



Spring Board of Management & Annual  
Meeting

# Proceedings

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# Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

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

## Meeting Agenda

Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of allegiance

Pledge to the SAR

Introduction of National Officers

Introduction of first time attendees

Certification of a quorum

Approval of the minutes

Reports of National and State Officers

**National Trustee**

**President**

**Senior Vice President**

**ExComm Member-at-Large**

**Northwestern Regional Vice President**

**North Central Regional Vice President**

**Northeastern Regional Vice President**

**East Central Regional Vice President**

**West Central Regional Vice President**

**Southeast Regional Vice President**

**Southwest Regional Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Registrar**

**Chaplain**

**Recording Secretary**

**Chancellor**

**Parliamentarian**

**Genealogist**

**Historian**

**Sergeant at Arms**

**Editor, *The Florida Patriot***

**Webmaster**

Statutory Committee Reports

**Audit**

**Executive**

**Finance**

**Medals and Awards**

**Nominating**

**Patriot Medal**

NSSAR Affairs

**Advancing America's Heritage**

**NSSAR Library**

**NSSAR Charter and Bylaws**

FLSSAR Affairs

**Archives**

**Chapter Challenge & Americanism**

**Documents**

**Genealogy**

**Meeting Arrangements - BOM**

**Membership Promotion & Retention**

**New Chapter Development**

**Newsletters and Periodicals**

**Technology Advisory Committee**

**Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade**

Liaisons

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

**Aide**

**DAR**

**Ladies Auxiliary**

Historic Sites

**Commemorative Historic Sites**

**Battle of Pensacola**

**Last Naval Battle**

**Liberty Tree**

Youth Programs

**Americanism Elementary Poster Contest**

**Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee**

**George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest**

**Good Citizenship**

**History Fairs**

**Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest**

**ROTC**

Community Outreach

**American History Teacher Award**

**Habitat For Humanity**

**Patriotic Activities**

**Public Service and Heroism**

**Publicity**

**Support the Troops**

**Veterans Affairs**

Trust Funds

**Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements**

**Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget**

**Trust Funds**

## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **The Pledge to the SAR**

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

## **Recessional**

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

## **Constitutional Republic**

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

# Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

## Minutes

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT (B.O.M.), MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 02 & 03, 2014, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

President Ted Duay opened the meeting at 2:45PM on Friday, 02 May 2014 after a quorum was certified by Secretary Steve Williams. The invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Hagerman. Parliamentarian Randy Moody led the pledge of allegiance. Recording Secretary Ray Wess led the SAR Pledge. President Duay recognized first time attendees and national officers, Randy Moody – Vice President General, Mike Tomme – Registrar General.

Minutes were previously distributed for review; approval was accepted with no corrections.

Unless otherwise reported herein, all officer and committee reports are contained in the SPRING BOARD OF MANAGEMENT & ANNUAL MEETING, PROCEEDINGS, (Blue Book)

Senior Vice President Steven Williams reported that a successful Regional Vice Presidents meeting was held this morning.

Treasurer Hall Riediger reported on a discussion held in the Executive Committee recommending that Phil Tarpley purchase the old worn out printer for \$150.00 and purchase a new printer costing about \$300.00 for the printing of the Proceedings, (blue book) and to be approved by the Executive and Finance Committee. Treasurer Riediger so offered the motion and it was seconded by Jim Parton. The motion passed.

Treasurer Riediger also spoke on the subject of purchasing a new microphone and sound system for the FLSSAR. A motion was offered by Jeff Sizemore to research and purchase, with the approval of the finance and executive committees, a new sound system if a donation does not come to fruition, not to exceed the purchase price of \$1000.00. Carl Hoffman seconded the motion. The motioned passed.

President Duay discussed that PEPCO is being bought out and the FLSSAR will receive the proceeds of their holding to be invested in the fund for Florida's Future.

Treasurer Riediger reported that the FLSSAR has about \$18,000.00 remaining for the rest of the year and the Society is in excellent financial health.

Richard Young, Chairman of the Audit Committee reported that the results of the FLSSAR audit showed no irregularities and all necessary IRS forms have been submitted. A formal report will be included in the published FLSSAR Proceedings book.

**Meeting was recessed at 4:26PM**

**Meeting was reconvened 1:30PM, 03 May, 2014**

President Duay announced that a quorum continues from earlier meeting.

Vic McMurry offered a motion for all FLSSAR fees and dues for prospective and current members to be waived for the next fiscal year for 100% combat disabled veterans who are permanent residents of the State of Florida. This waiver is not automatic but must be requested on a case by case basis. The burden of proof lies with the prospective and current member. The motion was seconded by Luke Lloyd. The motioned passed.

David Ramseur announced the winners of the FLSSAR Americanism Elementary Poster Contest. 1st Place – Naples Chapter contestant, 2nd Place – Withlacoochee Chapter contestant, 3rd Place – Clearwater Chapter contestant, Honorable Mention – Saramana Chapter contestant.

President Duay announced the formation of the new FLSSAR ad hoc committee, Operation Ancestor Search and Chairman Steve Brook

Chuck Sweeney offered a motion to separate the Veterans Affairs Committee into two separate committees, The Veterans Recognition Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Vic McMurry. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM

FLSSAR Annual Meeting – 03 May 2014, 3:00PM

President Ted Duay called the meeting to order and Rev. Richard Hagerman gave the invocation. Parliamentarian Randy Moody led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Steve Williams certified a quorum.

Chairman of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee, Phil Tarpley, read the list of nominees for FLSSAR office:

President – Steven Allen Williams  
Senior Vice President – Lawrence Gene Fehrenbaker  
Secretary – Hermann Hall Riediger  
Treasurer – W. Richard Young  
Executive Committee, Member-At-Large – Victor  
George McMurry  
RVP, NW – Robert Royal Canavello  
RVP, NC – Earle Scott Bushnell  
RVP, NE – James Gaskins  
RVP, EC – Jeffery Lee Sizemore  
RVP, WC – Danny Robert Hooper  
RVP, SE – Raymond Francis Wess  
RVP, SW – Lee Matson

Recording Secretary – Raymond Francis Wess  
Chancellor – Carl K. Hoffmann  
Registrar – Raymond Clyde Lantz  
Chaplain – Rev. Richard Hagerman  
Genealogist – Richard Bruce Cardell  
Historian – Ralph Daniel Nelson  
Editor, The Florida Patriot – Jeffery Lee Sizemore  
Sergeant-At-Arms – Joe Herman Hill  
Webmaster – Earle Scott Bushnell  
NATIONAL OFFICERS  
National Trustee Nominee – Philip Herbert Tarpley  
National Trustee (Alternate) Nominee – Lawrence  
Gene Fehrenbaker

As per FLSSAR by-law, the list was published to the FLSSAR Secretary.

President Ted Duay asked for additional nominations from the floor. Carl Hoffman nominated Charles “Chuck” Sweeney for FLSSAR President. Vic McMurry seconded the nomination. After asking three times, there were no other nominees from the floor for President.

Ray Wess offered a motion to allow each candidate for President to express their vision, goals and objectives for their FLSSAR term before the voting body, not to exceed five minutes with no questions. The motion was seconded by Carl Hoffmann. The motion passed.

President Duay announced the voting rules and procedures including the distribution of ballots by the Sergeant-At-Arms, Joe Hill. President Duay also announced that anyone who has paid current Florida Dues is eligible to vote. President Duay announced the “vote tellers”, Mike Tomme Registrar General, Daniel Woodruff, President, South Carolina Society, and Mark Anthony, Secretary, South Carolina Society. Each candidate chose an observer. Chuck Sweeney chose Phil Tarpley and Steve Williams chose Bob Humker.

Parliamentarian Randy Moody administered the oath to the vote tellers. All completed ballots were given to the Sergeant-At-Arms and were subsequently given to the vote tellers in front of the assembly. The tellers and observers left the room to count the votes.

President Ted Duay explained and defined Bylaw #23 as it relates to investment policy of the SAR and the fact that it diminishes the power of the trustees and the elected George Washington Foundation Board. Secretary Williams stated that it was approved at Congress and explained that three quarters of the State Societies must approve it for it to become law. Motion made to approve the ratification of NSSAR Bylaw #23 amendment. Motion offered by Roland Downing and seconded by Chuck Sweeney. Motion failed.

The vote tellers and observers reported the results of the election. Steve Williams was elected as President for 2014-2015. The tellers reported that there were no illegal votes.

President Duay ordered that the ballots be destroyed.

Don Green offered a motion to accept the remaining nominees as announced by acclamation. Scott Bushnell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steve Williams reported on an Executive Committee recommendation to the by-laws committee to change the quorum at National Trustees meeting from 11 to 20 as referenced in Bylaw #29. Steve Williams offered a motion and Carl Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Duay also discussed recommendations to change the by-laws allowing the national board of trustees to meet telephonically. Carl Hoffmann offered a motion to reflect the change and Rick Hollis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rev. Richard Hagerman gave the benediction

President Duay adjourned the meeting at 4:37PM

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DAVID KELSEY AND TREASURER HALL RIEDIGER ,  
FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO BE A MATTER OF RECORD FILED WITH THE SPRING 2014 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES:

Solicitation of Contributions  
Florida Dept. of Agriculture  
Due: 8/1 each year  
Status: current, Filed 2013

Annual Report (re: incorporation)  
Florida Department of State  
Due: 1/1 to 5/1 each year  
Status: Current, Filed March, 2013

990 EZ for 2013  
IRS & Florida Atty. General  
Due: 5/15/14  
Status: Current, Filed March 2014

Consumers Certificate of Exemption (Sales Tax)  
Florida Dept. of Revenue  
Due: Every 5 years  
Status: Current, filed 7/31/2010, expires 7/31/2015

Change of Registered Agent  
Florida Dept. of State  
Due: Filed as Necessary  
Status: H. Hall Riediger, Registered Agent  
All documentation is in good order, current, and being maintained by the Treasurer.

Special meeting held at the annual FLSSAR Installation Banquet

After his welcoming comments, President Duay announced that incoming President elect Williams would be holding a special meeting to elect the Nominating Committee for 2014-2015. Once he was installed, President Williams opened the special meeting and noted that there was a quorum present. He announced his proposed selections for the Nominating Committee, commenting that all had agreed to serve:

The names of members proposed by President Williams are; Lee Matson, Robert Folk, James Gibson, James Gaskins, and Theodore Duay III.

President Williams asked for additional nominations from the floor three times. There were not any additional nominations and the proposed compatriots were elected to the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee by those in attendance.

President Williams subsequently adjourned the special meeting.

## National and State Officer Reports

### National Trustee

Trustee: Phillip Tarpley mp18pht@gmail.com  
Report: Alternate Trustee Lawrence Fehrenbaker

#### Trustee Report: Fall (September 26-27, 2014) Leadership Meeting

The highlight of the Fall Leadership/Trustee Meeting was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new NSSAR Headquarters and Center for Advancing America's Heritage facilities at 1000 South Fourth Street. The event received extensive local coverage and was attended by local dignitaries, NSSAR staff, National Officers and a large contingency of Leadership Trustees and attendees.

Those attending from Florida were President General Lindsey Brock and First Lady Billie Brock, Chaplain General Randy Moody, PG Roland Downing and wife, FL President Steve Williams and wife, Dick Friberg and wife, Ron Hamilton, David Ramseur and wife, Chuck Sweeney and wife, and myself, who was acting as Trustee-in-fact and wife.

Some highlights of the meetings were:

1. Several former PGs discussed the importance of Education Outreach as the goal of the SAR in teaching and propagating the principals of the SAR and our patriot ancestors and the role that the new museum will have in promoting Education Outreach.
2. Genealogist General Sinks has instituted several changes relative to documentation used in new and older applications. These changes will be reflected in updates of the Application Manual. One significant change is that applicants who were offered to join under "grandfathering," the applicant is now told that his application will be grandfathered, and not that the line will be closed to future applications.
3. Registrar Guzy stated that there were 32,602 members in the Society. In the ranking of state society members:
  - a. Texas is number 1.
  - b. Florida is number 2.
  - c. Virginia is number 3, with only 69 members separating Florida and Virginia in ranking.
4. SAR Foundation President Sam Powell reported that Phase II construction is essentially finished, and the current CAAH campaign will be finished at the end of 2014.

