

Fall Board of Management Meeting

Proceedings

Orlando, Florida

October 12-13, 2018



The Pledge of Allegiance

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

The SAR Pledge

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

Recessional

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

Constitutional Republic

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

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

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

Meeting Agenda

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

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

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit
Executive
Finance
Medals and Awards
Nominating
Patriot Medal

NSSAR Affairs

Advancing America's Heritage
NSSAR Library

FLSSAR Affairs

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

Liaisons

CAR & SAR Junior Members Aide
DAR
Ladies Auxiliary

Historic Sites

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

Youth Programs

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

Community Outreach

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

Trust Funds

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

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

President Robert J. Folk Sr. opened the meeting at 10:00 AM Saturday, 19 May 2018, and a quorum was certified by Secretary Hall Riediger. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Dwight D. Elam. Miami Chapter President Bernard W. Wolff led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Compatriot RVP Scott Bushnell led the SAR Pledge. President Folk recognized and Introduced and received Greetings from President General Larry T. Guzy; Secretary-General Warren M. Alter; and, South Atlantic District Vice President General James Wood. Past President Generals Carl K. Hoffmann (1997-1998); Lindsey Cook Brock (2014-2015); Immediate Past Chaplain General Rev. Randy Moody; and Immediate Past Vice President General South Atlantic District Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker were also introduced and recognized. Seven first-time attendees were also recognized and welcomed.

The Reading of the Minutes for the 3 February 2018 Board of Management (BOM) was corrected from the floor, with a **Motion offered by David Kelsey to substitute the guest Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation with a gift of equal value from the SAR Merchandise Store. The Motion was APPROVED.**

REPORTS TO THE BOM:

Unless otherwise stated herein, the full report of the Officers and Committee Chairmen are contained in the full body of the Proceedings Book which was distributed in Draft Form prior to the commencement of the BOM, and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into these Minutes. All Page number references below are to the printed Draft Proceedings Book, and may differ from the Final Version found on the FLSSAR Website, located at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/Proceedings/BOM0218.pdf>.

Reports of National and State Officers:

President – Page 7

President Robert Folk Sr. attended at least one SAR or DAR or C.A.R. function per week since the Winter BOM Meeting in Orlando.

Executive Administrator – Page 8

Compatriot Steve Williams made several administrative announcements regarding lost items, location of the dinner event, and a plug for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Chapter Officers need to be reported to the State Secretary, and to the NSSAR as soon as they are elected. The website will be updated immediately upon notification from the Chapter. Several other online Forms available for reporting to the BOM were also discussed. BOM room and board economics were also discussed. Total discussion time was 29 minutes and 17 seconds.

MOTION: The Executive Committee recommends the continuation of Steven Williams as Executive Administrator for the 2018-2019 year. APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION.

At the conclusion of Steve's discussions, the Brevard Chapter made several presentations for his many years of service to the Chapter and to the FLSSAR.

Southeast Region – Pages 21-26

RVP Popham noted that none of the members of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter were present at the BOM, because they were presenting the Heroism Award to the JROTC student who has been recognized as one of the heroes of the Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School shooting incident that occurred in Parkland Fla.

Secretary – Page 29-30

The procedure for becoming a Delegate at the NSSAR 128th Congress in Houston TX 14-18 July was discussed.

Treasurer – Page 30

Director and Officer Liability Insurance, and the cost thereof, was discussed. The Executive Committee has recommended the following MOTION: The Executive Committee and Finance Committee will investigate and procure Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance for the FLSSAR. APPROVED.

Chaplain – Page 32

Deaths need to be reported to the Chaplain.

Webmaster – Page 34

There is now an online RVP reporting system available for recording BOM Proceedings.

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit – Page 34

Authorized check signers on the bank accounts need to be updated.

Recommendation to change the name of the Committee to the Financial Review Committee.

MOTION: Authorized check signers are Richard Young, Kevin Yarnell, and Patrick J. Niemann.
PASSED.

RECESSED FOR YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON AT 11:58 AM.

BOM RE-CONVENED AT 1:32 PM.

