, as well as others who may be interested in serving in the defined positions

Nominating Committee (2009 - 2010)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Nelson Jantzen	Clearwater
Leon Hammock	Clearwater
David Ramseur	Jacksonville
Hall Reidiger	St. Lucie River
Ron Toops	Lake-Sumter

Randy Moody, Alternate Caloosa Chapter

FLSSAR Committee Report

Patriot Medal

Chairman: John Carter 7496jlcc@digitalexp.com
Nothing to report

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell kayarnell@hotmail.com

We continue to plow through the old annual reports as time permits. Since our last meeting I've completed reports related to the Flagler Chapter and have the Panama City chapter completed through 1990. In total 13 chapters are complete and all reports for all chapters from the 1970's are done.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Nelson Jantzen nelson7772008@hotmail.com

The Chapter Challenge for 2009 is being reviewed for deletions or additions. I welcome all suggestions..

FLSSAR Committee Report

Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Gerry Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Lindsey Brock lindsey.brock@comcast.net
October 13, 2009

On September 4th - 6th it was my privilege to attend the Florida Society C.A.R. (F.S.C.A.R.) State Seminar which was held in Jacksonville, FL. Events included a boat cruise on the St. Johns River with the St. Johns River Keepers which will be the recipient of the funds raised by the 2009- 2010 F.S.C.A.R. President's Project: "Preserving Florida's Waterways". On Saturday, September 5th the members of the F.S.C.A.R. participated in the clean up of litter along the coast line of North Shore Park which is adjacent to the St. Johns River.

This year the annual joint flag retirement ceremony conducted by the Princess Malee Society and Jacksonville Chapter SAR was held at the Mandarin Community Club on Saturday, September 12th. There were over 150 flags that were properly retired. If you have a C.A.R. Society in your chapter's area you may wish to jointly conduct a flag retirement ceremony. **Remember to include C.A.R. members in the ceremony.**

Lastly, Senior President Billie Brock attended the October 12, 2009 C.A.R. Board Meeting in Washington, DC and reported events of 2009 and the following upcoming F.S.C.A.R. events: (1) the annual British Night Watch in St. Augustine, FL on December 5, 2009, (2) the F.S.C.A.R. State Conference which is scheduled for February 26-28, 2010 at the Marriott on Salisbury Road in Jacksonville, FL.

FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Hall Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

We are proceeding with the effort to get this under way. The presentation at the October 23 BOM will be about Ft. Montagu and the USMC. We are in the process also of contacting the Bahamas DAR Chapter to see if they would be able to help with getting this underway.

FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell kayarnell@hotmail.com

The 120th Annual Congress will be held June 26-30, 2010 at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. The committee will collect names of possible delegates at the Winter and Spring BOM meetings.

FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison

Chairman: Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

The committee staffed a display of 2 tables at the FSSDAR Fall Forum on September 26th at the Orlando-Airport Marriott. Once again over 100 Fall Forum attendees stopped at the display. 15 contacts for SAR referrals were made for SAR chapters from Miami to Tampa to Jacksonville to Tallahassee. And for a second time, the additional display of artifacts drew the interest of everyone stopping by the display. A change in location of the display from the hallway entrance to a placement next to the 'boutique' room greatly enhanced our visibility. I have requested a similar placement at the Spring Meeting/Forum.

As we did last year, the Florida SAR provided a Color Guard for the Saturday Banquet. Participating in this Sons of Liberty, Florida Brigade event were Robert Murray, Norm Myers, John x – all from Central Florida - and Steve Williams, Brevard Chapter. And, once again, our participation was greatly appreciated by the FSSDAR. I want to extend my grateful appreciation to these compatriots as they took the time to dress and interrupt their Saturday schedules to help this committee.

Any thoughts to continue this assistance to the FSSDAR should be seriously considered as it fosters a positive impression of the Florida SAR Society and encourages closer cooperation with our recruitment efforts.

FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: Charlie Day dmdaycday@aol.com

The Boy Scouts will be celebrating 100 years of scouting in the United States in 1910. The National Boy Scout Jamboree will be in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia and will last for 10 days, from July 26th - August 4th, 2010. It will be the biggest and best birthday party the BSA has thrown in the United States in a century, and the SAR will be there. NSSAR will sponsor a "SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship" table. It will be located in the "Relationship Committee Tent". There will also be a new SAR patch design to represent the SAR during 2010, "100th Anniversary of Scouting," this could very well be the patch your own chapter gives out to Eagle Scout Scholarship applicants next year.

I will repeat again this month that Charlie Newcomer, Chairman of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee has notified us that National **will no longer** be paying for Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner's Trophy as well as the chapters' winner medal.

Chapters need to get their Eagle winners medals ordered and pay for them.

I suggest that the Chapters have a deadline of December 18th for receiving the Eagle Scout Scholarship applications. The deadline for Chapters to get their Chapter Winner applications to me is December 31st. The January BOM is a little earlier this year and I need the time to make copies and rating sheets.

Our Eagle Recognition Certificates and number of "in person" presentations has been going on at a good rate and we hope this is leading to more exposure of our Recognition Program.