- a. A second campaign will be known as the 1776 Society and will start in 2015. This campaign is principally for the planning and construction of museum exhibits, classrooms and museum support facilities, as well as for long-term funding of maintaining the facility. Donations are being solicited at \$592/sq.ft. or 3 feet at \$1776. Recognition will be identified by a “quill pin.” Members will be receiving 3 mailings in the future concerning opportunities for contributions and emphasis for giving will be upon endowment gifts in estates and wills. The Founders Circle will be a Legacy Society, whose members have made or have shown intent to bequeath an endowment gift.
5. 125th Congress (27 June – 1 July 2015): Call 1-800-843-4258 (Paul Callanan) for reservations if they can not be obtained through the host hotel, The Galt House. A second hotel may be secured. The future Congress’ schedule are: 126th (July 7-13, 2016 ) in Boston, MA; 127th (July 06-13, 2017) in Knoxville, TN; 128th (date not set for 2018 but will be in Houston, TX; and the 129th in 2019 will be in California. Incidentally, Paul Callanan of the Congress Planning Committee, asked me when the Florida Society would be hosting a Congress??
6. Motions from Ex.Com:
  - a. Delegate authority to Ex. Com. to work with Solid Light on plans and design for museum – PASSED (\$500+K already allocated for planning)
  - b. Approve construction for two staff bathrooms on 2nd floor of new building. Authorize \$92K when funds available. PASSED
  - c. Continue with same Target Asset Allocation as stated at Congress.-PASSED
7. Medals & Awards:
  - a. Approved wearing the “Purple Heart,” pin on the Military and War service medal drape. They also approved Campaign ribbons with a “W” or “M” attached.
  - b. Approved Gold Good Citizenship medals for Alexander Dreyfoos, Jr.(FL); Gen. Anderson (VA) and Justice Antonin Scalia (VA). These three nominees were subsequently approved by the Ex. Com.
8. Youth Programs: JROTC, Eagle Scout, and Rumbaugh Oration will have increases in their awards this year due to the support of compatriots contributing to their endowment funds. Check the committee web-sites for details of awards.
9. Library & Archives: Subcommittee has be formed to study and recommend to the Trustees, what should be done with the collection of microfilms, for which there is no space in which to store and maintain the collection at the new facilities.
10. Museum: Requesting suggested names for the museum, so that by “Branding,” the museum, a public relations campaign can be started.
11. NSSAR Handbook: Latest version is on-line. PG Nathan White stressed the importance of protocol. All you need to know about protocol and anything else about NSSAR is contained in the seven volume handbook.
12. Operation Ancestor Search: Each State President is requested to appoint a State Liaison to Operation Ancestor Search.
13. Finance: Proposed 2015 Budget of \$1,712,000 approved. Budget and Assumptions are available for review.
14. Motion from New Business:
  - a. Motion from Library & Archives, that “Total returns, when earned from the Millet (?) Fund (a 179K bequest), be transferred to the annual operating fund of the Library. PASSED



## **President**

Steven Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

The Florida Society had one of the largest turnouts at an SAR National Congress in many years - over 20 attendee compatriots with their wives. Many of these compatriots were first time attendees at a Congress. Many of these attendees provided information on their Congress experiences so that I could pass this feedback to the Congress Planning Committee for use at future Congresses. This feedback has been welcomed by the Committee chair and will be incorporated into planning Congresses.

The Florida Society returned from the Greenville Congress with many awards ranging from Newsletter/Publication recognitions, Liberty Certificates & Medals, Partner in Patriotism certificates, CAAH Congress Awards, Helping USO Streamers, and contest participation certificates. All of these certificates and medals will be presented at the Saturday Banquet.

We will be embarking on a new year of contests, chapter and state meetings, and chapter and state activities. Each of these will need our collective participation and commitment for these to be as successful and meaningful as they can be. Our youth contests, our community activities such as parades, commemorative ceremonies, and presentations, as well as our support of our local veterans place us in a unique position to affect our youth and communities in a positive manner. And also promotes the image of the SAR. To accomplish these important goals will need our leadership to encourage our compatriots to become involved in an chapter activity.

I have asked the SVP and the RVPs to consider hosting a Regional Chapter meeting as an Outreach effort by the state to develop a closer partnership between the Florida Society and the chapters. Many chapters are not involved at the state level. Similarly, the state has little interaction at the chapter level. Both organizations depend upon the other in order to be a successful and vital organization. I encourage each of us to reach out and open a dialogue between our organizations that will enrich each.

Our upcoming BOMs will opportunities for training sessions, educational sessions, and committee meetings. Please forward any requests for these type sessions to the Meeting Arrangements committee as soon as possible to enable the scheduling of your session requirements.

The Nomination Committee is actively polling our membership for candidates for the next slate of officers. There are opportunities for each of us to lend our expertise and leadership abilities for the successful operation of the Florida Society. If asked, please give serious consideration to filling a leadership position within the Florida Society.

A vital part of the upcoming season will be the timely submission of chapter annual reports. The state secretary will need to have all chapter annual reports submitted before December 31st. Smaller chapters should be able to submit well before then. Larger chapters may be able to make arrangement with the state secretary for interim reports as their members pay dues and submit a final report later in December. It is a goal of the Florida Society to reduce the number of Dropped/Resigning members from the typical 200 to below 100. This should enable us to remain the second largest state society - after Texas. Please make every effort to get 100% retention in your chapters.

As in every year, there will be issues and challenges that will arise needing our collective participation to arrive at a resolution. Such resolutions come from reasoned and considerate discussions.

I know we all look forward to another successful, productive, and fun year for the Florida Society. Let us all give our state and chapter officers and our state and chapter committees our full support.

## **Senior Vice President**

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

I attended the 124th NSSAR Congress held in Greenville, SC on July 17-24, 2014. Along with other FLSSAR officers, I attended the first South West Regional meeting in Port Charlotte, FL on August 16, 2014, and also attended the Fall NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY on September 25-28, 2014.

The bulk of my time has been spent evaluating and visiting possible alternative venue sites for the FLSSAR 2015-2016 meetings. The summation of the Meetings and Arrangements Committees (MAC) findings and recommendations will be presented to the membership during this BOM and the written report is found in the MAC report in these proceedings.

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

It is my hope that the Regional Vice Presidents will find some merit in holding Regional Meetings, to bring available FLSSAR leadership to their region.

## **Northwestern Regional Vice President**

Robert Canavello rcanavello@cox.net

No Report

### **Aaron Snowden**

No Report

### **Emerald Coast**

No Report

### **Panama City**

No Report

### **Pensacola**

No Report

### **Tallahassee**

No Report

### **William Dunaway**

No Report

## **North Central Regional Vice President**

Scott Bushnell sbushnell@USNA64.org

### **Gainesville**

No Report

### **Lake City**

Jim Craig, President

July 2014- No Chapter Meeting Color Guard participated in the Blue Berry parade, Wellborn, FL

August 2014- No chapter Meeting

September 2014 - Guest speaker and musicians playing country and bluegrass music. Skip Johns, Guitar, former Secretary/Treasurer of Lake City Chapter, Mark Wilson, Bass, Claudie Johns, Rhythm Guitar, Tommy Slaughter, Fiddle; Dr. Richard Wright, vocal and guitar. All have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry numerous times and have opened concerts for Johnny Cash and a list of who's who in country and bluegrass music. Highlight of entertainment was "Dueling Banjos" between Skip Johns and our 1st Vice President Vernon Douglas. Chapter presented Certificates of Appreciation to all musicians. Skip Johns presented to President Jim Craig the original Lake City Chapter NSSAR Charter, date May5,1987.

### **Lake-Sumter**

No Report

### **Ocala**

Alan Clark, Secretary

Ocala Chapter was on summer vacation June through August. At the September meeting Dr. Alan Clark, Chapter Secretary gave an impromptu talk on the Maria Reynolds Affair of Alexander Hamilton for which he gave evidence of financial maneuvering for the Bank of the United States and the funding of the Society of Manufacturers in Paterson, New Jersey. Rather than a sexual affair Maria Reynolds was the half-sister of two brothers in command of the New York Regiment during the Revolutionary War and met Hamilton at Washington's command tent accompanying a brother as messenger. She again gave service to her country in helping the Secretary of the Treasury fund the first United States Bank and the first industrialization of the United States with foreign and Loyalist funds. The Chapter meets the third Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Elk's Club on 25th Ave, in Ocala, Florida, Guests are always welcome, Contact 352-208-4176.

### **Withlacoochee**

Ed Gingrich, President

As we begin our fall SAR season we still have several members that are on their extended vacations. They will be missed at the September meeting. This will be our first meeting to be held at our new location, Citrus Hill Country Club, Hernando FL. We look forward to continue meeting there in the future. The Fort Cooper Chapter of the DAR enjoys having their meetings there. I am sure we will also.

Our Chapter is honored to have Richard Sumner as a member of our Chapter. Richard in 2004 asked the Chapter President, John Camillo about a Color Guard and he was told to go ahead and run with it. It wasn't too long after that Richard was applying to the State Color Guard Commander for a Camp name approval and number. In 2013 he received the SAR, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, recognizing his tenure and development of the Color Guard. After ten years as Commander of our Color Guard (2004-2014) In October he is turning over Command of the Color Guard to Larry Sturgeon and will continue serving the unit as Vice Commander. Thanks, for your loyal service.

In April of this year we began a new publicity program, with local public television station WYKE-TV. We decided to present news about Withlacoochee Chapter SAR on the Citrus Today show. The show we present is 15 minutes long and is shown on live TV at 10:AM and again the following evening. We hope to continue this program on a regular 3 month schedule. Changing the talking points, to include such topics as, Veterans Programs, Poster Contest, JROTC, Eagle Scouts, membership .etc. So far we have had shows in April and July and look forward to a show in October. The April and July shows can be viewed on our Chapter website, [www.withsar.org](http://www.withsar.org). Have a view! Best thing there are no expenses, for the publicity - only our time.

Our Immediate Past President and newly appointed Registrar Robert Folk is quite busy working on new applications, supplementals and prospective members. We are looking forward to growth in our membership rolls.

## **Northeastern Regional Vice President**

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### **Daytona/ Ormond Beach**

Report Submitted by Ray Lewis

The Daytona /Ormond Chapter supplied a book on State pensions for Revolutionary Veterans; two books were supplied to complete the New Jersey Archive of Wills; and supplied some 300 hours in the Genealogy Department, City Island Library , Daytona Beach. We also recognized, in a ceremony a JROTC Cadet from Mainland High School, One JROTC Cadet from Deland (out of our area) and presented a Certificate of Achievement for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout to a young man at Deland High School.

### **Flagler**

Report submitted by David Kelsey, President

4/17/2014 Chapter Meeting: Flagler County Historian Sisco Deen provided an excellent and Comprehensive program entitled "La Florida 500" with an emphasis on Flagler County History. Sergeant-at-Arms John Thomas received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate.

5/6/2014 Chapter Meeting: Director of Flagler County Emergency Mgmt. Services Kevin Guthrie provided an excellent detailed presentation on the Palm Coast "Starlight Tornado", summer wildfires & hurricane preparation. Supplemental Certificates for Patriots Jehiel Evarts and Josiah Prior presented to David Kelsey.

5/29-6/3 2014 Good Citizenship Awards: 8 Good Citizenship medals at 4 schools were Presented by Compatriot Ray Thompson and assisted by Compatriots Bill Creager, Ted St. Pierre, David and William Eldridge.

6/2 & 7/27 2014 Flag Certificate Presentations: Imagine School in Palm Coast presented by Compatriot Ted St. Pierre. Art Mix, who is a Korean War Veteran and flies the flag at his Palm Coast residence every day was presented a SAR Flag Certificate by President David Kelsey. The Presentation date of 7/27 was chosen because it is the official date the Korean War ended.

7/24/2014: Compatriot Ted St. Pierre was the guest speaker at the Palm Coast 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ceremony at Heroes Memorial Park, Compatriot St. Pierre provided an interesting chronology of events leading up to the signing of the declaration of Independence. His commentary was entitled "The Shot Heard Around the World" making reference to our Patriots heroic stand at Lexington and Concord Bridge on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. Compatriot St. Pierre was dressed in colonial attire and tricorne Hat drew favorable comment from the Mayor and reflected most favorably on the SAR.

7/18/2014: The chapter Board of Directors unanimously elected Compatriot David Hammond as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. He also volunteered to be the newsletter editor.

April-Aug. 2014: Registrar-Genealogist Bill Creager has been quite busy- 4 new Flagler Chapter member applications approved, 10 supplemental applications approved, and 3 supplemental applications submitted to NSSAR.