Executive – Page 34

President Bob Folk summarized the actions and decisions of the Executive Committee meeting that took place on Friday, 18 May 2018:

- Recommendation to the BOM – MOTION: Disband the Treasure Coast Chapter (Vero Beach).
 - Members will become “At Large” Members until they transfer to another Chapter.
PASSED.
- RECOMMENDATION: Pay \$90 pro-rata fee to Southeast Atlantic District for District website annual maintenance. (No vote; included in Budget.)
- Referral to Meetings and Arrangements Committee that consideration be given to the purchase of a portable audio speaker system with wireless microphones, at a cost not to exceed \$400.

Finance – Page 35 plus Page 49

Compatriot Young declared that a Budget shortfall of \$(2,000+) for the current year. We have the resources to cover it, but 2019 Budget will reflect increases to cover continuing anticipated shortfalls.

Two immediate recommendations were proposed for :

1. Address the Florida Patriot Magazine increased printing costs by seeking competitive bids for future publication expenditures. (Printing Company was sold, and new Owners have raised prices substantially.)
2. Ralph Nelson’s collections from book sales in 2017 carry over as collections in 2018. Many thanks for his contributions, and recommended continued support by all Compatriots.

MOTION to accept Finance Committee Recommendations. PASSED.

Editor, *The Florida Patriot* Magazine Printing and distribution costs have increased substantially, and are now up to \$2.75 per printed copy (28 pages, 510 printed). 700 copies are currently printed, and 1,700 are distributed by email. The consensus of the (lengthy) discussions was in favor of digital publication and distribution, with the option of purchasing hard copies for any Compatriot who wishes to do so.

Ralph Nelson/Don Lanman - MOTION: Discontinue hard copy publication of The Florida Patriot Magazine, and go 100% digital for all future distribution. vLarry Sturgeon(Withlacoochee) – AMENDMENT: Allow the option to offer printed copies, by adding \$15 per year per subscription. AMENDMENT PASSED.

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

Nominating – Page 35

Nominees are printed in the Proceedings book, and were read to the Compatriots as required by the By-Laws. Sgt-at-Arms Nominee John McCullough declined his re-nomination from the floor, and President Folk indicated that Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the Annual Meeting.

NSSAR Affairs:

FLSSAR Affairs:

New Chapter Development – Page 38

Jeff Sizemore: MOTION: BOM approves admission of new Okeechobee Chapter, located in Okeechobee Fla. APPROVED.

Strategic Planning – Page 30 Chairman Comp. Charles Butler indicated that a Member Profile Survey has been completed, and will be distributed to the Regional Vice Presidents for distribution.

Liaisons

Historic Sites

Youth Programs

Community Outreach

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements – Page 38

Comp. John Stewart: Nomination of Ron Grove to become a Trustee and Member of the Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee. APPROVED.

Scott Bushnell/John Stewart MOTION: Establish FLSSAR addresses for Archive materials and documents. APPROVED.

Bob McGuire / Don Lanman MOTION: Pay \$25 to place an ad in the SAR Magazine and also place a full-page ad in the Florida DAR Forum publication for Constitution Week. APPROVED.

Pat Niemann/David Ramseur MOTION: Combine Poster and Brochure Committees into a single Americanism Youth Contests Committee. APPROVED.

Pat Niemann/Jim Gaskins MOTION: Combine Liberty Tree and Commemorative Historic Sites Committees into a single Commemorative Historic Sites Committee. Rising votes counted. APPROVED 30-13.

The Spring 2018 Board of Management Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.

2018 FLSSAR ANNUAL MEETING

President Robert J. Folk Sr. opened the meeting at 3:03 PM Saturday, 19 May 2018, and a quorum was certified by Secretary Hall Riediger.

Nominating Chairman VPG Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker reviewed the list of Compatriots selected for the 2018-2019 elected positions and the nominated positions for National officers.