FLSSAR Committee Report Education Committee

Chairman: Ron Toops rtoops2001@yahoo.com

Actions from Last Summer BOM:

- 1) Change name of this committee to "**Legislative Affairs Committee**"
- 2) Redefine Charter, i.e. Status, Purpose, Authority, Members & Functions as follows:

Status: Standing

Purpose: Focus on Legislative Activities, linked to the goals of the NSSAR, which are Patriotic, Historical and Educational. The Primary focus will be on legislation related to the teaching of Early American History and Civics Learning. The Civics learning should include material on the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the structure of the U.S. Government, as defined by our Founding Fathers.

Scope: Attention will be placed on the Florida and the United States Congress and the legislation they propose. Also there will be an effort to monitor similar activities by private and educational organizations.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6b.

Members: A Chairman and up to six (6) members appointed by the President, Florida Society and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Functions:

1. Research and review current session Florida legislation and identify that which supports the objectives of the Florida Society and NSSAR.
2. Likewise, attempt to research and review current U.S. Congressional legislation with the same objectives.
3. Work with the Florida Social Studies Supervisors (FSSS) and other organizations to define strategies to communicate our views to legislators in both houses of the Florida Legislature. The strategies may include personal visits with representatives in Tallahassee and/or at their local offices.
4. Likewise, attempt to develop strategies for addressing U.S. Congressional legislation.
5. Inform the FLSSAR Board of Management and other members about pending legislation and encourage their support by communicating to their local and state representatives.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Genealogy

Chairman: Ted Duay, III tedduay@yahoo.com

On Friday, October 23 in Salon 1 from 2:30-3:30pm, Debbie Duay, Florida DAR Lineage Research Chairman, will be presenting a genealogy workshop called "Hidden Gems." The discussion will focus on significant on-line resources that most people are unaware of. These resources can assist in documenting lineage and revolutionary service. Debbie presented a similar workshop at the recent Florida DAR Fall Forum, and had well over 100 attendees.

FLSSAR Committee Report

George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell kayarnell@hotmail.com

We've updated the contest website and created a second website for the video contest approved at the Summer BOM. At this point publicizing the contests is the priority and we continue to do that as opportunities become available.

While both of these contests are run primarily at the state level chapters can offer local contests as well. Please email me for more information or visit the contest websites.

Knight Essay: www.patriot-web.com/essay/

Educational Video: www.patriot-web.com/video/

FLSSAR Committee Report

Good Citizenship

Nothing to report

Chapters requiring certificates may request these from the FLSSAR Secretary.

FLSSAR Committee Report

History Fairs

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Randy Moody sarrevdoc@comcast.net

The FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest will be held Friday, January 15, 2010. All Chapter entries are due Friday, January 8, 2010. Please send entries, including four (4) copies of the oration, to Randy D. Moody, 16986 Oakstead Drive, Alva, FL 33920.

Compatriots Skip Brown, Phil Carr, and Jay Wise will serve as judges. Compatriot David Ramseur will serve as timer. Compatriot Fred Learned will serve as doorman. Please consult the schedule for the Winter BOM when posted online to schedule your arrival in time to come hear the outstanding young orators compete.

The FLSSAR Handbook lists prizes for the competition as \$1,000.00 for first place, \$500.00 for second place, \$250.00 for third place and \$100.00 for all other contestants. In addition, we pay the travel expenses for the contestant and a chaperone to the NSSAR Congress for the NSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest. This is a strain on our budget. Therefore, I make the following recommendation:

The prizes for the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest be changed to:

-  **First Place: \$500.00**
-  **Second Place: \$250.00**
-  **Third Place: \$125.00**
-  **Other Contestants: \$50.00**

FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Ray Lantz rclantz@bellsouth.net

Since it only requires a mere \$5.00 annually to be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at both the state and national level, all are strongly encouraged to join and show their support for this worthwhile organization. If, your special lady is currently not a member I would ask you to please encourage them to do so.

The president of the Ladies Auxiliary wishes me to remind the membership that there will again be one of the gift baskets selected for silent auction. All other baskets will continue to be awarded in the usual manner using tickets. Your continued support for these efforts by the auxiliary will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not already done so, please make plans for your special lady to attend the upcoming Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY on March 4-6, 2010. There are always events for all ladies who attend this event. Ladies attending these events do not have to be current members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

FLSSAR Committee Report Last Naval Battle

Chairman: Ben DuBose bdubosefl@gmail.com

At the Summer BOM we held a very informative committee meeting with much input from members and attendees.

Once again we have blocked out SPECIAL RATE rooms at the Country Inns and Suites, 9009 Astronaut Blvd. Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 for Friday night March 5th 2010. Call 321-784-8500 and tell them you are with the Sons of the American Revolution to get the \$99.00 per night rate; which includes a nice breakfast. Standard rooms come with two, very comfortable, queen sized beds. We are presently working on a menu for our Friday night dinner which will be held at the Country Inns. Cost will be in the low twenty dollar range. We have been given an OK for extended check-out so you can go back to your rooms to change and clean-up before you head home.

Permits have been submitted with the Canaveral Port Authority and we are awaiting approval. It appears we will once again have a wonderful turn out for our Color Guard parade. Since there will be a NSSAR event that same weekend we are asking that our FLSSAR Chapters send some of their Color Guard members to make up for the loss of those going to National.