## **Jacksonville**

Report Submitted by David Bahn, Secretary

The following are Chapter officers for 2014-2015: President Dan Winko; 1st VP David Ramseur; 2nd VP Dennis Carpenter; Secretary David Bahn; Treasurer; Chuck Farmer; Registrar Gray Chandler; Chaplain Rev. Robert Hale; Historian Dick Cardell; Sgt. at Arms Michael Griffin. The Color Guard participated in two events on Memorial Day, including the special ceremony at Jacksonville Beach honoring submariners. Former FLSSAR President David Ramseur is actively representing the Chapter in obtaining and placing the marker commemorating the Thomas Creek Revolutionary Battle site on land purchased through the city in 2012. The scheduled date to place the marker is March 21, 2015.

During the Spring, the Chapter presented awards to 19 (J)ROTC cadets and 2 ROTC Cadets. John Stewart, FLSSAR Knight Essay Contest Chairman presented the FLSSAR second Prize to Sydney Devane, the Chapter's Knight Essay Contest winner. From January through July, the Chapter has presented 10 American Flag Kits to new Habitat homeowners.

At the September meeting, the Chapter inducted six new members, a record.

## **St. Augustine**

Jerry Hanchett, President

Jan--Chapter member awards; one Roger Sherman award and one Distinguished Service award.

Feb--One new member inducted

Deceased member one grave marker

March--One new member inducted

April--Two JROTC, Bronze medals presented

May--One new member inducted

Three JROTC Bronze medals presented

Elementary School, seven good citizenship awards presented

One EMS Commendation Award Presented

June-- PAL , Nine Good citizenship awards presented

Two law enforcement awards presented

July--Three new members three law enforcement award presented

August--One Fire Safety Commendation Medal presented

Two law enforcement award presented

Sept-- One Fire Safety Commendation Medal presented

One law enforcement award presented

Four Good citizenship awards presented

One Good citizenship awards presented w/bar presented

Eleven flag certificates were presented

## **East Central Regional Vice President**

Jeffery Sizemore

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## **Brevard**

Submitted by Bob Chorney, Chapter President, ChorneyB@aol.com

After a 3 month hiatus our Chapter is moving forward with a great deal of vigor. Coming off from our recent election at the BOM of Steve Williams (from our Chapter) as the new SAR State President, we stand firmly ready to support Steve in whatever manner he seems fit. We take a great deal of pride in the efforts our Chapter takes in recruiting new members, thereby, we constantly encourage others to research their ancestral background.

With the start of our new year (Sep 14) we elicited the speaking engagement of Bill and Cara Elder, from Deland, FL. to assist in bolstering attendance. The Elders gave a 1st person portrayal of George and Martha Washington. They are historians providing a lesson in living history and provide a multitude of various presentations usually in 30 minute or 60 minutes performances. It is highly recommended to all Chapters that they procure the services of Bill and Cara Elder.

We started our new year by celebrating with local DAR Chapters Constitution Week. About 49 people were in attendance.

Our Chapter continues to provide support for such activities by marching in Memorial Day Parades, 4th of July Parades, Veterans Day Parades., etc. in addition to Eagle Scout Award Ceremonies, and ROTC Award ceremonies.

## **Central Florida**

At the May meeting, the chapter dedicated this meeting to recognize various members for their volunteer service to the SAR. Other recognitions made at this meeting included Public Service Awards, New Member inductions, and Knight Essay Contestant Awards.

Chapter Vice President Randy Allen also presented a Flag Certificate to Ms. Megan Jeffers, a member of the NDIA (National Defense Industry Assn). Megan manages flag Protocol for this Association aside from the American Flag, she makes sure the Flags of the Armed Services and all 50 States are represented.

Chapter Registrar John Little has been keeping a very busy schedule over the summer. Thus far, he has worked to get approved seven new members. The chapter will induct these new members into the chapter this fall when we start having our monthly chapter meetings.

At the September meeting, our speaker this month was Compatriot Dan Dall. His presentation was titled "A True American Patriot" upon which he gave a brief historical account of Captain Charles Baltzel, who was a commander of an infantry company with the German Regiment out of Maryland who is Dan's grandfather X5.

## **St. Lucie River**

A Memorial for past Chapter President Bob Donnahoo was held at the May 10th Chapter meeting. The memorial included an introduction given by Director at Large Jay Wise, a reading of the obituary by Chaplain Phil Carr, an Honor Poem to Compatriot Bob by Sheila Carr, a Tribute by Lindy Wise from a poem called "The Dash", a Message of Inspiration given by Hall Riediger who succeeded Bob Donnahoo as Chapter President, and a closing given by Jay Wise who left us with a picture of Bob, Hall, and Jay in their Revolutionary uniforms. Bob will be missed by all, but his wife Penny will continue her tradition of attending meetings in the future.

On Flag Day, June 14th, the St. Lucie SAR Chapter held another recruiting event at the Farmer's Market in Ft. Pierce. In addition to meeting many interested and potential members, the St. Lucie River Chapter had the honor of performing several necessary duties at the event.

Then on September 13, 2014, the St. Lucie SAR Chapter participated in the annual Constitution Week Meeting with various DAR chapters from the Tri-County area. The Florida Society was represented at this meeting by RVP East Central Jeff Sizemore and Society Secretary Hall Riediger being in attendance. The speaker at this event was George W. Bush, Jr., a Jupiter, Florida who spoke on the importance of knowing what the Constitution states and how it appears to you as an individual.

## **Treasure Coast**

No Report

## **West Central Regional Vice President**

Danny Hooper

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## **Clearwater**

Jim Gibson - President

- Held Board of Governors Meeting May 19, 2014
- Held Chapter Meeting May 19, 30 members, 13 guests, 1 new member, 2 prospective members
- Meetings suspended until September.
- Presented Colors at Memorial Day activities (May 24th) at Serenity Gardens in Largo
- Presented Colors at St. Dunstan's Church for Memorial Day Service
- Presented 9 Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to High School Seniors
- Held Board of Governors Meeting September 15
- Held Chapter Meeting September 17, 24 members, 15 guests, 1 new member, 0 Prospective members

## **Lakeland**

Joseph Hill – President

At the May meeting, there were 11 members and 4 guests present. Michelle Hubenschmidt was the guest speaker. John Randle was presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Richard Lyle was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

ROTC Medals were presented to 16 High Schools and 1 College. Compatriot John Dame participated in the Honor Flight by going to Washington, DC.

Two members passed away, Robert Histed and Ira Kellogg.

We have 4 prospective new members and 1 new member approved.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2014 at the Cleveland Heights

**Major John Devane**

David Knox, President  
No Summer Report Presented

**St. Petersburg**

Charles R. Butler, President  
No Summer Report Presented

**South Shore**

This is the newest Chapter, Chartered October 5, 2013

Gordon Bassett – President

For most of 2012 and the first eight months of 2013, Sun City Center area SAR members met to discuss details for the founding of a new SAR Chapter. After considerable discussion, the name “South Shore Chapter” was selected. The founding members thought the name best described the area of interest to be included in its membership base (centered at Sun City Center, with Plant City, Tampa to the north, and Ruskin to the west and Bradenton to the south. Hillsborough County identifies its southern area as “South Shore” in reference to Tampa Bay.)

The Charter was applied for and granted in September 2013. There were initially 24 members identified as “Charter Members”. The first formal meeting was held on September 7th. The “Chartering Day Banquet” for the 33rd Florida State Chapter was held on October 5, 2013, Vice President General for the South Atlantic District Randy Moody officiating. Several area SAR Presidents and officers and DAR representatives attended.

Nomination for officers was made at the October meeting, election at the November meeting and The Regional VP West Central Region Dan Hooper installed President L. Gordon Bassett, Vice President Chuck Hawley, Secretary Mark Dean, Treasurer Bill Love and Registrar Luke Lloyd in December. Chip Churchill, who was a part of the founding members, was later appointed Publicity Chair. The Chapter held luncheon meetings on the first Saturday of each month, excepting the dark months of July and August.

The Chapter has focused on SAR History, Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, JrROTC and Eagle Scout programs during these months and has awarded several citations and certificates in support of these programs.

May: 31 members/guests attended our May 10th monthly meeting. Following lunch The Honorable E. J. Salcines gave a very interesting presentation on “Spain: The Forgotten Ally of American Independence”. Following his presentation, President Gordon Bassett and Awards Chairman Luke Lloyd presented Judge Salcines with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

June: 26 members/guests attended our June 7th monthly meeting. President Gordon Bassett and Awards Chairman Luke Lloyd made the following presentations: Fire Safety Commendation Medal to William Barron, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal HCSO Deputy Lorraine Jordan, and Good Citizenship Medal to Ed Roloson. Following lunch, Compatriot Don Gunn presented a program on the Jr. ROTC program and how it helps develop young men into the future leaders of our country. South Shore presented certificates to 11 Cadets representing 11 different high schools. Compatriot Gunn is chairman of South Shore’s Jr. ROTC program and also serves as a Jr. ROTC instructor within Hillsborough County Schools. Don is a retired Lt. Col. from the US Army. Jr. ROTC Cadet Ryan Whaley from Strawberry Crest High School attended our meeting. Cadet Whaley was accompanied by his parents, brother, and Sr. Army Instructor, Lt. Col. Ingram.

Monthly meetings resume on September 6th. Our program for September will be presented by Compatriot Doug Brown on The Eagle Scout Program. Compatriot Brown has presented certificates to 21 Eagle Scouts.

South Shore Chapter had two members, Bill Love and Luke Lloyd, along with their wives attend the National Congress in Greenville, SC.

As of September 2014 the Chapter has 29 members.

**Tampa**

Dick Young – President

The Tampa Chapter closed its spring meeting series in May with a great presentation on the USS American Victory, an operational WWII Victory ship and museum moored in the channel behind the Florida Aquarium in Tampa. The Chapter donated \$100 to the preservation of this National Historic treasure. After May, meetings were suspended for the summer as usual.

The summer months have not been idle. The Chapter color guard met the May 27 Honor Flight which included Tampa Compatriot and WWII veteran Robbins Denham and his two sons Tad and Bob (also Compatriots). On Independence Day, the color guard joined the Ft. Brooke Society of the C.A.R. in the Lutz July 4 parade. Chapter President Young attended the National Congress in Greenville, South Carolina where the Chapter was presented the

President General's streamer for service to the USO.

On a somber note, during June, Tampa Chapter lost two valued members: Immediate Past President John Skillman and long time and active member Gray Reese II both lost battles with cancer.

Three new members were approved over the summer. Meetings will resume in September with presentations from two of our own Compatriots. Great meetings are planned for the upcoming meeting series.

## **Southeast Regional Vice President**

Raymond Wess

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### **FT. LAUDERDALE CHAPTER**

Submitted by: President William Zimmer

The Ft. Lauderdale Chapter was in summer recess, however, Compatriots Joe Motes, Treasurer/Sgt-At-Arms, and James Lohmeyer, Secretary, made numerous presentations. The presentations consisted of 21 Eagle Scout Certificates, 28 JROTC Medals, 9 Good Citizenship Medals and 285 Good Citizenship Certificates.

On Saturday, 09 August, members of the chapter attended and participated in the Lighthouse Point Historical Marker Dedication. The dedication and ceremony was conducted by the DAR Lighthouse Point Chapter. The dedication commemorated the historic lighthouse at the Hillsboro Inlet, Lighthouse Point, Florida.

### **Miami Chapter:**

Submitted by: President Doug Bridges

Eagle Scouts:

Four (4) Certificates and letters of recognition were issued to Eagle Scouts in the Miami Area.

Membership:

Four (4) new applications for membership were processed and approved during this reporting period.

Thomas Payne Camp Color Guard:

Members of the Thomas Paine Color Guard presented the colors at a May 31st Memorial Day celebration in Miami Springs, FL

VA Report:

On the 5th Sunday of the month members of the Miami Chapter serve as pushers/escorts for wheel chair bound patients at the Miami VA Hospital. The patients are escorted to the chapel service and returned to their room or some alternate location within the Hospital.

FYI:

The Miami Chapter contributed \$200.00 to help defray the cost of postage for mailing of care package to the Military personnel while deployed to the Middle East.