Nominations for Florida SAR Elected Offices:

President—Patrick Jay Niemann
Secretary—Hermann Hall Riediger
Member-at-Large—Donald Lanman
Registrar—Raymond Clyde Lantz
EC Regional VP—Charles Anthony Berger

Senior Regional President—Wm Lee Popham, Sr.
State Regional VP—Richard W. Wolff.
General Secretary—Richard S. Williams
SW Regional VP—Edward Lee Sizemore
NC Regional VP—David Bussone

Nominations for National Office:

National Trustee-- Robert James Folk, Sr. Alternate Trustee—Robert Williams McGuire, Jr.

All Officers were elected by acclamation.

2018-2019 Nominating Committee Appointees:

J. Michael Tomme Sr.
Robert J. Folk, Sr.
Wm Lee Popham, Sr.
Raymond Wess - withdrew

Jim Gaskins - withdrew

Nominations from the Floor:

John David Goolsby, Sr.

Earle Scott Bushnell

The five Nominees were elected by acclamation.

Report of the Finance Committee:

All filings have been timely submitted to all authorities, including the IRS Form 990EZ.

THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:26 PM.

National and State Officer Reports

National Trustee

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

Based on the Congressional Charter, National SAR Constitution and National SAR By-Laws, the property and affairs of the National Society are the responsibility of a Board of Trustees of at least 40 men, with one from each state society. Past Presidents General, current General Officers and current Executive Committee members may be elected/appointed as Trustees. The Board of Trustees meets four times a year:

- (1) in the Annual Congress Host City, immediately after the Annual Congress adjourns,
- (2) in Louisville as part of the Fall Leadership Conference, (3) in Louisville as part of the Winter Leadership Conference, (4) in the Annual Congress Host City immediately prior to convening the Annual Congress.

At the May 2017 Florida SAR Annual Meeting I was nominated to represent the Florida SAR as Trustee for the 2017/2018 SAR Year. I was elected to that position at the Annual Congress in Knoxville in 2017. I attended all four Board of Trustee meetings for the 2017/2018 SAR Year.

At the Board of Trustee meeting prior to Congress in Houston, a number of subjects were brought to the floor of the meeting; however, all matters were deftly deferred to the meeting of the Congressional Delegates over the

next two days. After making no other decisions or having any meaningful discussions, those present overwhelming approved a motion to adjourn the Trustee meeting.

President

Patrick J. Niemann

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The first quarter since assuming the position of president has been relatively quiet save for discussions with several State Committee Chairmen. I am really pleased with the enthusiasm of the new chairmen and the ideas that they have to make the Florida Society grow and improve our outreach programs. Some of their initiatives and progress are elsewhere in this Proceedings Book.

I attended the National Congress held in Houston last July and I have addressed the major issues/results in The Patriot magazine as well as at the regional meetings.

During August I attended the West Central Region meeting hosted by RVP Dick Young and the South Shore Chapter. Then in September I attended the North Central Regional meeting at The Villages hosted by RVP Dave Bussone. A summary of the National Congress events were discussed as well as State and Regional topics. At both meetings the attendees engaged in an active dialogue which is the purpose of our regional meetings.

I also was invited and participated in the DAR Western District Regents Council Constitution Week church service that was held in Dunedin. Members from four DAR chapters and two SAR chapters were in attendance.

The upcoming quarter will be much more active now that summer is over starting with attendance at the National Leadership meeting in Louisville.

Senior Vice President

Wm Lee Popham

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It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Senior Vice President of the Florida SAR this year. I will do my very best to ensure that President Pat Niemann and all Compatriots have a productive and fulfilling – and most of all, enjoyable – experience.