FLSSAR Committee Report Liberty Tree

Chairman: Ben Dubose bdubosefl@gmail.com

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman: Lindsey Brock lindsey.brock@comcast.net

Listed below are the upcoming dates for our 2010 BOM meetings at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway in Kissimmee, FL:

January 15-16, 2010
May 7-9, 2010

For the contract year 2009 and 2010 the room rates will remain at (\$65.00 + taxes). **Plaza tower** rooms will likewise remain at (\$75.00 + taxes). **Plaza tower one-bedroom suites** will also remain the same (\$99.00 + taxes) during 2009 and 2010.

[The remainder of this report was provided by Steve Williams.]

The BOM Registration form was sent electronically to the attendees of the Spring BOM for use in electronic registration. Such early delivery of the BOM registration forms will continue to be utilized to make it easier for attendees from the previous BOM to register for the next BOM. For the last 3 BOMs (Spring, Summer and this Fall), the predominate method of filling out the registration form has been by electronic means – using the Web based PDF form or the e-mailed PDF form. Between 75% and 82% have chosen this method. Six per cent (Spring BOM) have used an e-mail message or a phone call to register while 10 & 11% have used the Florida Patriot form, and 9% & 7% have printed the PDF form and hand-filled it out.

Once again BOM attendees were asked for their input. The results are:

- For Name Tags - 75% use their own badges/tags
- For Proceedings - 50% want a hard copy of the proceedings
- Spring/Annual Mtg – 50% would prefer the Committee meetings/BOM on 1st day with the Annual Meeting on 2nd day.
- For Meetings/sessions – 100% attend or try to attend the Executive Meeting; 75% attend committee or workshop meetings; 75% visit the hospitality room. For Summer, Fall, & Winter BOM meetings, 75% want the Friday meeting schedule to begin earlier so that the Hospitality room can be visited after the banquet.
- For possible BOM session topics – 75% want officer training, 50% want Publicity workshop, 50% want ROTC workshop, 50% a Rumbaugh workshop, and 50% want a Genealogy workshop. Other sessions at lower levels include Americanism poster, History Fair, Patriotic Activities, Knight Contest, Education Committee, Middle School outreach, Eagle Scout, Newsletter/periodicals, and Website sessions.
- For hotel comments – 50% felt that the food quality stayed the same, 75% felt that the check-in process stayed the same.
- When asked about a new venue (hotel), 50% want to move; 75% stay at the hotel for the BOM and 2/3s of these stay in the tower. The price range that the respondents would pay for a room is equally split between the given range selections: \$80-90, \$91-100, \$101-110, and \$111-120.
- Of all respondents, 75% would prefer the Radisson Hotel on SR192 over the Hotel in the Mall (Florida Mall hotel).

Here's the breakdown of the last 10 BOM sessions. The Fall BOM figures are obviously incomplete.

BOM date	Total attendees	SAR attendees	Guest attendees	Chapters attendees	Florida SAR membership	% in attendance
Spring 2007	154	85	69	22	1503	5.66%
Summer 2007	72	45	27	20	1503	2.99%
Fall 2007	95	50	45	19	1503	3.33%
Winter 2008	113	68	45	20	1503	4.52%
Spring 2008	118	61	57	23	1640	3.72%
Summer 2008	85	56	29	20	1709	3.28%
Fall 2008	80	51	29	20	1709	2.98%
Winter 2009	93	58	35	21	1592	3.64%
Spring 2009	126	72	54	20	1638	4.40%
Summer 2009	70	46	24	20	1708	2.69%
Fall 2009	41	25	16	14	1708	1.46%

There are 17 of our current 31 Chapters that have had members attend these last 10 BOMS while there are 3 chapters that have had no one attend.

FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Gerry Meeks gerrym44@comcast.net
Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann hoffmaria@yahoo.com

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Terry Walton terence.walton@comcast.net

October 17, 2009

The Committee received the Friends of the Library statistical report for the period 01/01/09 through 09/30/09 from the NSSAR Library. The report summarizes membership data for members of the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) for all state societies.

Friends of the Library memberships expire on the month a member joins, rather than by calendar year, so the number changes each month. As of September our numbers had fallen to 22 from a high of 56 for the year, placing us in 4th place.

However, Miami Chapter came to the rescue on October 2nd with a check for \$1,000, renewing memberships for some 39 individual members, plus a chapter membership. This increases Florida's total to 62 for the year-to-date, putting us back in 1st place!

If we are to continue leading other state societies in maintaining this high level of support, we have to renew our personal and chapter memberships as they become due.

Your support will bring Louisville closer to Florida for research – you can even restrict your donation to “digital conversion” projects if you wish – simply note it on your taxdeductible check for \$25. Send it to **Friends of the SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203**

FLSSAR Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals

Chairman: Terry Walton terence.walton@comcast.net

Chapter newsletters submitted for the “Best of FLSSAR Newsletters” Contest for 2009 are being received from the following chapters: **Brevard, Caloosa, Flagler, Jacksonville, Miami, Palm Beach, Saramana, and Tampa**. All chapters are encouraged to submit any two 2009 issues in either print or electronic format for the state contest and print format for national.