### **Palm Beach Chapter**

Submitted by: President Ray Wess

20 May Meeting:

The Palm Beach Chapter inducted two new members into the chapter and the society, Marvin Hartley Braham and Thomas Clark Graver Sr. SAR Military Service Medals were presented to Compatriots David Habersham Coldwell and Thomas Clark Graver Sr.

The May meeting was also the chapter's annual Fire Safety Commendation Banquet. We presented commendation medals to Lt. Mark Bradshaw/Town of Palm Beach, Firefighter Andrew Moreira/Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Captain Houston Park IV/Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Captain Aaron Pribyl/Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Paramedic Mike Wolters/Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

Attendance 71

26 May – Memorial Day Service:

Members of the Palm Beach Chapter participated in the annual Forgotten Soldiers Memorial Day Service in Boynton Beach, Florida. A wreath was laid in memory of the fallen soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Miniature American flags were placed on the graves of veterans of all wars in the adjoining cemetery.

09 August Lighthouse Point Historical Marker Dedication:

Members of the chapter attended the Lighthouse Point historical marker dedication service in Lighthouse Pointe, Florida. The service and dedication was conducted by the Lighthouse Point Chapter of the DAR. A beautiful granite marker with bronze plaque unveiled to commemorate one of the oldest coastal lighthouses in the United States.

The chapter entered the summer recess until the next scheduled meeting on 21 October.

## Southwest Regional Vice President

Lee W. Matson

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### Southwest Regional Report

This meeting was, I believe, a first for the FLSSAR. President Steve Williams had asked that the Region hold a meeting.

The meeting was held at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Port Charlotte on August 16th.

The meeting was called to order by RVP Lee Matson. Chaplain General Randy Moody gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sr VP Larry Fehrenbaker. The Pledge to the SAR was led by Bob McGuire.

The welcome and greetings was made by RVP Lee Matson who introduced the National and State officers. He then asked the attendees to introduce themselves and their chapter.

Reports were then given by the officers. Chaplain General Randy Moody gave a lengthy report on the National headquarters in Louisville. Stressing the need for additional funding to complete the building. He encouraged all to consider leaving an endowment in their wills. He and National Trustee Phillip Tarpley noted other changes that are being made. They also emphasized the need for more members to attend the leadership meetings.

Sr VP Larry Fehrenbaker reported on the upcoming fall BOM and possible changes of venue for the meetings for next year. Also discussed were the types of refreshments for the hospitality suite.

There was a break for lunch. Following the break the group held a round table discussion.

There were four topics; they were: 1) What your chapter does well 2) Where your chapter needs help 3) How the Florida Society supports the chapter well and 4) What your chapter needs from the Florida Society.

There was much discussion regarding youth outreach and some problems in getting to the right individuals to promote the various programs. Another topic that came up was the Color Guard. There seems to be some controversy regarding the event vs points that award color guard members the bronze color guard medal. It was agreed that the topic needs to be addressed at the fall BOM and a resolution at that time. Some items discussed was the schedule for the fall BOM. The various workshops on the fall agenda. One member stated that new members to his chapter wondered about the workshops who was to attend and what were they about. To those of us who have attended the workshops felt that they were self explanatory. But we agreed that a simple explanation should be provided. There was a question regarding applications that were wanting to reference previous approved applications prior to 1974. There was a lot of discussion regarding this and it is felt that a resolution may be forth coming.

I was pleased to note that there was much input by all attending. It was agreed that the meeting was very helpful and should be done each summer. It was also noted that many members are not available during the summer months and that may hamper attendance.

Some assignments were made for staffing the hospitality suite and others will be made shortly for the registration desk.

There were 14 Compatriots in attendance and 2 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### Caloosa

Our March meeting was held on Saturday the 22nd. This Saturday meeting was scheduled to accommodate our Junior members and Regular members who cannot attend the regular Wednesday meetings because of work or school commitments. The meeting program was "The Flags of the American Revolution". It was very informative and educational. One of the Junior Members, Daniel Wood, asked for a copy of the program which he presented to his Boy Scout troop. President Matson received an email from his mother, Mrs. Linda Wood, with photos attached showing him doing the presentation. We are pleased to see Junior members who show an interest in the Chapter. After all, they are the future leaders of the SAR

We had a very special and well attended April meeting. Our program featured Nola Theiss who presented a program regarding the Human Trafficking and Slavery as it involves Southern Florida. I believe that everyone present was surprised at how extensive the problem is. In recognition for her work, the Chapter awarded her the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. This was approved by the State Awards and Medals Committee.

In addition, the EMS Commendation Medal was presented to Captain/Paramedic John Griffith,

Firefighter Tony Fontaine,, Firefighter/EMT Ron Ritchie and Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer John Smith. This was for their efforts in reviving a man who had collapsed on a tennis court.

On April 15th, Compatriots Albert Myers, Bob McGuire, Tom Veal and Lee Matson attended the Lee County Commissioners meeting. Here we received a Resolution recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and designating April 30th the Sons of the American Revolution Day in Lee County. Compatriot Commissioner Frank Mann is a member of our chapter and he introduced the Resolution.

We are also pleased to report that our Registrar Bob McGuire has been selected to serve on the state society



Veterans Affairs committee. On May 2nd and 3rd President Matson and several other Chapter members attended the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR in Orlando. This was a particularly important meeting as there was the election and installation of state officers for 2014-2015 year

The Caloosa Chapter met on May 14th. A program put on by President Matson featured his Patriot Ancestor Edward Wiggins. It was an interesting one in that his patriot was a member of the Pennsylvania Militia. It pointed out that determining the campaigns or skirmishes that the Militia would have taken part in can be very difficult to uncover.

A report of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR was given to the general membership.

Since our Color Guard is under manned, an appeal was made to the membership to acquire Militia Uniforms. Several have made a commitment to do so. Color Guard Commander Randy Moody has provided several sources where the items can be purchased.

14 JROTC presentations were made May 18th.

President Matson appointed three members to review the Chapter By-Laws for any changes or updates.

The Executive Committee met for a midsummer meeting on July 7th as a planning session for the coming season. The Adjunct Committee reported their work on the chapter by-laws and procedures. Several changes were made and after review by the committee, the committee voted to approve the new changes. These were published in a chapter newsletter for the membership to review. They will be voted on at the annual meeting to be held in December.

The president then appointed a nominating committee. Among the changes in the chapter by-laws was for the addition of a Member at Large for the Executive Committee. The nominating committee will need to find a candidate for this position. The election of officers will be in December.

The committee also discussed and proposed programs for the coming season.

### **Charlotte**

Did not meet during the Summer

### **Highlands**

No Report

### **Naples**

John McCullough, Chapter President

We have made 26 awards this quarter. 9 JROTC awards, 9 graduating senior Book Awards, 5 Flag certificates and 3 Poster Contest. Our presenters were Cortright, Jewett, Fehrenbaker and McCullough We have had representation at our local Memorial Day Ceremony and D-Day Ceremony with Cahill, Withey and McCullough. We again participated in the Naples 4th of July Parade riding in a huge 1975 red Cadillac Eldorado convertible, the last of the breed. Phil Ballou was driving the car, that was his wife's, and the passengers were Cahill, Hiles, Withey and McCullough! This quarter we have helped staff two voting precincts with Cahill, Woodruff, Cortright and McCullough. We had members in uniform for 23 of these events.

### **Saramana**

On 18 April 2014 Forty - Six SAR members, guests, and awardees met at the Sara Bay Country Club to render honors to the minutemen of today. They are the Police and Law Enforcement Officers from six local Police Departments and the Sheriff Offices of Manatee and Sarasota Counties. They constitute the "thin blue line" in the Sarasota/Manatee region, which is a colloquial term for police forces. The Thin Blue Line personifies those who stand between the good and the bad; between what is just and what is unjust.

On 16 May 2014 thirty-seven members and guests attended the last luncheon meeting of our business year — September through May. The purpose of the May meeting had five points of focus. First, we honored Eagle Colten McVety as the Saramana Chapter Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship winner. Next, we inducted into the Saramana Chapter, Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution William Simmons, Brandon Haney, Farrell Benefiel and Kenneth Aubrey. Third, Past President and Current Chapter Historian Charles Riegle received his 13th Accessorial Supplemental. Fourth, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution Medals & Awards Chairman Phil Tarpley gave honors and recognition to select Saramana Chapter members for their noteworthy service to our Chapter and the Florida State Society. Recipients of the State Silver Roger Sherman Medal were Compatriots Harold Crapo, Frank Hodalski, and Hal Miller. Further, Past FLSSAR President Frank Hodalski (2002-2003) and Past FLSSAR President (2004-2005) Hal Miller received Certificates of Appreciation for their service as Former State Society Presidents. Compatriot Don Kimball received a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as a Past Saramana Chapter President (1985).

On Monday 26 May 2014, the Saramana Chapter participated in the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade down Main Street. We mustered at 9:00 AM with a starting time of 10:00 AM. As the chapter has done in the past, the Saramana

Trolley was be on hand to transport those down the parade route who did not wish to walk it.

On Saturday 14 June 2014, the Saramana Chapter Nathaniel Green Camp #8 Color Guard and other Saramana guests attended the DAR Flag Day Luncheon hosted by Allapattah Chapter DAR at the University Park Country Club.

On Saturday 28 June 2014, Compatriots Richard K. "Dick" Mahaffey and Vic McMurry represented the Saramana Chapter at the community dedication for Patriot Plaza, the new amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery. We felt honored to be included in the program to dedicate the new facility as it honors a legacy of military service.

The Patterson Foundation deserves this community's very special thanks for honoring veterans and their families with a generous and precious gift -- one unique in the nation. This past weekend's dedication of Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery showcased a \$12 million covered amphitheater graced with art and images that honor the service and sacrifice of military veterans. The 2,800-seat pavilion stands alone among the country's 131 national cemeteries, a model for other communities to follow.

Nowhere else can boast such a public gathering place, one designed to "honor veterans, inspire patriotism and celebrate freedom," as Sarasota Herald reporter James A. Jones Jr. wrote in covering Saturday's dedication ceremony. The Patterson Foundation's \$12 million investment -- plus an endowment for maintenance -- is a remarkable commitment to honoring the military. Today, Patriot Plaza stands as a monument to the family's service to country.

Community appreciation for the architecturally dramatic amphitheater reverberated throughout the dedication with strong emotions from the full house -- tearful at times.

A translucent light-green glass cover provides shade and blocks ultraviolet rays. The massive 20,800-square-foot cover contains 792 panels in an appealing swirling design. A site map points out the \$2 million in artwork commissioned by the Patterson Foundation. Twenty-two white marble plinths hold specially selected photographs of generations of soldiers dating back to the Civil War. Sixteen marble tablets carry engravings and glass-printed photographs. Bronzed eagles flank the west entrance. The 48,000 square feet of walkways and gathering areas provide plenty of space for reflection and appreciation of military service.

The more than 100,000 veterans and their families who reside in Southwest Florida and all citizens now have a stately and reverential amphitheater to honor our men and women in uniform past and present. Sarasota National Cemetery is located on State Road 72, 4.5 miles east of Interstate 75. Tickets for the event were sold out during the first five hours they were available.

## Secretary

H. Hall Riediger      allriedi42@bellsouth.net

Being, State Secretary over the last 5 months has been a humbling experience and has sparked a solid appreciation of the job done by all the Secretaries before me. I have been learning the job; processing new member applications, processing supplemental applications for current members, giving our departed members a final good bye, and making sure address, chapter and personal changes are kept up in the FLSSAR and NSSAR data bases are correct. Ove the last month I have been taking reservations for the upcoming BOM and creating my first Proceedings. In October we will be sending out the new chapter rosters for dues collections and by the first of the year a new BOM, Proceedings and National reconciliation.

In all it has been a busy and exciting time, and I wish to thank everyone, who has helped; put up with my struggles and supported my efforts. Thank you all for what you do for us.