During the period 1 May - 30 September 2018, I attended:

- 18-20 May - The 2018 FLSSAR Annual Meeting and BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, where I was elected and installed as Senior Vice President by the Florida SAR Board of Managers. I also served in the Color Guard for the flag ceremonies.
- 22-24 May - The 2018 Annual National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) held in Dallas TX, where I serve as the SAR Alternate Representative to the National Community Relationships Committee; and as a member of the National Youth Protection Committee, and as a member of the National Sea Scout Committee.
- 28 May – Memorial Day - 150 flag placements on Veterans graves at Miami Memorial Cemetery (Miami's oldest cemetery) with Cub Scout Pack 280 and the Miami Chapter SAR.
- 29 May – supplied refreshments for Miami VA Hospital event, as SAR Representative to the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS).
- 11 June – SAR Investment Committee conference call
- 14 June – Participated in Flag Day Ceremony in colonial uniform with Boy Scout Troops 941 and 362, Cub Scout Packs 280, 337, and 361, and Tequesta Society C.A.R. at the South Miami /Coral Gables Elks Club No. 1676.
- 11-19 July – Attended the 128th SAR Congress in Houston Texas, where I:
 - Served in the Color Guard;
 - Participated in the following Committee Meetings:
 - Executive (non-voting invitee); Budget (Chairman); Finance; Investments (non-voting); Strategic Planning; Eagle Scout; and 250th Revolutionary War Anniversary Celebrations.
 - Was appointed 2018-2019 Chairman of the National Budget Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- 22 July – Attended South Florida Council BSA Eagle Court of Honor in colonial uniform and presented SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to six new Eagle Scouts.
- 5 August – Participated in SAR Miami Chapter Shoot at Stone Hart Indoor Gun Range in Miami
- 1 September – Attended Florida SAR SouthEast Region luncheon meeting in Ft. Lauderdale
- 14-16 September – Attended DAR Northeast Regional Constitution Week luncheon in Jacksonville FL, and I participated with SAR Compatriots from 3 Jacksonville area Chapters in the Opening Flag

Ceremony in colonial uniform. Brought Greetings from President Patrick J. Niemann and the Florida SAR.

- 17 September – DAR Constitution Week Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at the Miami Elks Club Lodge No. 948.
- 20-23 September – DAR Florida State Constitution Week Meetings in Orlando Florida. Attended Friday Seminars and Dessert Party, Saturday evening Banquet, and Sunday Expo.
- 22 September – Florida SAR North Central Regional Meeting in The Villages.
- 26-30 September - The 2017 Fall Leadership Conference Meetings held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville Kentucky, where I participated in several Committee meetings, Color Guard Activities, and the Trustees meeting.
- Three Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings and two Miami Chapter Board meetings.
- 6 October – South Atlantic District SAR Meeting in Spartanburg, SC.
- 7 October – 238th Anniversary observance of the Battle of Kings Mountain, at Kings Mountain National Military Park in Blacksburg, SC.

I look forward to our seminars, discussions, workshops, and fellowship at the Fall 2018 BOM in Orlando.

Executive Administrator

Steven Williams swilliams16@cfl.rr.com

Late reports are to be emailed as a WORD.doc or text file to me on/before 10/20/2018.

It should be noted that anyone aspiring to be the Executive Administrator should have a level of understanding how the Florida Society functions and what the duties of the officers are in order to effectively help those officers.

Please note:

Submission of chapter reports are to be to the RVP

Submission of Color Guard Camp reports are to be to the State Color Guard Command structure –
Commander and/or Vice-commander.

The BOM Registration form is a PDF fill-able form that you can open and fill out using **Adobe Reader**.

Executive Committee Member-at-Large

Don Lanman DLanman258@aol.com

No report

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Earl F Mathews emathewsjr@embarqmail.com

Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

Visits: 3 to Tallahassee Chapter, 2 Panama City Chapter, 2 William Dunaway Chapter (Current President)

Visits planned for end of year, since majority were on vacation for chapters located in western portion of region.

Not having access to information prior to my appointment, reporting activity June thru August.

Total meetings of chapters 8, summer vacations little or no activity

Membership Activity:

Prospective: 19

New: 8

Inducted: 8

Awards: 7

Other Awards: 3 (2 FL Vet Battalion, 1 Supplemental)

Medals: 8

ROTC/JROTC: ROTC – 4, JROTC – 15

Essay: 1

Eagle: 1

Flag Certificates: 2

Deceased: 1

Total Attending Members: 54

Total Attending Guests: 31

Aaron Snowden Chapter;

No activity during summer

Emerald Coast Chapter;

1 meeting, 3 new members inducted, 7 JROTC medals, 1 flag cert, 1 deceased, 10 members attending, 4 guests

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

3 meetings, 5 new members inducted, 2 FL Vet Battalion, 1 supplemental, 4 medals, 15 members attending, 14 guests

Other Activity: Parades and participation with various veteran's organizations.