Contest guidelines and instructions conform to the **Guidelines for Judging** that appear on the NSSAR website (www.nsar.org) for the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards based on any two 2009 issues submitted to the Committee by January 10th, 2010. .

All chapters are encouraged to participate in both the state and national newsletter awards contests. Please update the address changes below. Addresses are:

Terry Walton, FLSSAR Newsletter Chairman
2797 First Street, # 804
Fort Myers, FL 33916-1860
Terence.walton@comcast.net

George S. Pittard, NSSAR Newsletter Chairman
414 Wilder Drive
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Gpworth123@nc.rr.com

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Hal Miller, Jr. halmiller@verizon.net
Date October 13, 2009

Since my last Committee report of August 20, 2009, e-mails to another 165 (average) recipients at a time were sent out on 8 occasions over almost two months, resulting in a total of about 1320 e-mails through October 13, 2009, the date of this report. **My knee replacement operation on Sept. 15th impaired my production.** This is lower than the number of e-mails sent last year over the similar reporting period (2 ½ months) August 5, 2008 through October 24, 2008, when e-mails to 164 (average) recipients at a time were sent out on 27 occasions (abnormally high), a total of **4428** e-mails.

Adding the above 2 months results of **1320** e-mails to my 8-20-09 report of **6270** emails when another 165 (average) recipients at a time were sent out on 38 occasions over about a 4 month period, resulting in a total of about **7590** e-mails. Therefore, during the first six months of the 2009-2010 program year which began on April 24, 2009, my report through the date of this report, October 13, 2009, (about six months), reveals that emails were sent out on 46 occasions to 165 recipients at a time resulting in about **7590** e-mails. During last year's program year, 2008-2009 which began on 5/4/08 and ending on 4/24/09, e-mails totaled 20295. I need to do a better job in the second half. **Please Committee Members, keep those PATRIOTIC e-mails coming to me.**

Most important, our Committee Charter includes as one of its functions the administration of the Flag Program for the Florida Society. This includes competition for the NSSAR Rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award to the State Society with the best Flag Program. It awards and presents the NSSAR Flag Certificate to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR, encourages FLSSAR chapters to participate in Flag Day, June 14, ceremonies, and promotes respect and honor to the Flag of the United States.

In order for our State Society to earn the Admiral Furlong Ribbon Award from the NSSAR Flag Committee, at least 50% of our chapters (16 chapters) must present at least one or more Flag Certificates during the calendar year. Since Walter Baker, Chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee, has asked that all State Patriotic Committees forward their chapter report to him by April 1st, **we respectfully ask all chapters to respond to us or your Regional VP whenever you make a presentation, but never after March 15, 2010. You have until December 31, 2009, to make presentations. The chapter needs only to report one flag certificate presentation a year, so IT NEED NOT ADVISE THE RVP ABOUT ANY ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS ONCE IT HAS DONE SO.**

Chapters Presented to date 2008

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Brevard (3/15/08) | 5. Panama City (1/31/08) |
| 2. Central Florida (4/7/08) | 6. Saramana (1/11/08) |
| 3. Clearwater (3/27/08) | 7. Withlacoochee |
| 4. Flagler (2/19/08) | |

Chapters Presented to date 2009

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Central Florida * | 6. St. Lucie River (3/14/09) |
| 2. Saramana (Feb. News-letter-event 1/9/09) | 7. Pensacola * |
| 3. Withlacoochee* (April, '09) | 8. Caloosa * |
| 4. Lake Sumter (2/7/09) | 9. Brevard (5/27/09) |
| 5. Flagler (4/4/09) | 10. Jacksonville * |

Please note above that the * after a chapter name indicates emails have been received by us. Also note that if a date follows a chapter name it has been reported by the R.V.P.'s in the "Quarterly Reports of the Florida Officers & Comm. Chairmen" distributed at BOM meetings.

URGENT! WE ARE 6 SHORT OF THE 16 NECESSARY. Please inform us if you have done so, and if not please make a flag certificate presentation before the end of the year . Thanks-Hal or Frank X. Hodalski-Administrator Of Flag Program Ph. 941-377-8232

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Education

Chairman: Ben DuBose bdubosefl@gmail.com

At the Summer BOM we held a very informative committee meeting with much input from members and attendees.

As you saw at the Summer BOM the Brevard Chapter has amassed a collection of 19 colonial flags and every time we display them they receive rave reviews. We suggest every Chapter consider creating a colonial flag display for your meetings and when you give presentations; Eagle Scout, SAR Medal Awards, Historical talks, etc. When you purchase 6 or more flags they cost about \$6.00 per flag including postage. PVC flag bases cost about \$2.00 per flag and I can explain how to make them easily. Please contact me and I'll tell you where you can get the best deal on flags. Ben DuBose 321-952-2928 bubosefl@gmail.com

FLSSAR Committee Report Procedures Manual

Chairman: Phil Wright WrightSAR@cfl.rr.com
Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Public Service and Heroism

Chairman: Daniel Shepherd dts@bellsouth.net
Date: October 18, 2009

Pensacola Chapter

14 July, 2009, the Pensacola Chapter presented the following medal and certificate.

Heroism Award Medal and Certificate

I.D. Brewton, Detective Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, Santa Rosa Co., FL
Detective Brewton was recognized for his outstanding professional quick-thinking action to save the lives of several people involved in a multi-vehicle accident with fire on the I-10 Bridge over Escambia Bay in Escambia County, Florida. Two automobiles and a tractor-trailer were involved in the accident. The tractor-trailer was on fire and the driver was in the cab. Detective Brewton pulled the driver to safety along with passengers from the two automobiles. Detective Brewton was off-duty at the time and was the first law enforcement officer on the scene of the accident.