## Treasurer

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### Summary of Receipts & Disbursements January 1 to August 31, 2014

Checking Account Balance Dec 31, 2013

\$28,976

#### Receipts

Member Dues	85,588
Operating Trust Fund	2,850
Donations	1,149
<u>Other Sources</u>	<u>652</u>
	90,239

## Disbursements

National Dues	47,225
Youth Programs	10,062
Public Outreach Programs	6,897
Officers Expenses	5,823
Other Committees	2,080
F4F Donation	2,000
ETF Donation	1,900
BOM - Net Cost	566
Other Expenses	1,943
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	78,496

Net Cash In-flow	11,743
Checking Account Balance Aug 31, 2014	\$40,719
Money Market Account Balance Aug 31	\$63,190
Market Value PEPCO Stock Aug 31	\$11,024

## Registrar

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### FLSSAR Application Stats

25 April 2014 – 12 September 2014

#### Application Type

##### Totals

	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
Submitted To NSSAR	72	68	1	8	149
Approved* By NSSAR	97	73	1	9	180
Pended* By NSSAR	2	2	1	0	5
Pended By FSSAR	15	12	0	4	31

DAR Finder Total Year to date 2013 = 44 and 2014 = 48

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

#### NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:

- Family history information not accepted for maiden name of wife or no documentation submitted to prove maiden name when required for generation linking.
- Generational links for generations one or more generations not accepted due to missing or unacceptable documentation.
- SAR previous application proof of service or lineage no longer accepted due to DAR source application is red flagged by the DAR.
- DAR record copies not accepted due "center check" phenomena due to validation based on a previous DAR record with unacceptable proof references.
- DAR or SAR application is older and does not contain generational locations and no additional

documentation was submitted to document the locations.

**Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:**

- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper, that is insufficient for the job.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- DO NOT submit “center checked” NSDAR record copies as proof documents. For those are still not aware of or do not understand what a “center checked” application is, please refer to Application Tips - Page One discussion on center checks at [www.learnwebskills.com/corner/application.htm](http://www.learnwebskills.com/corner/application.htm) BEWARE older DAR record copies when they are based on a previous DAR record(s) are not “center checked” in the literal sense as the newer DAR record copies. HOWEVER, older record copies that indicate anywhere on the application that they refer to a previous application are consider “center checked”.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. His does not apply to multiple supplemental applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.
- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page, but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

**Notes of Interest:**

- Registrar's Manual / Genealogy Policy Manual has just been released and can be downloaded from [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) by click on Compatriots, then on NSSAR Committees, then on Genealogy Committee, then on Genealogy Policies and Registrar's Manual. All FLSSAR Chapter Registrars are required to comply with these two documents when submitting any application.
- Current FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Application Fees can be found at <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/FeesDues.pdf> all chapter registrars should download and/or print this document for to ensure correct fees and dues are submitted with applications.

## **Chaplain**

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Death Notice forms were received over the summer months and up until December 31,2014 for inclusion in the FLSSAR Memorial Service to be held during our Annual Meeting and BOM in 2015

## **Recording Secretary**

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Report is listed under Minutes

## Chancellor

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No Activity to Report

## Parliamentarian

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The FLSSAR Bylaws (Article IV, Section 5) require minutes of the FLSSAR Board of Management and Annual Meetings. Most minutes are laden with extraneous information that does not belong. The following quote from Roberts Rules of Order sets the standard for “minutes”:

“The official record of the proceedings of a deliberation assembly is usually called the minutes, or sometimes—particularly in legislative bodies—the journal. In an ordinary society, the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members.” RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 14-18

Minutes are to contain:

1. Kind of meeting (regular, special, annual, etc.)
2. Name of Society/Chapter
3. Date, time, and place of meeting
4. Name of presiding officer
5. Method of approving/correcting previous minutes
6. Main motions with name of maker (name of seconder not required) and its disposition
7. Secondary motions that were not lost or withdrawn
8. Required notices of motions (e.g., proposed bylaw changes)
9. Points of order and appeals, sustained or lost, and chair’s ruling with reason
10. Hour of adjournment

## Genealogist

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The genealogy programs on television, “Who Do You Think You Are” and “Finding Your Roots” once again provide opportunities to help potential members find their Revolutionary War ancestors. Consider giving speeches to local genealogical societies, libraries, senior citizens groups, churches, school veterans groups, etc.

## Sergeant at Arms

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Nothing to Report

## Historian

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Following are some of my activities as Historian since the Annual Meeting in May:

- Introduced and played Part I of "France's Contribution to American Independence" for the Lake-Sumter Chapter. The two videos are available through the NSSAR Merchandise shop online.
- Developed (and given) a presentation on "Why We Celebrate Independence Day" for grade school children, including a participation play in which they played the roles of immigrants, colonists, slaves, and several European nations during the events and battles preceding the writing of the Declaration of Independence.
- Spoke (in colonial garb) on "The Foundations of the U.S. Declaration of Independence" at a Lake County commemoration of its signing.
- Continued to manage the website for the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association [[www.w3r-us.org](http://www.w3r-us.org)], supporting the new national trail, extending the discussion of the Siege of Pensacola at [www.w3r-us.org/history/hist-1781.htm](http://www.w3r-us.org/history/hist-1781.htm) -- halfway down the page.
- Helped develop a Memorial Day commemoration in my community and participated in uniform.

Based on books recently read I wrote reviews of "Following the Drum" and "1775" for The Florida Patriot. I have also assisted in the development of interpretive signs and sites for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail by working with historians and SAR members in Delaware, France, Michigan, and Virginia and as managing editor for the W3R-US website.

-- Participated (in uniform) in the Independence Day parade in Tavares.

-- Plan to make display on Battle of Pensacola and man the SAR booth for the FLSSDAR Fall Forum on September 27.

The plan to develop a FLSSAR archiving policies remains unfinished. The experts consulted said that digital storage on CDs is not as certainly safe as formerly believed, so attention has turned to "cloud" storage, in which outside organizations hold the data, and the stability and security of this approach has yet to be established. Thus we continue to hold our archives as paper sheets in boxes in garages.

At the Fall BOM I shall return the remainder of chapter newsletters that were not picked up at the Annual Meeting. Any remaining after the Fall BOM will be shipped back at chapter expense or discarded.

## **Editor, *The Florida Patriot***

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

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

Winter 2014 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= December 1, 2014
Spring 2015 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 1, 2015
Summer 2015 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= May 30, 2015
Fall 2015 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= July 30, 2015

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

As your editor who also receives many other SAR correspondence, I request that you include your topic in the subject line of your email & state it is for The Florida Patriot. If at all possible, please type your article in MS Word and submit to either of the following email addresses: swampfoxeditor@yahoo.com or swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

For the Fall issue of The Florida Patriot, a total of 700 copies were made in which 596 copies of this publication was mailed out to members. Well over 900 members of the Florida Society have agreed to receive this publication in electronic format. The money saved freed up funds of the Florida Society to put toward other worthwhile Society projects.

## Webmaster

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Multiple modifications made to the Public and Private FLSSAR site as reported via the Member's Site via the Information /Website Changes link. Developed the Ocala Chapter website and assisted in the development of the Caloosa Chapter Website.

## Statutory Committee Reports

### Audit

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Nothing to report

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To be Presented at the Board of Management Meeting

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#### 2014 Budget Comparison Year-to-Date August 3 And Proposed Budget 2015

	Actual \$	Budget	YTD Aug	Remaining	Budget
		2014	2014	2014	2015
Revenue Accounts					
Dues		76,000	76,765	765	76,000
OTF distribution		2,760	2,850	90	2,750
Registrar Receipts		8,000	5,520	(2,480)	6,500
Secretary Receipts		4,700	3,303	(1,397)	4,000
Other Income		-	-	-	-
PEPCO Dividends		432	324	(108)	325
Interest Income		-	-	-	-
BOM Receipts					
Registration		15,000	11,461	(3,539)	15,000
50/50		375	145	(230)	2
Hospitality		475	67	(408)	100
Donations		-	-	-	-
Support Our Troops		-	200	200	-
Thomas Creek		-	855	855	-
Undesignated		-	-	-	-
F4F2		-	2	2	-
JROTC		-	92	92	-
LNB Medals		-	208	208	-
Patriot Mag Ad Income		-	120	120	-
Total		107,742	101,911	(5,831)	104,875

## Expense Accounts

NSSAR Dues	45,000	47,105	(2,105)	46,500
Dues Refunds	250	(90)	340	-
Reinstatement Dues	250	210	40	250
Presidents Expenses	3,600	1,333	2,267	3,600
Sr VP Expenses	150	-	150	100
Regional VP Expenses	100	-	100	100
Secretary Expenses	1,500	1,603	(103)	1,500
Treasurer Expenses	250	168	82	250
Registrar Expenses	600	319	281	500
Other Offices Expenses	825	-	825	250
Record Storage	4,800	2,400	2,400	4,800
BOM Expenses	-	-	-	-
Hotel (Meals)	15,000	12,071	2,929	16,000
BOM Refunds	-	38	(38)	-
Hospitality Room	-	130	(130)	500
Internet Expense	160	134	26	200
FLSSAR FlaTalk	160	-	160	-
Technology Comm	150	259	(109)	100
In-House Printing	447	240	207	500
Knight Essay Comm	1,000	1,050	(50)	1,500
Am. Hist. Teacher Comm -	500	(500)	500	-
Eagle Scout Comm	2,000	1,750	250	1,750
JROTC Comm	2,000	1,592	408	1,750
Patriotic Education	500	475	25	500
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	3,500	3,650	(150)	3,600
Amer Poster Comm	600	612	(12)	625
FSCAR Donation	1,000	(1,000)	-	1,000
CAAH Donation	1,000	750	250	1,000
NSSAR Library	200	200	-	200
Battle of Pensacola	2,000	-	2,000	500
Last Naval Battle	2,000	517	1,483	750
Battle of Thomas Ck	500	-	500	500
Support Our Troops Cost	1,000	561	39	750
Patriot Medal Comm	250	-	250	150
Newsletters & Period Comm	600	610	(10)	600
Publicity Comm	600	650	(50)	600
New Chapter Dev Comm	500	-	500	500
Other Committee Cost	1,950	-	1,950	1,200
Bank Charges/Fees	100	31	69	100
Miscellaneous Costs	500	1,400	(900)	500
D&O Insurance	400	-	400	400
Patriot Mag Cost	10,000	3,302	6,698	7,500
Other Postage/Delivery	100	137	(37)	250
ETF Donation	2,000	1,900	100	2,000
LAFSSAR Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
F4F Donation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Total	107,142	90,169	16,973	104,875
Net Cash Receipts (Deficit)	600	11,743	11,143	-



## Medals and Awards

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**Short-term goals:** To process requests for medals and awards on a timely manner.

**Long-term goals:** Have every member and chapter update individual medals and awards profile, and keep the profiles current.

Upon the recommendation of the Palm Beach Chapter, a FLSSAR compatriot has been nominated for the Gold Citizenship Medal. The Medals and Awards Committee concurred with the Palm Beach Chapter's recommendation. The application has been submitted to the NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee which acted upon the application at the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting held on September 25-28, 2014. The NSSAR decision possibly will be announced at this BOM.

In response to a proposal by the Veterans Recognition Committee, that the VRC plans to recognize current living non-SAR Florida veterans who are recipients of the Medal of Honor, the Medals and Awards Committee has discussed possible appropriate awards. No decision on an award has been decided upon at this time. Should the VRC proceed with their plans to honor living non-SAR Florida Medal of Honor recipients, the MA in conjunction with the VRC will select an award.

A proposal from the Membership Promotion & Retention Committee has been received, requesting the awarding of chapter awards/prizes for membership promotion and retention. These discussions are continuing.

All compatriots and chapter secretaries are requested to update the member medals and awards profile in the individual FLSSAR membership profile. Doing so will assure that deserving compatriots will receive the appropriate awards from NSSAR, FLSSAR and their chapters.

Members and Chapters are requested to anticipate what awards and medals for Compatriots they may wish to award under the auspices of the FLSSAR, so that the medals may be purchased during a NSSAR Leadership Meeting and save the expenses associated with shipping.

## Nominating

Ted Duay

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The Committee elected Ted Duay as its Chairman in May of 2014, a few days after the close of the Annual Meeting. In order to "canvass" the membership for eligible compatriots willing to serve for the 2015-2016 term, the Committee has sent electronic communications to current state officers, current chapter officers and the FLSSAR News list. In addition, a request for nominees was submitted for publication in the Florida Patriot magazine. The Committee will be accepting nomination forms through December 31, 2014.

## Patriot Medal

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No Activity to Report

## NSSAR Affairs

### Center for Advancing America's Heritage Committee

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No Activity to Report

## NSSAR Charter and Bylaws

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**Short-term goals:** Review all NSSAR documents submitted before Congress.

**Long-term goals:** Determine the necessity for continuing as an Ad-hoc Committee vs. becoming a Standing Committee vs. dissolving.