Job well done this period to Chapter President Brad DeCody Marble!

Pensacola Chapter; Chris Washler, President.

1 meeting, no activity

Tallahassee Chapter;

3 meetings, 12 JROTC medals, 1 essay, 1 veteran, 22 members attending, 4 guests

William Dunaway Chapter;

2 meetings, 1 member pending, 1 award, 1 speaker – Habitat for Humanity, 12 members attending, 8 guests

North Central Regional Vice President

David Bussone

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On Saturday, September 22 a regional meeting was held. Representatives from all but one chapter were present. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, SAR Pledge and an invocation, after which all present introduced themselves. RVP Bussone then introduced the three FLSSAR officers present. These were:

FLSSAR President Patrick Niemann

FLSSAR Sr. VP Lee Popham

Past FLSSAR President Bob Folk

Topics discussed during the initial portion of the meeting included:

BOM

Youth Contests

Community Awards & Medals

Fees & Dues

Strategic Plan

Americanism Contest

FL Patriot Hard Copy \$12 – add to dues

New SAR Logo – on FLSSAR website

Veteran Activities

There were two lengthy reports made by State Committee Chairmen. Gerald Hardwich spoke about his committee's research into member recruitment and retention. Ron Grove followed with a discussion on endowment fund requests and what items may be reimbursed.

Following lunch, the meeting reconvened and the FLSSAR officers gave their reports, speaking on several interesting topics, including the proceedings of the NSSAR's recent Congress. Those presentations were made by:

President's Message – COL Patrick Niemann, US Army (Retired)

SVP's Message - Lee Popham

Past President's Message – Bob Folk

A Q&A session with open discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM with the SAR recessional and a benediction.

The Villages Chapter – David Bussone, President

New Members: (June-August 2018)

Daniel Byers, Brian Byers, Dr. P. Thomas Davis and John Crane

Compatriots Lost:

James Brown

Meeting highlights

August 2018:

Jim Simpson explained that our scheduled speaker, Lt. John Longacre, had a family emergency and could not make the meeting. Jim then introduced our substitute speaker, Donald Wyman, the Chapter president.

Don is an accomplished speaker and he had many presentations that he could give at a moment's notice. He decided to lighten things up a bit and moderated a "Guess the General" game. Don would give clues and people in the audience would shout out an answer. There were 50 generals in the game and we correctly named most of them. A lot of the credit goes to Dan Byers, a new member, who is quite a historian. Don's talk was very informative and quite entertaining. President Donald Wyman presented a Certificate of Appreciation thanking Don for sharing his presentation.

July 2018:

Jim Simpson introduced our speaker, Donald Frasier. Don's talk was very informative and quite entertaining.

President Donald Wyman presented a Certificate of Appreciation thanking Don for sharing his presentation.

June 2018:

After the opening posting of the colors...The Marine Corps Color Guard demonstrated the correct way to fold the flag and gave us the meaning of each fold.

Don Wyman thanked Neil A. Stapleton of the Marine Corps Color Guard for their presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from our Chapter.

The next presentation was by Garf Cooper, a founding member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) – "The Night Stalkers". Dan Hungerford reported that the Chapter participated in the Flags for the Fallen event that took place at the National Cemetery in Bushnell over the Memorial Day Weekend.

There were eight volunteers to put the Flags out on Sunday May 27th and then another group of five volunteers picked them up on Saturday June 2nd.

Upcoming Events:

Chapter Meetings are the second Saturday of the Month at Captiva Recreation Center. Meetings start at 10:00 am.

Liberty Tree Dedication for Lake Sumter Chapter of the SAR Date – November 3rd, 2018 Time - 11:00 am Place - John Gella American Legion Post 219 194 W. Fountain St. Fruitland, Park, FL 34731

Withlacoochee Chapter - Clyde Johnson, President

June 2, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson and Compatriot Doug Brock participated with the Fort Cooper DAR in removal of the U.S. flags at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell from Memorial Day.