No media coverage for this 14 July, 2009, presentation.

8 September, 2009 the Pensacola Chapter presented the following medal and certificate.

Heroism Award Medal and Certificate

Greg Gordon, Officer Pensacola Police Department, Pensacola, FL
Officer Gordon was recognized for his outstanding professional and persistent actions to save the life of a male resident from a flaming house fire in Pensacola on 7 July, 2009. While on-duty, Officer Gordon received a 911 call and was the first law enforcement officer on the scene of a home enveloped in flames. He found the front door locked and heard cries for help inside. He then knocked the door down and entered the house, but was driven out by the smoke. He again entered the house, located a large man on the floor and began to pull him free from the fire. An off-duty county deputy sheriff helped drag the man from the house. The man survived and Officer Gordon was treated for smoke inhalation.

No media coverage for this 8 September, 2009, presentation.

13 October, 2009, the Pensacola Chapter presented the following medal and certificate

Heroism Award Medal and Certificate

J. P. Norris, Firefighter Escambia Co. Fire Rescue Battalion, Pensacola, FL
Firefighter Norris was recognized for his heroic actions of diving through a window of a burning Pensacola home into thick black smoke, then, locating and rescuing an unconscious elderly injured woman from the flames.

No media coverage for this 13 October, 2009, presentation.

St. Augustine Chapter

27 August, 2009, the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the Palatka City Hall.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Fire Department of the City of Palatka Palatka Fire Department, Palatka, FL

No media coverage for this 27 August, 2009, presentation.

22 September, 2009, the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the Putnam County Commission Chambers.

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

Glenn Davis, Emergency Medical Technician Emergency Services of Putnam Co., Palatka, FL

No media coverage for this 22 September, 2009, presentation.

St. Lucie River Chapter

10 October, 2009, the St. Lucie River Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 10 October chapter meeting.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

William French, Captain St. Lucie Co. Fire District, Port St. Lucie, FL

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

Jennifer Chambers, Captain St. Lucie Co. Fire District, Port St. Lucie, FL

No media coverage for these 10 October, 2009, presentations.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Publicity

Chairman: Hermann Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net
No activity this quarter

FLSSAR Committee Report

ROTC

Chairman: Phil Tarpley mp18pht@verizon.net

The JROTC Chairman is seeking names of chapter JROTC Chairs or contacts so information I have can be sent out by November 10 that will help them work with their local senior instructors. Any Compatriot wishing to be on the State committee please contact me at mp18pht@verizon.net with your contact info.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Chairman: Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Web host provider will be transferred from POWWEB to 1&1 immediately after Fall BOM. Although it is unexpected, there may be an interruption of service/access up to 48 hours. The transfer of web host provider is to enable the Florida website to provide database reports to facilitate ease of chapter reporting to state entities and for chapters to improve their internal reporting capabilities. These capabilities were demonstrated at the Summer BOM by Assistant Webmaster, Scott Bushnell who has developed this tool. The current web host does not provide the same capabilities as the new host. The yearly expense is slightly higher but the ROI positive. Look forward to more information on these services in the future as Scott rolls them out to a chapter near you.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Veterans Affairs

Chairman: Doug Bridges dougbridges@bellsouth.net

Nothing to report

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: Hermann Riediger allriedi42@bellsouth.net

We have begun the process of collecting money again after a summer hiatus, a letter went out to all committee members (Chapter Presidents or those designated as committee members), informing them of the events occurring in Louisville under the leadership of P.G. Ed Butler. We have had a number of major happenings and if they all work out we will have made great strides in the establishment of the Center and the effect the Center will have in Mid-America. Among the events that have occurred are ; Request for 2 grants for the construction of the Museum/headquarters, requests to become a Smithsonian Institution Satellite with access to Smithsonian artifacts, the addition of the Remnant Trust Collection,(we don't know how much yet), the co-operation with the Frazier Museum that will enable us to get a superb security system at little cost and a grant from the US Dept. of Education for cardboard Kiosks for the Chapters and State societies. President General Butler does provide a running report via SAR-talk, it is really nice to be this well informed.

We will asked for reports and collections for the January BOM and again for the May Annual Meeting/ BOM.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Americanism Elementary Poster Contest

Chairman: David Ramseur ramseur@surfbest.net

The Americanism Elementary Poster Contest is a program specifically designed by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution to stimulate interest in American History in the fourth and fifth grade. This is a group that has not been addressed in the past by any other NSSAR program. The topic chosen for this years contest (2009-2010) is the "**Battle of Bunker Hill**".

Please if you have not already done so start making your contacts with those 4th and 5th grade teachers who are interested in participating in this contest. It is not too late to contact all those who are eligible such as boys and girls clubs, scouts and home school groups.