The committee reviewed the NSSAR Bylaw Amendments that were submitted by the California and Florida Society. It was the Committee's collective decision that the proposed amendments were not contrary nor in conflict with the principals of the NSSAR Constitution. It was suggested that a caucus for the Florida delegates be held in Greenville, SC. This information was conveyed to President Steve Williams prior to the 124th NSSAR Congress.

## NSSAR Library

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Florida needs to continue its support of our Library in Louisville. I had personally done research in the old library and look forward to visiting the new one next summer during the 2015 Congress.

## FLSSAR Affairs

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No Activity this quarter

### Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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Report Authored by Steven Williams

All Florida chapters are encouraged to fill out and submit the SAR President-General-Americanism-Score sheet as found at <https://www.sar.org/node/283> to this committee. Submitting the same form to National for entry to National's contest should be considered. By providing the state with the chapter form, your chapter's information can be compiled with all other state chapters' information in Florida's entry into National's contest for state societies.

It should be remembered that this form has taken the place of the prior Florida Chapter Challenge form. Do not use old copies of that form for submission as it will not be accepted.

We still have three 'Flights' for the state competition based on chapter size. So your chapter will be competing against chapter of the same size. Form entries will be accepted as soon after January 1st as possible.

### Documents

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**Short term goals:** To handle submitted documents for review expeditiously.

**Long term goals:** Review all FLSSAR Governing Documents, Committee Charters and maintain a current master copy.

The Documents Committee (DC) has received seven (7) items/documents to date for review and recommendations. Three (3) items were previously tabled and carried over from the 2013-2014 term Documents Committee. Note: one (1) item in the interim was withdrawn, and resubmitted this term. The Committee has received three new items for review to date. These will be presented with the two remaining carried over items at the Winter 2015 BOM with the DC recommendations.

Additionally the DC has received a proposed new Veterans Recognition Committee Charter. The DC recommendation will be presented to the FLSSAR Executive Committee during this BOM.

Members are reminded that any proposed amendments to the Governing Documents should be received by the DC by November 1st per the FLSSAR Governing Documents, Article VIII, Section 3-b. Proposed amendments to the FLSSAR Governing Documents should not conflict with or duplicate the existing documents not be in conflict with NSSAR Governing Documents. Amendments are legislative in nature and should not contain policy and procedural rules which are better stated within the Standing Rules and Procedures of the FLSSAR. To achieve the DC Short term goals, authors of proposed amendments to FLSSAR Governing Documents or Committee Charters are expected to have researched existing FLSSAR and NSSAR documents for any such conflicts. The DC committee request that the rational/arguments for change or addition to the FLSSAR Governing documents be provided to the DC.

## Genealogy

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Nothing to Report

## Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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**Short-term goals:** Evaluate venues for the 2015-2016 FLSSAR BOMs and Annual Meeting.

**Long-term goals:** Complete planning for remainder of 2014-2015 FLSSAR Meetings. Begin program planning for 2015-2016 FLSSAR BOM and Annual Meeting, with the goal of increasing attendance, especially those Compatriots who have never attended or attended infrequently.

The Request For Proposal (RFP) documents were sent out to hotels in late May. Consideration was given initially to “regionalizing” the three BOM locations, holding a BOM in southern, mid and northern areas of the state, in the anticipation of attracting more members to attend. This concept had been used in past years, with the realization that attendance at regionalized meetings attracted primarily those in the area and the greater the distance a member had to travel, the less likely that member would attend. Additionally, holding meetings in different locations diminishes the Society’s negotiating leverage for room rate, meals, and Food and Beverage (F&B) minimums. Specifically the best deals are obtained by holding all the meetings at the same venue. The mix of hotels suitable for the Society’s meeting requirements is generally smaller in outlying locations. Consequently the decision was made to limit our search to the greater, centrally located, Orlando area for all three FLSSAR meetings in 2015-2016.

In response to our RFPs the following hotels submitted proposals: 1.) Orlando Marriott Lake Mary; 2.) Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel; 3.) Orlando Airport Marriott; 4.) Grand Bohemian Orlando; 5.) The Castle Hotel Orlando; 6.) Bohemian Celebration Hotel; 7.) JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes; 8.) Hyatt Place Orlando/Convention Center; 9.) Hyatt Regency Orlando; 10.) Orlando World Center Marriott; 11.) Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld; 12.) Best Western Lake Buena Vista; 13.) Embassy Suites Orlando-International Drive; 14.) Holiday Inn Orlando Celebration; 15.) Wyndham Orlando Resort-International Drive; 16.) Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek; and 17.) The Florida Hotel and Convention Center.

Many venues were eliminated because of high guestroom rates, (\$169 - \$229++); excessively high F&B minimums, (\$6,000-\$20,000); non-negotiable parking rates and wireless access. Entrée costs for banquets being in excess of \$60 per person, and costly meeting room facilities. Several hotels could not accommodate us on our requested dates, being booked years in advance by returning groups. A couple did not comply with our request completely and were difficult or would not negotiate. The Meeting Arrangements - BOM Committee selected a tier of three hotels which met our requirements: The Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel; Best Western Lake Buena Vista in the Walt Disney World Resort; and The Florida Hotel and Convention Center. They are presented below and were visited by Steve Williams and myself. I visited the Best Western a second time, to reassess the meeting rooms due to their unique design and to recheck on some deficiencies we noted on our first visit. Several features are common to all three venues: 1.) All guestrooms have been updated within the past few years, have adequate closet and storage space, come with refrigerator, in-room safe and coffee/tea maker; 2.) Negotiated free parking; 3.) Negotiated free in-room wireless and internet connections; 4.) Group rate available 3 days prior and after event; 5.) May use own A/V; 6.) Unlimited use of exercise facility, pool and business center.

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel – 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando FL 32812 (I-4 exiting to 528 Toll and continue to exit 11 passing airport on right and exiting onto 436 {S. Semoran Blvd} for approx. ¼ mile, turning left onto N. Frontage Rd and then turning right onto Forbes Pl.) Guest rooms: (2-Q or King) \$119.00 + 12.5% sales/room tax. Rates and free amenities including parking and in-room wireless/internet are valid ONLY with bookings directly with the hotel using the FLSSAR code. Parking for day guests discounted 50%. Note: although it is an “airport,” hotel, property is NOT on flight paths. Guest rooms have extra thick windows and we did not hear aircraft during our visit with visible airport activity. Complimentary 1-hour reception w/2 beer & wine drink tickets and hors d’oeuvres. Marriot Gold and Platinum card members have access to Concierge Lounge (not available Friday 10:00AM-5:30 Sunday) All rooms have a microwave. A hospitality room adjacent to the meeting rooms is provided and we can supply our own refreshments. Our own alcohol can only be consumed in an alternate hospitality room on the first floor away from the meeting/public areas. We would have to decide upon the priority of our own alcoholic beverages prior to the assignment of the hospitality room. Banquet and meeting rooms are very adequate and flexible. Meeting space is complimentary if F&B is met. F&B varies between \$3360 - \$5,320 depending upon event date. Complete plated dinner entrée will be \$40-\$45 + 24% gratuity. Hotel has usual fitness room, pool, bar/lounge, restaurant, and coffee kiosk with limited hours. A few alternative restaurants in walking distance and free shuttle within 2 mile radius. Florida Mall approximately 5 miles and The Mall at Millenia is approximately 12 miles.

Best Western Lake Buena Vista - 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 (I-4 exit #56 onto

Apopka - Vineland Rd, North, travel approx. ¼ mile to first major intersection turning left onto Hotel Plaza Blvd. and then right onto Best Western property). Guestrooms: (2-Q or King w/ sofa bed) all w/balcony table & 2 chairs) \$89.00 + \$12.00 Resort fee + 6.5% tax. Rate valid ONLY with hotel bookings using FLSSAR code. Microwaves as are available at booking. Note: This hotel has fewer meeting room options, but we will have exclusive use of all meeting facilities located on the second floor with corporate offices, etc. There will be no other groups meeting concurrently with FLSSAR. This is an ACTIVE Disney Resort, BUT our group will be located on floors isolated as much as possible from families and school groups, etc. Dedicated hospitality area adjacent to meeting rooms and we can bring our own refreshments. An alternative, additional hospitality area where own alcohol can be used, is in the comp. suite. The meeting rooms are the least flexible of all venues, due to design of hotel, but can accommodate a banquet of 130 and would have little extra space. Would also have available a top floor dining room/bar, which is not handicap accessible. No F&B minimum or meeting room fee in anticipation of guest room, food and beverage use. Set-up fee of \$75.00 per room per day. Complete plated entrees \$28.99 (grilled Mahi Mahi) to \$45.99 (Fillet w/ stuffed shrimp) + 22% gratuity. Full American Breakfast buffet offered @ \$11 per person inclusive per day. Bar, Pizza Hut Express, food and coffee kiosk on site. Many optional restaurants within walking distance and downtown Disney is ½ mile, walk or free shuttle.

The Florida Hotel and Convention Center – 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809. Our current venue. Guestrooms; (DD) rates are variable. Oct. \$113; Jan. \$140; and May \$113, all +12.5% tax, (\$18.00 per night service fee included. Upgrades are generally available.) Meeting facilities, bar, restaurants, kiosk, Starbucks, Mall options w/ alternative eating options are well known to FLSSAR, being in our second contract year. Meal prices will vary with entrée at meal time and are seasonally priced, ranging from \$24 to \$27+ at lunch and \$38 to \$42 at banquet. New major concession starting this year is the use of a dedicated hospitality room where we can provide our own beverages and food. Use of our own alcohol is limited to this area, other than in one's own guest room. Contract is essentially same as current, with exceptions as noted above.

The selected venues are not shown in any preferential order and will be discussed at the BOM with compatriots selecting the venue for 2015-2016. If final contracts are significantly different from submitted proposals, then the Committee will choose the next ranking venue.

## Membership Promotion and Retention

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### Membership Promotion and Retention Committee **short-term goals:**

Encourage FLSSAR Chapters to utilize the tools available for membership promotion and retention. Examine the chapters with the most success at membership promotion, retention and replicate their formulae.

### **Long-term goals:** Maintain and grow membership in the FLSSAR.

The Membership Promotion and Retention Committee (MPRC) have discussed how to better encourage Chapters to be more successful in maintaining and growing their membership. There are some common tools utilized by successful chapters. They are:

1. Begin the Chapter membership renewal process in September, with follow-up contacts to non-responders in October and a personal contact via email or preferably by phone to residual non-responders in November. During the personal contact inquire about the Compatriot and his family's health and well-being. Ask the Compatriot what they like/dislike about the meetings, programs, meeting time, and cost of meal if a part of the chapter meeting. What can the chapter do, to interest the non-responder?
2. Give the new member a job and make them an integral part of the chapter. Do not scare off the new member by making them chairman of a committee initially, unless they have a special interest/experience in the committee and volunteer to be the chair. Interest the new member in the chapter's Color Guard. Ask members who no longer participate in the Color Guard to donate their uniforms to the chapter for others to use.
3. Attend History Fairs, civic sponsored fairs/festivals, participate in holiday events such as July 4th Parades, Memorial events, develop relationships with the local DAR and local genealogical societies and other organizations where ever the SAR and your chapter can gain exposure to the public.
4. Grow your chapter internally by having your members sponsor and enroll their sons and grandsons. Use the "Family Plan," and introduce the plan to your fellow members.
5. For members who may be financially unable to renew, consider enlisting a Compatriot Patron or create an "installment plan," for payment of dues. Consider use of the "Emeritus III," option for those who are eligible because of their financial plight.
6. Look at your chapter objectively and determine what needs to be done to make your chapter meeting an event worth attending. Choose an alternate meeting site, different day or time. None of the above are new and have been repeated many times...BUT if your chapter has never used some of the above tools, try them to maintain and grow your chapter. The MPRC is also discussing contests among the FLSSAR chapters to promote retention, growth and reinstatement of members.

## New Chapter Development

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No activity to Report

## Newsletters and Periodicals

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A chapter Editor session is offered at this Fall BOM with emphasis on the Fowler Contest requirements and the use of these contest requirements in producing a better publication. Once again for the competition, all chapters are encouraged to have a newsletter if only to provide chapter information to your chapter members to engage them into your chapter's life - and to maintain your members interest in being active members.

The criteria used for the state competition is used by National for its newsletter competition. Chapter editors should consider entering their newsletter in that competition, too.