June 12, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Chapter President Larry Sturgeon, Treasurer Jack Townsend and Vice-Commander William Ferguson Presented and Retired the Colors at the Duval House Historic Marker Presentation in Floral City for the Fort Cooper DAR.

June 14, 2018, Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson, Vice-Commander Bill Ferguson and Treasurer Jack Townsend Presented the Colors during the Flag Day Ceremony at the downtown Floral City Community House.

July 1, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson Posted the colors along with a member of Nature Coast Young Marines for the July 4, 2018 concert.

July 26, 2018 Chapter President Larry Sturgeon presented the Kamp family a porch mounted U.S. Flag and a \$50.00 Publix gift card for the Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County, Home Dedication. Chapter President Larry Sturgeon was also present for the Habitat for Humanity, Hernando County, ground breaking ceremony for the Rodriguez family.

August 3, 2018 Color Guard Commander Russell Gibson Presented the Colors at the Citrus County Schools "Welcome Back" program for teachers.

September 8, 2018 Chapter President Larry Sturgeon inducted five new members into the Withlacoochee Chapter. Compatriots inducted were Mark Christopher Meadows, Joseph Edward BeBout, Kenneth Stephen Custer, Michael Paul Houle and Jeffrey David Young. Chapter President Larry Sturgeon also presented to

Compatriot Norman Romeyn Freyer the SAR National 1st place winner in the Colonel Stewart Boone McCarty Award. Compatriot Freyer was presented a National certificate and a check for \$350.00.

Gainesville Chapter – David Charles Thomas, President

June 2018

No monthly meeting

14th Sean Tonnelier Flag retirement with Jacob Brown CAR

21st Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremonies

July

No monthly meeting

4th Sean Tonnelier marched in parade in uniform with Jacob Roberts CAR in Micanopy

19th Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony

29th David Thomas Jacob Brown CAR Pack It meeting

Aug.

No monthly meeting

23rd Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony in uniform Filmed and broadcast on WCJB news

Sept.

18th Monthly meeting 16 members present 4 DAR Thomas Jefferson speaker in colonial attire

Inducted two new members' 10 applications on hold

20th Ray Davis and Sean Tonnelier Naturalization Ceremony

Lake City Chapter – Claudius F. “Skip” Johns - President

No Report

Ocala Chapter – Wayne Carlton Curtis, President

There were no meetings held during the Summer months.

September 19, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30AM with 15 members and guests.

Wayne Curtis, president, Alan Snow and Nancy, treasurer, Alan Clark, M.D., secretary, James McLaughlin, M.D., Claude Grubbs, Jim Phillips, Tevis Fitzpatrick, den mother, Ben Saxon, Maurice Hitt, Jr, genealogist and vice president. and wife, Jo Anne, Bob and Jean Andrews, new member and Rick Pearce, new member.

Old information: Tevis thanked several members and family for help with traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall last May 25th.at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ocala.

New Information: Secretary Alan Clark mentioned the urging of the Florida state SAR treasurer for 2019 dues of \$75 be paid as early as possible in the Fall of 2018 in order that National SAR roster be as up to date as possible on January 1st. Send check to Alan Snow, 11130 SW 71st Terrace Rd., Ocala, Florida 34476-3902, Ocala SAR Chapter treasurer.

Ben Saxon mentioned on October 3rd FEMA will issue a Nationwide Emergency Alert testing Presidential WEA capabilities for cell phones followed by a nationwide EAS test on other media such as TV and Radio at 2PM.

Tevis mentioned future help with 9/11 traveling memorial coming next Spring.

Regarding September 17th 231st anniversary year of the signing of the US Constitution in Philadelphia. Alan Clark mentioned two books by Professor of Law, Akhil Amar at Yale Law School on the Constitution and who is an Originalist on the Constitution despite his Liberal Democratic political leanings and his endorsement of Justice Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court nomination. His lecture at the 50th Yale Reunion in May was riveting and inspiring on the original intent of the Constitution framers.