The details of the program which ends on April 1, 2010 can be found in the Forms section of the state web site www.flssar.org/Docs/Forms/AmerPosterltr.pdf

FLSSAR Committee Report

Battle of Pensacola

Chairman: Ed Young ednoy@earthlink.net
October 18, 2009

Initial planning for the 2010 Battle of Pensacola Commemorative has begun. The event will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 14-15, 2010 at Fort George in downtown Pensacola. Primary accommodations will be blocked at the Days Inn Downtown, 710 North Palafox Street, Pensacola. A Friday night Welcome Dinner will be held at the Days Inn. The reenactment of the battle will not be included in the program in 2010. Program components under consideration are a parade, wreath laying and guest speaker.

FLSSAR Committee Report

C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide

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

Please remember that the name of this committee has been changed from SAR-C.A.R. Aide Committee to **C.A.R. and SAR Junior Members Aide Committee**.

One of the purposes of this committee is to develop a better understanding and relationship between the SAR and the C.A.R. It also provides SAR members an opportunity to promote the many youth programs that SAR offers. Every FLSSAR Chapter should encourage their **Junior Members** to actively participate in our quarterly BOM and our Annual meetings.

Remember to contact the **C.A.R. Society** in your chapter area, and **Junior Members** that may be in your chapter, relative to their participation in our upcoming May 2010 annual meeting in Kissimmee, FL. To date we have two that have indicated a willingness to participate. We need at least two more, so that we can have an aide assigned to President General Butler when he attends our May 2010 meeting in Kissimmee.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Committee Consolidation Study Group

Chairman: Ben DuBose bdubosefl@gmail.com

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report

NSSAR Constitution & ByLaws Review

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

[The FLSSAR Secretary received the following email. It is provided here for the benefit of interested members.]

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Tennessee Society SAR Board of Governors unanimously approved the following proposed amendment to the NSSAR Bylaws, to be considered at the Annual Congress in Cleveland in June 2010. The proposal was sponsored by Tennessee State Registrar Richard T. Spencer, Jr., who has requested that I forward to you a copy of the proposed amendment for your review and consideration. Fraternaly,

Rick Hollis, President-elect
Tennessee Society SAR

By-law No. 1 – Membership

Add the following at the end of **Section 5**:

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution affirms its respect for the policies and procedures of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) relating to approval of its membership applications. Accordingly, NSSAR will accept as proof of service and/or proof of lineage any DAR application approved in 1986 or thereafter, except, (1) those involving lineage subsequently closed by DAR, (2) those on the DAR short form, and (3) DAR “legacy” applications.

The type of markings employed by DAR to signify verification of facts shall be immaterial to the acceptability of a cited DAR application, if the application bears (1) the dated signatures of the appropriate DAR officer or officers confirming approval of the application, and (2) the new DAR member’s national number. Any SAR application pending or “grand fathered” pursuant to the change in genealogy policy promulgated on September 29, 2008, shall be unconditionally approved forthwith.

The resolution of the Genealogy Committee adopted September 25, 2009, regarding “grand mothering” of SAR applications is rescinded.. Any application approved pursuant to that resolution shall forthwith be deemed unconditionally approved, and limitations on future use of so-called “grand mothered” applications shall be removed.

FLSSAR Committee Report

New Chapter Development

Chairman: Steve Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Monroe County - Robert Burt reports that a note has been placed in the Free Press in regards of interest to form a Monroe County SAR Chapter. We have a group of five and several prospects were working on.

Sebring/Highlands County – A follow-up meeting with chapter prospects (those who are transferring or have submitted) was held on October 17th in Sebring. The agenda included name selection, officer selection, constitution/by-law discussion, and meeting programs. There are 2 SAR members transferring, and 11 currently submitted applicants. Five to ten more applications are imminent. Message from FLSSAR to Executive Director and district VPG about the new chapter activity for announcement of chapter formation effort will be sent after Fall BOM.

Barrier Islands - Has been placed on hold pending resolution of issues.

[The following was sent by Compatriot Walton and added here by the Secretary]

Proposed Barrier Islands Chapter, FLSSAR
October 19, 2009

A proposal has been made by Compatriot Terence M. Walton (SAR # 161936, Life Member # 1701), to explore the feasibility of establishing a new chapter on the coast of Southwest Florida. It would be known as Barrier Islands Chapter, FLSSAR, and would serve the geographic areas of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, Estero Island,

Greater Pine Island, and the barrier islands located in the nearby Gulf of Mexico, Caloosahatchee Watershed, Pine Island Sound, and Charlotte Harbor.

The new chapter would meet quarterly on a Saturday, before or after the quarterly BOM meetings, at a restaurant with marina facilities on Sanibel or Captiva. It will encourage cooperative activities with other SAR and DAR chapters in Southwest Florida.

The Constitution & Bylaws have been drafted, and some preliminary discussion has taken place. The Executive Committee of Caloosa Chapter voted at their meeting on 12 October 2009 to not become involved with the formation of the proposed new chapter. The chapter president, Terry Walton (a former secretary, treasurer, and vice president), informed the committee that he would be willing to move ahead independently and informally with formation efforts.