The state competition will ask each chapter editor to submit his two best issues for the Fowler Award competition. As we did last year, we will consider splitting monetary awards based on closeness of final scores. Splitting may be done if the final scores are within the same 1 point range, e.g. scores of 89.3, 89.6, and 89.7. Such close scores may mean that the monetary award will be split three ways.

## Technology Advisory Committee

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Nothing to Report

## Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard Report

As a courtesy, on 6 July 2014 the new Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard Manual was emailed to the Executive Committee; it was previously reviewed by President Williams and final edits were made during that review. On 10 July 2014 the Manual was distributed to Camp Commanders.

At 16:00 on 23 August 2014, an email sent to all Camp Commanders requested an activity report since the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. Activity reported by report due time is listed under the Camp's name; no information listed indicates no report received:

**George Washington Camp # 1**, Jacksonville Chapter

Guardsmen Dick Cardell, Chuck Farmer and David Ramseur participate in the Memorial Service, PG's Banquet and Installation Banquet at the Congress in Greenville, SC, July Service (PG Lindsey Brock was also present) Constitution Week Banquet DAR 13 September 2014 Guardsmen Scott Breckenridge, Jim Gaskins, David Ramsuer and John Roberson presented and posted the colors.

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

**3. Cape Canaveral Camp #3**, Brevard Chapter

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

**5. Yorktown Camp #5** (St Lucie River)

In memory of the passing of our President Robert (Bob) Donnahoo in March of 2014 Chapter members presented a memorial service for Bob at the regular Chapter meeting on May 10th. On May 14 Compatriots Ragan, McKinley, Riediger, and Wise were guests at the 100th anniversary of the FLSDAR Cora Stickney Harper chapter. Our newly elected FLSSAR President S. Williams joined our group. On May 26 Memorial day, Compatriots Wise, Ragan, and McKinley attended the Port St Lucie Veterans Council Memorial Service at the Port St Lucie Veterans Memorial Park in Port St Lucie. Two JROTC Cadets were recruited to present and post our St Lucie River Chapter Colors. Compatriots, Rideger, Kraanbuehl, and Eisenhart joined the Memorial Day Parade at the Martin County Veterans Memorial Park in Stuart FL the same day.

On June 3, 2014 Compatriots Riediger and Wise presented a flag and mounting kit to 215 graduating students at the Northport middle school 8th grade graduation service in Fort Pierce FL. On June 14, the first recruiting table and

flag display were shown at the award winning Ft. Pierce farmers market with Chapter members McKinley, Wade, Riediger, Ragan, Pres. Auld, Wise and DAR members of the Cora Stickney Harper FLSDAR chapter of Fort Pierce. Three new members of the Chapter were inducted at the recruiting table. June 21st Compatriot Wise led the Pledge of allegiance and presented a flag, mounting kit, and a copy of our US Constitution to the new owners of a St Lucie County Habitat for Humanity refurbished home.

August 16, we again set up our recruiting table, hand out material, and flag display at the Fort Pierce Farmers Market. Compatriots Ragan, McKinley, Riediger, Pres. Auld, Wade, Wise, Irvin and two members of the Cora Stickney Harper FLSDAR Chapter joined us at the recruiting table.

Sept 2, Compatriots Ragan, McKinley, Pres. Auld, Wise, and Irvin joined a color Guard for the posting of the colors to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first class in an early school building in Fort Pierce hosted by the St Lucie School District. The school building is on the Federal Register. Sept. 13, Compatriots Wise and McKinley presented our Chapter Colors for the Constitution Week Flag raising by Cora Stickney Harper DAR, FLSDAR in Fort Pierce. Also on Sept 13, several members of our Chapter attended the annual DAR/SAR luncheon to celebrate Constitution Day and Constitution Week in Martin, Okeechobee, and St Lucie Counties. Sept. 20, the Chapter manned another recruiting table and tent top at the Fort Pierce Farmers Market joined by the Cora Stickney Harper FLSDAR.

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

**7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter**, Commander Ray Lantz:

a. May 8th, Guardsmen Randy Turner and Ronny Miller participated in the Bernardo de Galvez celebration Pensacola, Florida

**8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8**, Saramana Chapter, Commander Clarence Barrett:

a. On Jun 8th, the following Guardsmen participated in a Flag Day celebration put on by the Elks Club of Bradenton: Chuck Barrett, Frank Hodalski, Ted Hornback, Vic McMurry and Chuck Sweeney.

b. On Jun 14th, The following Guardsmen Posted the Colors at the annual DAR Flag Day Luncheon: Chuck Barrett, Gene Bradley, Bob Castle, Vic McMurry and Chuck Sweeney.

c. On Jun 28th, The following Guardsmen participated at the Massing of the Colors at the opening of the New Pavilion for the Sarasota National Cemetery: Dick Mahaffey and Vic McMurry.

d. On Sep 13th, The following Guardsmen Posted the Colors at the DAR Constitution Day Luncheon: Ken Aubrey, Chuck Barrett, Gene Bradley, Harold Crapo, Ted Hornback, Dick Mahaffey, Vic McMurry, Joseph Schneider.

**9. Thomas Paine Camp #9**, Miami Chapter

**10. Daniel Morgan Camp #10**, Central Florida Chapter

**11. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11**, Withlacoochee Chapter

**12. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12**, Lake Sumter Chapter

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

a. May 9, Guardsmen John McCullough and Ron Cormier posted the Color for the Chapter meeting

b. July 4, participated in Independence Day Parade in a red Cadillac Ed Dorado convertible; Guardsmen Phil Ballou, Rob Withey, David Hiles, and John McCullough, with Commander Don Cahill participated

**14. Hillsborough River Camp #14**, Tampa Chapter

**15. General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp #15**, Caloosa Chapter, Commander Randy Moody:

a. May 26, Memorial Day event at Fort Myers Memorial Garden's Field of Honor: Guardsman Allen Brown and Commander Randy Moody

b. 124th NSSAR Congress, Greenville, SC: Commander Randy Moody

c. September 20, Florida NSDAR Southwest Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon: Guardsmen John Jones and Robert McGuire with Commander Randy Moody

**The Color Guard Commander ask Hall Riediger if he would become the Adjutant Color Commander, he has committed to the position.**

## Liaisons

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No Activity to Report

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## Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

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In the past few months, the Ladies Auxiliary has been in negotiations with FLSSAR Treasurer Dick Young regarding the “folding” into the FLSSAR because of 501c3 status issues.

The Ladies Auxiliary has in addition been, revising their by-laws and standing rules and they will vote on this at the upcoming meeting, they are looking to hold another silent auction at each FLSSAR Annual Meeting and the Auxiliary will continue to use the Baskets as their primary fund raiser.

## Historic Sites

### Commemorative Historic Sites

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The Commemorative Historic Sites Committee has been overseeing the creation of a historic marker at the Thomas Creek historic site. Compatriot David Ramseur has spearheaded this entire process and we all should give him a rousing hand for his efforts.

At present the sign is in the process of the final approvals by Jacksonville, Duval County, and the state Dept. of Transportation. At this time there has been a last minute adjustment in the wordage of the sign and the text is as follows:

#### AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK

May 17, 1777

In May 1777, 400 soldiers from the Continental Army and 165 Georgia Militia members organized in Sunbury, Georgia just north of the Florida border, an expedition into British East Florida in retaliation for raids conducted by British Loyalists. Traveling by water the Continentals encountered British troops at Amelia Island, which delayed their rendezvous with the Georgia Militia, who traveled by land. On May 17, the small force of 109 Georgia militia men were ambushed by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Native Americans near the mouth of the Thomas Creek in Northeast Florida. The Lieutenant Colonel John Baker, of Georgia forces and 41 of the Georgia militia men survived the battle. The encounter was the first major engagement and the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade British East Florida. It is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War.

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Funding for the sign is in good shape.  
\$100 Darrell Goss Jacksonville Chapter  
\$100 David Bahn Jacksonville Chapter  
\$100 Roland Downing Jacksonville, Chapter  
\$28 Chuck Farmer Jacksonville Chapter  
\$200 Marches of Glenn Chapter, Georgia Society  
\$100 Ralph Nelson Lake Sumter Chapter  
\$100 from Hall Riediger St. Lucie River Chapter  
\$xxx Pledge from John McCullough Naples Chapter  
\$855 George Washington Fund, NSSAR  
\$500 from FLSSAR Budget  
Total \$2,083.00

Leaving a balance of \$372, this will be requested by the Committee from the Ex Com and the membership at the BOM, although, if anyone wishes to contribute to this worthy cause the money will be enthusiastically accepted. Note this money does not include any additional costs, i.e. post, transportation, installation, etc. which at present the committee has no idea of these costs.

The Pensacola Chapter has been working for years on a patriotic monument in Pensacola, their persistence is finally bearing fruit and they will be announcing a dedication event on 4 July 2015 very soon.

David Ramseur has notified us that he is looking at a March 21, 2015 dedication for the Thomas Creek Marker, and he has recruited President General Lindsey Brock to the chief attendee. **The exact details of the event will come at a later date, please note that the Battle of Thomas Creek is located in the Seaton Creek Historical Preserve in Jacksonville/Duval County, Florida.**

**See new business for more details on this.**

## **Battle of Pensacola**

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No Activity to Report

## **Last Naval Battle**

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No Activity to Report

## **Liberty Tree**

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Co-Chairmen The new Liberty Tree committee consists of three members from the Saint Lucie River Chapter, they are, Jay Wise, Joe Regan, and Chuck McKinley. Email contact is at charles\_mckinley@att.net

The committee will have released a message to the FLSSAR chapters the first week of September asking them for contacts to be provided to us and to ask them for their current completed installations to be incorporated into a data base that can be put on the state web page. This data base will basically contain Chapter, location of Tree, data and any details they may provide to help other chapters in fostering growth. As noted in the Charter, chapters are to budget and inform the committee of future projects.

## **Youth Programs**

### **Americanism Elementary Poster and Brochure Contest**

David Ramseur            Ramseur@surfbest.net

#### Poster Contest:

The Americanism Elementary Poster Contest has been a great youth venue for stimulating Revolutionary War time's interest in the 3rd -5th grade students. Our Brochure Contest is a new youth contest beginning in 2014 based on the same theme as the poster contest. The guidelines for the 2014-15 years poster and brochure contest rules are detailed on our FLSSAR and SAR web sites. Next year's contest which will be held in Louisville, KY with themes being George Rogers Clark and/or Lexington and Concord, MA (Boston Massacre). These two themes cover both the 2015 Congress in Louisville and the 2016 Congress in Boston. Even though our FLSSAR Poster Winner from Naples was very good it did not place in the finals this year.

#### Brochure Contest:



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

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

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

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

This model will make it easier for Chapter Youth Contest Chairmen to find classroom teachers who can blend our contest into their history lesson plans. I will be looking for our first FLSSAR entry for this coming year and contact me if you have any questions.

## **Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee**

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### **Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee**

Chairman: Don Cahill      dcahill37@hotmail.com

Eagle Committee members, Chapter Eagle Chairs and Chapter members interested in our Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest and Eagle Scout Recognition program are invited to the Friday session at 4:30 following the BOM session. A brief discussion of the Contest with handouts will be our session. Questions and comments from the floor are invited. All are most welcome, please attend.

Chapters must submit their contest winners via email by this December 31. The FLSSAR Eagle Committee selects the state winner whose application is sent on to the National Chair in January and the FLSSAR recognizes the Eagle Scout at our annual Youth Luncheon meeting.

My thanks to everyone for their interest and help in our Eagle Scout activities, certainly a worthwhile youth program.

## **George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest**

John Stewart      1965UVA@gmail.com

We had a more successful turnout for our contest last year. We had 72 entries with both public and prep schools participating. Let's make this year's contest the best ever.

Please help your Chapter appoint an Essay Chairman for the contest this fall. Contact John Stewart for sample flyers, sample letters, recording templates, to do lists and general advice on running a successful chapter contest, if you wish.

As always, thanks to the Yarnell brothers for their guidance and work on our Committee. John M. Stewart,  
Chairman

Kevin Yarnell, member and Past Chairman  
Robert Yarnell, member and Past Chairman

## **Good Citizenship**

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No Activity to Report

## **History Fairs**

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The 2014-2015 local National History Day events will soon begin all over the country. Here in Florida, we call them History Fairs, and the County Fairs will be taking place from January until the State History Fair in May. If your Chapter wishes to participate in the event, go on line and pull up Florida History Fair. You will soon find the State and local fairs at their sites. Get in touch with your county school district. Judging is, all in all, a very pleasant experience and a real community outreach. You will be welcomed and thanked for participating. The Theme for 2014-2015 is: Leadership and Legacy in History. Get involved, you won't regret it!