Dr Clark also mentioned with supporting books his trip to Russia in June and the happy and welcoming populace during the International Soccer Games in Moscow and St Petersburg.

Speaker: Tevis Fitzpatrick talked about her DAR ancestor and his twice reinternment because of road encroachment and river erosion on prior resting locations. The most recent in 2017.

Bob Andrews volunteered to talk about his ancestor Revolutionary War veteran at the October meeting.

The meeting was closed at 1:30 PM with reciting the recessional.

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

The Lake-Sumter chapter's activity during the period May to September 2018 is summarized as follows:

At our chapter meeting on May 5, 2018, new officers were installed, and one new member was inducted. Our guest speaker was our own Compatriot John Moore who gave an interesting and fact filled presentation on George Washington. Attendance was 15 members and 10 guests. The color Guard presented colors and had five members participating. The chapter also said farewell to compatriot Ralph Nelson, who is moving to the Durham, NC area. Compatriot Nelson is a past chapter president and has held many different positions at local, state and national levels over the years. His experience and guidance will be missed. He will continue his affiliation with the SAR in a chapter near his new home.

First VP Bob Beightol gave an SAR award to a JROTC cadet at Mt Dora High School on May 5, 2018.

On May 5, 2018, Bill Hayes, our chapter JROTC and Eagle Scout Committee Chair, received the Marilyn Shaw Award from the Boy Scouts of America for his many contributions to scouting over years. Bill has also announced he is preparing SAR recognition awards to 7 Eagle Scouts in the coming year.

Also, in May our Treasurer and Education Chair, Ron Grove, gave an SAR award to a JROTC cadet at South Sumter High School in Bushnell, FL.

Two chapter members participated in flag placing at Lone Oaks Cemetery in Leesburg, FL in recognition of Memorial Day.

On May 28, 2018, Past President Jerry Hardwich represented the chapter at a Memorial Day event hosted by the American Legion, Fruitland Park, FL.

At the chapter meeting on 6/2/2018, the remaining chapter officers for the new term were installed. One new member was inducted. Bill Hayes announced that a JROTC bronze medal was awarded to a cadet. Ron Grove announced that our poster contest winner, Charlotte Sandoval of Groveland Elementary, won the FLSSAR contest and received checks amounting to \$275. It is noted that Charlotte placed third at the National contest and was honored by the City of Groveland (see below for information concerning ceremony). Our chapter's nominee for history teacher of the year, Robert Burke of Montverde Academy, won FLSSAR history teacher of the year and received checks totaling \$600.

The chapter color guard presented the colors at the meeting and had 5 members participating. Color Guard Commander, Glenn Langston was awarded the SAR Bronze Color Guard medal and certificate by Chapter President Lane. A committee was established to plan and coordinate the celebration of the Chapter's thirtieth anniversary at the November 3, 2018 meeting. The celebration will include the planting of a Liberty Tree on the property of our host organization, the American Legion at Fruitland Park, FL.

The speaker at our June 2 meeting was Roger Smith, PhD, University of Florida, who gave a very interesting presentation on Florida history before and during the Revolution. The presentation is titled "Florida the Fourteenth Colony." Dr. Smith is an SAR member in St. Augustine and has spoken to many SAR and DAR chapters. He recently gave a presentation to the NSSAR. His presentation was interesting and filled with little known facts about Florida history.

It is noted that the June 2d meeting was the last before our summer hiatus. No chapter meetings are held again until we resume our monthly meetings on October 6.

On June 26, 2018, Compatriot John Moore gave a presentation about the SAR and the SAR application process to the Mt Dora Genealogical Society. Past President Jerry Hardwich was also in attendance.

The chapter participated in the annual July 4th parade in Tavares. A golf cart was decorated with SAR banners and flags, and six members and one guest marched in the parade.