A number of potential members needed to meet the minimum number of ten have been identified. Two are memorial members, two reside out-of-state, and at least four are current members of Caloosa Chapter (the latter six might become dual members). A recruiting-oriented news article is planned for the local regional papers, and a meeting will be held with local DAR regents to identify potential recruits.

FLSSAR Committee Report: Support the Troops

Chairman: Frank Hodalski fhodalski@msn.com

16 October 2009

Thanks to your generosity at the Summer BOM, we are pleased to report that the October mailing has been achieved through two mailings of ten boxes each to two of our units. We were joined in this project by the Military Officers Assn. of Sarasota. They informed us of year-end funds available for postage, and picked up the cost of the first mailing (\$119.50). That helped a lot, enabling us to add some great items to the boxes, such as playing cards, white crew socks, Altoid mints, and Tootsie Pops.(the safe way to send chocolate).

Our financial report shows \$474 remaining in the 2K9 FLSSAR budget, \$40 in a DAR member donation, a \$400 donation by the Ladies Aux. FLSSAR, \$151 at the Summer BOM meeting, and \$119.50 by the Military Officers. Total: \$1184.50. Receipted purchases of items totaled \$379.35, and postage of twenty boxes totaled \$239. Total: \$618.35. As of this report, we have cash on hand in the amount of \$92.15, and funds in the 2009 FLSSAR budget of \$474.00, for a total of \$566.15 available for the Xmas mailing.

We have received this letter, dated 29Sept09 from our Airborne, 1st Cav unit:

"Dear Frank and Barbara Hodalski and the American Revolution Society,

On behalf of 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry (Airborne), I would like to thank you for your support of our paratroopers that are located throughout the Paktya Province in Afghanistan. Your selflessness in taking the time to send care packages to my troopers is really appreciated. The lives of the brave men and women that are fighting here have been enhanced by your efforts."

(Signed) Peter L. Cramer

CSM, USA

Squadron Command Sergeant Major

The Military Channel sometimes shows activities taking place in the forward outposts. These are the troops we are supporting. They live in makeshift hovels behind a standing wall or similar cover, with no comforts of home. Their quality of life is primitive at best. We hope to do 30 or more quality boxes for the Xmas mailing to give them a taste of home. If you can help a trooper or marine with a donation, we will make sure it gets there in time for Christmas.

Other Reports

FLSSAR Report

Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds

Chairman: Ted Duay, III tedduay@yahoo.com

The reports follow on the next 4 pages.

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	11,937.94	318,967.39	330,905.33
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	8,474.14	238.00	8,712.14
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	(1,282.80)	(1,282.80)
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	(3,474.33)	-	(3,474.33)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	(68,932.70)	(68,932.70)
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	16,937.75	248,989.89	265,927.64

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

SCHEDULE E
 ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Exchange Traded Funds		
560 Shares Diamonds Trust Series I (DIA)	54,370.40	45,372.39
340 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (ITA)	16,337.00	13,262.75
325 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	33,637.50	31,008.20
400 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR)	17,068.00	12,996.55
1,080 Shares iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund (EFA)	59,054.40	44,725.07
200 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB)	16,272.00	13,246.55
325 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (TYW)	16,883.75	13,206.98
1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	22,190.00	15,812.15
150 Shares SPDR Gold Trust (GLD)	14,827.50	13,145.30
400 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	31,800.00	30,884.95
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	282,440.55	233,660.89
Cash		
Schwab Government Money Fund	572.76	572.76
Wachovia Bank Checking	3,775.52	3,775.52
ING Direct Savings	27,918.47	27,918.47
TOTAL CASH	32,266.75	32,266.75
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	314,707.30	265,927.64

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	2,249.44	93,154.13	95,403.57
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	1,716.68	-	1,716.68
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	(1,274.61)	(1,274.61)
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	(2,249.44)	-	(2,249.44)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	(4,701.91)	(4,701.91)
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	1,716.68	87,177.61	88,894.29

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

SCHEDULE E ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Exchange Traded Funds		
90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	9,315.00	8,613.35
375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	5,943.75	4,248.35
110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	8,745.00	8,502.75
TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS	24,003.75	21,364.45
Mutual Funds		
6,184.907 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund	38,779.37	49,147.57
407.53 Shares UMB Scout International Fund	11,459.74	11,958.71
TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS	50,239.11	61,106.28
Cash		
Schwab Government Money Fund	560.44	560.44
Wachovia Bank Checking	1,825.60	1,825.60
ING Direct Savings	4,037.52	4,037.52
TOTAL CASH	6,423.56	6,423.56
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	80,666.42	88,894.29

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Ed Young ednoy@earthlink.net
October 18, 2009

This report covers the period January 1, 2009 through October 24, 2009. During this period, 31 applications for reimbursement grants were received. Thirty applications have been approved by the committee and one application is being processed. Reimbursements to the Chapters for 50% of the authorized amounts by the Treasurer, FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund total \$3474.33. Points of Emphasis: Know the cost of the medals that were presented. Some medals prices change from year-to-year, e.g., JROTC and ROTC Medals. Some medals are available in two sizes with two prices, e.g., Good Citizenship Medal. Please state in the Grant Request the cost per medal that is being used in the calculation. **NOTE: Please submit applications for this calendar year by November 15, 2009 to insure sufficient time for processing and payments to the chapters by the end of the year.**