Florida History Fair will take place May 3-5, 2015 in Tallahassee. We will once again request the Tallahassee Chapter to send a representative to present the FLSSAR Colonial American Heritage Award. Our Society is again recognized as one of the Sponsors of the Fair.

The 2015 National History Day event will be held June 14-18 in Annapolis MD. Our Florida winners will participate in this event.

## **Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest**

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The NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee has approved a new Orations Medal to increase the Rumbaugh Orations Contest Endowment. A member donation of \$250 to the fund qualifies the donor to receive the medal; a \$1,000 donation earns a service bar on the medal. One has been awarded to a FLSSAR compatriot; see the committee chairman for details.

Each chapter is encouraged to contact their local public schools, private schools, and home school groups to recruit orators for this year. The competition is one of the highlights of Congress each year. Orators are available IF we make the competition known to them. Contact religious organizations with active youth groups, scouts, and other groups that attract outstanding young people.

The 2015 FLSSAR Rumbaugh Contest will be held at the Winter BOM, Friday, January 30, 2015. All Chapter entries are due Friday, January 23, 2015. Please send entries, including four (4) copies of the oration, to Russell V. Radcliffe, 20455 Wildcat Run Drive, Estero, FL 33928.

The rules for the contest can be found on the NSSAR web site at  
[http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration\\_Contest\\_Rules](http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest_Rules).

Please review the contest procedures with your contestant which can be found at  
[http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration\\_Contest\\_Procedures](http://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest_Procedures). We will follow these procedures. Your orators will be better competitors if they are familiar with the judging sheet which outlines the scoring criteria; you can find it at  
<http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/Rumbaugh-Judging-Sheet-2010.pdf> !

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.

## **JROTC**

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No Activity to Report

## **Community Outreach**

### **American History Teacher Award**

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Nothing to Report

## **Habitat For Humanity**

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

We participated in the dedication ceremony of the first of four homes that will be built for returning veterans with special needs. The first veteran was a Staff Sgt. who served several tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and continues to work in our local VA Clinic. Another home is currently being refurbished to include special needs and will soon be dedicated.

Sincere thanks for all who are now on board, and ask all of our chapters to consider joining the FLSSAR chapters enjoying a fellowship with Habitat for Humanity. You won't be sorry.

## **Patriotic Activities**

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Nothing to report at this time

## **Public Service and Heroism**

Ray Wess

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I have not received any submissions since the new fiscal reporting period began on 01 July 2014. The fiscal year reporting period runs from 01 July to 30 June. All reports are to be submitted on an SAR Public Service and Heroism form which is found on either the SAR national web site or the FLSSAR web site. This form has a pre-addressed "send" button on the bottom of the form. Chapters are reminded to send an informational copy of their submission to the FLSSAR Chairman at the above e-mail address. Reports submitted on time will be included in a book published at the SAR National congress.

## **Publicity /Earl Marlin**

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No Activity to Report

## **Support The Troops (ad hoc)**

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We are back in business after our bumps in the road. On 30June, we posted a total of 25 boxes, five each, to five units in Task Force Tiger Shark, Afghanistan. They included the usual staples and goodies as well as the lotions and sun screens provided by our Doctor friends. We received a note dated 08July that began like this:

"We ....would like to thank you for your continuous efforts to make our deployment away from home as comfortable as possible. We want to extend our thanks to you who contribute to the effort in supporting Soldiers. We appreciate the time and dedication you spend preparing our packages. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Hope to come home soon. Thank you for your service."

Little notes from five soldiers followed: SPC F. Morales wrote: "Thanks for all the wonderful things you do."

Next we had: "Thank you for everything ya'll do for supporting us." Signed: "Raynor"

Then: "Thank you so much for the support." Signed: "Paul"

SFC Wakefield wrote: "Thank you for all of your support."

Finally: "Thank you for your support." Signed, but signature was unreadable.

It now appears that we will be sending boxes beyond 2014. Barbara and I will continue to box and send your gifts to these wonderful patriots. We received a donation from the Miami Chapter that will help in sending boxes for Thanksgiving/Christmas. Donations from any source will add to the number of boxes we can send. It is obvious that we will now be this theatre in some capacity for some time.

## Veterans Affairs

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The USS Stark Contest will close as of the end of 2014. The State of Florida did well last year and we have a chance to be second in the NSSAR Contest. It is important to remember that all activities count. Even if a Chapter is small, it is the total points earned within a Chapter that determines the winner at the state level. The same is true at the national level, as it is the total points earned by the state that determines the National winner, size is not considered only the effort expended.

Good luck to all the Chapters this final quarter, Each region has a Veteran's Affairs Vice chair, if there are any questions, I am also available. Beat Texas and Georgia!

## Veteran's Recognition

Chuck McKinley

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The VRC is now complete with members Chuck McKinley, Jim Gibson, John Jones, Chuck Sweeney, and the SVP Larry Fehrenbaker Sr... The committee drafted and coordinated a new charter and was submitted to the Documents Committee for approval and release. A new "Makes Us Grow" effort message was released to FLSSAR chapter presidents the first week of September asking them to review their rosters to request a new survey be conducted of current and new members to include them into the Florida Veterans Battalion. Contacts at the chapter level were also requested. The data base will also be updated to include annotations for Purple Heart recipients as part of the survey.

An additional Medal of Honor recipient's recognition program for residents of the state of Florida is underway as well. We have made contact with their National organization to solicit their assistance. At the present time there are 7 living recipients who are residents of Florida, but are not a member of the SAR, so this is a unique situation. If successful, we hope to have some of them to be given presentations at future BOMs and will be coordinated with all of the applicable functions at the state level. This is also in concert with new National efforts as well.

Upon receipt of new members only of the Florida Veterans Battalion a supplemental membership list will be provided as an attachment at the January BOM in regional order. A copy of the current Battalion Members was attached to the "Make Us Grow" message released as noted above. The Current number of Compatriots in the FLSSAR is 2102 and the number of Battalion members is currently 306.

Majority of committee submitted a Charter change to the Documents Committee. This was denied, because it was not to National's standards. (ND Service Ribbon verses Combat Ribbon), the Committee abides with the decision made.

## Trust Funds

### Endowment Trust fund Disbursements

Ray Lantz

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All requests from the chapter to date have been processed, Ray is in the process of improving procedures. More on this at a later date, expect the January Board of Management.

# Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds

Ted Duay

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The committee and the Board of Management wishes to thank Dr. Randy Moody for his service, his efforts and work with this committee, and wish him great success with his other endeavors.

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND  
JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	18,313.18	259,720.62	278,033.80
II. Receipts Schedule A:	5,950.02	1,929.44	7,879.46
III. Disbursements Schedule B:	-	(55.20)	(55.20)
IV. Distributions Schedule C:	(4,016.07)	-	(4,016.07)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	12,927.50	12,927.50
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	<b>20,247.13</b>	<b>274,522.36</b>	<b>294,769.49</b>

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND  
 JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014

SCHEDULE E

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>		
227 Shares SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average (DIA)	38,789.76	18,392.02
276 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Aerospace & Defense Index Fund (ITA)	29,992.92	10,766.24
440 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	48,576.00	43,329.86
360 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index Fund (IYR)	26,712.00	11,696.90
875 Shares iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund (EFA)	58,371.25	36,235.59
162 Shares iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology Index Fund (IBB)	44,801.10	10,729.70
263 Shares iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund (IYW)	26,826.00	10,687.49
211 Shares iShares Trust S&P 500 Index (IVV)	42,613.56	22,581.52
1,400 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	25,550.00	15,692.70
175 Shares SPDR Gold Trust (GLD)	21,675.50	16,801.32
555 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	45,831.90	43,484.40
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>	<b>409,739.99</b>	<b>240,397.74</b>
<b>Cash</b>		
Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	780.01	780.01
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	7,826.89	7,826.89
Capital One 360 Savings	45,764.85	45,764.85
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>54,371.75</b>	<b>54,371.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND</b>	<b>464,111.74</b>	<b>294,769.49</b>

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND  
 JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	2,849.65	89,308.78	92,158.43
II. Receipts Schedule A:	1,343.49	0.88	1,344.37
III. Disbursements Schedule B:	-	(20.03)	(20.03)
IV. Distributions Schedule C:	(2,849.65)	-	(2,849.65)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	959.43	959.43
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities	<b>1,343.49</b>	<b>90,249.06</b>	<b>91,592.55</b>



THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND  
 JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014

ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

SCHEDULE E

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>		
90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU)	9,936.00	8,613.35
375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF)	6,843.75	4,248.35
110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND)	9,083.80	8,502.75
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b>	<b>25,863.55</b>	<b>21,364.45</b>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>		
5,987.694 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEIX)	55,565.80	47,779.32
366.53 Shares UMB Scout International Fund (UMBWX)	13,649.58	10,755.59
<b>TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS</b>	<b>69,215.38</b>	<b>58,534.91</b>
<b>Cash</b>		
Charles Schwab Bank Sweep	323.35	323.35
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	11,369.84	11,369.84
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>11,693.19</b>	<b>11,693.19</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND</b>	<b>106,772.12</b>	<b>91,592.55</b>

## New Business

Suggestion by President Steven Williams to accept minutes, Ralph Nelson made motion, Ted Duay second, passed unanimously.

Steve Williams, President and Randy Moody, Parliamentarian suggested the following rules for the meeting. We should move through the agenda without interruption, the members need to have recognition by presiding officers, three minute limit, one can only retort after all have spoken. Chairman or officer speaking can present motion, must be filled out in advance. Secretary will hand out motion forms and they will be filled out by the person making the motion, clarification is the only approved question, Robert's Rules applies.

Motion: Dick Young Treasurer - The FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, to become a part of the FLSSAR for corporate and IRS reporting purposes. Bylaw 33 section 2 the ladies shall be authorized by the FLSSAR and independent of the Society in that they will raise their own funds and pay their own bills, Victor McMurry second. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: Randy Moody - Nominate Dick Young, Treasurer as a Trustee of the Operating Trust fund and the Endowment Trust fund, term 3 years, Compatriot Young accepted. Second David Kelsey Passed Unanimously.

Motion: Ted Duay continue to waiver dues for active duty Military Service Personnel, Second Luther Lloyd Passed unanimously

Motion Ted Duay - Change language in Florida Bylaw 108 second line. The Chancellor shall be a member of the Florida Bar in good standing or was in good at the time of his retirement ... Change to: *The Chancellor shall be a member of any state bar in good standing or was in good standing at the time of his retirement...* Second by Ray Lantz. Passed unanimous.

**New Business-** Ted Duay - Add line item \$720 maximum for updating and maintenance of the Florida Patriot Index data base for the Florida Society. Reduce the line item Other Committee Cost by \$720.00 Passed Unanimously

**New Business** Dick Young Adopt proposed budget subject to:

1. Remove \$500 from the Thomas Creek Historical Marker
2. Add \$500 to "Hermione" Lafayette Project
3. Fund up to \$1500 for the placement of the Thomas Creek Historical marker and dedication ceremony, This recommended by the Historical Sites Committee to the Finance Committee to support the Jacksonville Chapter. These funds will come from the Operations reserve and are for a onetime event of National significance.

Passed Unanimously

Motion Luther Lloyd to remain at the Florida Hotel and Convention Center for Fall 2015, Winter 2016 and Spring/annual 2016. Second David Ramseur Passed Unanimously

**New Business:** Danny Hooper Color Guard Manuel posted to website. Passed

Endorsement of National General Candidates:

Motion by Larry Fehrenbaker that the Florida Society endorse Compatriot Michael Tomme for Secretary General. Seconded by Ted Duay. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Larry Fehrenbaker that the Florida Society endorse Compatriot Larry Guzy for Treasurer General. Seconded by Victor McMurry. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Larry Fehrenbaker that the Florida Society endorse Compatriot C. Bruce Pickens for Librarian General. Seconded by Bob Folk. Passed Unanimously

Larry Fehrenbaker presented David Ramseur and Jack Manning who are seeking endorsement of Florida Society. Motion by Jeff Sizemore to endorse Compatriot David Ramseur as a favorite son for Historian General by voice vote, second Victor McMurry. Passed Unanimously.