The current Endowment Trust Fund Grant Request Guidelines and Application Form are on the FLSSAR Web Site (www.flssar.org). They can be located under DOCUMENTATION. The Guidelines have been updated as directed by the 2009 FLSSAR Summer BOM to restrict reimbursement for Certificates of Appreciation to only those that recognize persons providing support of specific events/projects. At the top of the Guidelines page are directions on how to complete the application and e-mail one copy to me at ednoy@earthlink.net. Alternatively, mail 9 copies to Edward Young, 10100 Hillview Drive, Apt 324, Pensacola, FL 32514-5452. Contact Steve Williams at swilliams16@cfl.rr.com if you need assistance. These two pages will be maintained in current status. Please check them from time to time to insure that you are using current information and the current application form.

FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Report Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young ednoy@earthlink.net
18 October 2009

The period of this report is from 30 August 2009 through 24 October 2009. Eighteen Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Summer BOM on 28 August 2009. Brigade Guardsmen Murray, Myers, Little and Williams Presented the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando on 28 September 2009. Brigade Camps and Outposts continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 23-24 October 2009 FLSSAR Fall BOM. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 12 September 2009, the annual Flag Retirement Program was held in the Mandarin Community Center in cooperation with members of the CAR. Active participants included Lindsey Brock, David Ramseur and Bud Reed. October was a busy month for Guardsman Brock who took part in several wreath layings at Point Pleasant, WV; Kings Mountain, NC; Kings Mountain Military Park, SC; Furman University and several events in Savannah, GA. Guardsman Cardell was part of the Color Guard and presented a wreath at Kings Mountain Military Park.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Claude Grubbs, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. In addition, the Camp was proud to display its collection of 19 colonial era flags during the BOM and we were asked to bring them to future BOMs. Guardsmen DuBose and Wright participated in the John Barry Day celebration in Jetty Park and were honored to lead the 100+ member Color Guard on 12 September 2009. On 13 September 2009, Guardsmen DuBose and Wright presented two seminars at the Brevard Teacher's In-Service Training Day in Rockledge. DuBose spoke about the Last Navel Battle and Wright gave a presentation on the various youth programs available through the SAR. The teachers were impressed with everything we had to offer the students of Brevard County. Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at a joint meeting with the five DAR Chapters in Brevard County on 19 September 2009 with 80+ people attending. On 26 September 2009, Guardsman Williams marched with the Brigade Color Guard to Present and Post the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando at the Marriott Hotel.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Jantzen participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 22 October 2009, Guardsmen Jantzen and Kitchens participated in a function held at the Clearwater City Hall.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Jay Wise, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Riediger and Wise participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. On 6 September 2009, Guardsman Wise attended the St. Lucie County Commission meeting to accept a Proclamation issued by the commission proclaiming September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17-23 as Constitution Week. On 8 September 2009, Guardsman Riediger attended the Fort Pierce City Council meeting to accept a Proclamation from the council proclaiming September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Guardsmen Kraenbuhl, Whiting and Wise Posted the Colors at the Annual DAR/SAR Constitution Week Meeting on September 12, 2009. On 17 September 2009, Guardsman Wise joined the U. S. Coast Guard Color Guard that Posted the Colors at the Cora Stickney Harper DAR Chapter's service for Citizenship Day and Constitution Week in Fort Pierce. Guardsman North introduced Compatriot Rick Pattison at the regular September meeting of the St. Lucie Veteran's Council. Compatriot Pattison will be the Chapter representative on the Council replacing Guardsman North.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. No report received. .

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Jones, Lantz and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Bellamy, Kilgore, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR Constitution Week Luncheon at the Scenic Hills Golf and Country Club in Pensacola on 19 September 2009.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsmen Crapo and Miller participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Bradley, Crapo, Cushing and Riegle Presented the Colors at the DAR Constitutional Day Luncheon on 19 September 2009.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. No report received.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Murray, Myers and Little marched with the Brigade to Present and Post the Colors at the Florida State DAR Annual Meeting in Orlando at the Marriott Hotel on 26 September 2009.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 2 September 2009, Camp member in Bravo uniform attended the military funeral to honor the service of veteran Harold Dowlin at the National Cemetery in Bushnell. Guardsmen Nelson, Townsend and Sumner took part with the local DAR Chapter in a Joint Bell Ringing Ceremony to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States at the old County Court House in Inverness on 19 September,

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bob Krey, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Piper and Toops gave a Flag Presentation to the public at the Villages Library on 17 September 2009. On 24 September 2009, Guardsmen Piper, Langston and Krey gave a Constitution Address at the Eustis Middle School

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. No report received.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. The Camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Joint DAR/SAR Constitution Day Luncheon at Palm City on 12 September 2009.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Outpost did not have any activity during this reporting period.

R. Outpost D. (Caloosa). Randy Moody, Commander. On 28 August 2009, Guardsman R. Moody participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the FLSSAR Summer BOM. Guardsmen Kennedy, P. Moody and R. Moody Presented and Posted the Colors at the 14 October 2009 Caloosa Chapter meeting.