On July 25, 2018 a meeting of the committee to coordinate events for the Liberty Tree and Chapter Anniversary celebration was convened at the American Legion in Fruitland Park. Present were Compatriots Lane, Beightol, Grove, Offutt, Chaffee and Hardwich. Also in attendance were two American Legion representatives. A detailed planning session was held concerning the celebration, meal, identification of invited guests, decorations and logistics. A survey of the grounds was made and a review of the location of the Liberty Tree was conducted.

On July 28 Ron Grove under the Chapter Flag Program presented a US flag to new owners of a home in the Veteran's Village, Habitat for Humanity, Umatilla, FL.

July 25, meeting re Nov 3 celebration

On Aug 29, two members, Bob Beightol and Jim Carl travelled to Ocala to receive Governor Scott's Veteran Service Award.

On Sept 7, a meeting was held at the American Legion concerning decoration of the hall for the November 3d celebration. Attending were Compatriots Lane and Chaffee, and Ladies Auxiliary representative Vertis Lane. Steps have been initiated to purchase items needed to decorate the hall, and to borrow some items from the Tomoka Chapter of the DAR.

Compatriots Beightol and Grove represented our chapter at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Groveland, FL. At the meeting the City Mayor announced a proclamation honoring our poster winner,

Charlotte Sandoval. Charlotte received a standing ovation from the commission and public. Photographs were taken for publicity in local media.

Ron Grove has arranged a meet with Sumter County School Board representatives on September 27 to promote the poster contest and other SAR educational programs. Grove is also coordinating with a Lake County Schools representative to expand our current programs within Lake County.

As of this writing, there are six new members whose applications have been approved and are awaiting induction at the October 6th meeting.

Northeastern Regional Vice President

James Y. Gaskins jgaskins0152@comcast.net

Please, join the NE Region and Daytona-Ormond Chapter in welcoming newly-minted President Ric Morrow. President Morrow relieved Past President Newt White who continues power the Chapter. Compatriot Scott Breckenridge is to be commended for continuing to serve as Chapter Secretary for both Jacksonville Chapter and Daytona-Ormond Chapter.

All four Chapters (Jacksonville, St Augustine, Flagler and Daytona-Ormond) continue to serve the communities of the North East Region and provide accurate visible reflections of Patriotism throughout the Region

Flagler Chapter Randall Morris, President

Late May thru Early June 2018: Compatriots Charlie Hayes and Don Gingles presented fourteen outstanding Flagler County school students with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal w/ cert.

18 May 2018: The Flagler Chapter received numerous awards at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting and BOM.

04 July 2018: Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris was the keynote speaker at the City of Palm Coast's annual "By Dawns Early Light" event.

21 Sep 2018: Regular meeting held jointly with the Friends of the Flagler County Library featuring Flagler County Judge Melissa Moore Stens who discussed "Misconceptions of the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution."

05 Oct 2018: Flagler County Sheriff Office Sergeant Jonathan Dopp was presented the SAR Law Enforcement Medal w/cert. at the Flagler County Justice Center.

Jacksonville Chapter Roy Lee Weiland, President

No Report

St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President

No Report

Daytona-Ormond Chapter Newton White President

No Report

East Central Regional Vice President

Charles Berger opastuart2004@yahoo.com

Brevard Chapter Submitted by Roger Bonnett, President

No Report

Central Florida Chapter

9 SEPTEMBER 2017

No meeting due to Hurricane Irma approaching (hit Central FL Sept. 11th)

On September 28th, Compatriot Dan Dall presented a Public Service Award for Fire & Safety to Fire Marshall Dennis Marshal with the Maitland, FL Fire Dept.

14 OCTOBER 2017

At this meeting, our speaker was Compatriot Randal Allen. He presented his patriot ancestor who fought at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina.

11 NOVEMBER 2017

At this meeting, our speaker was Colonel Bruce Johnson, USAF retired who spoke on “Our Veterans Today”. Earlier that same day as our Chapter meeting, our Color Guard unit marched in the City of Orlando’s Veteran’s Day parade.

9 DECEMBER 2017

At this meeting, our speaker was Compatriot Jeff Sizemore who spoke on “Cumberland Island-A story of Patriots, Strong Women and Incredible Wealth”.

On December 12th, Compatriot Dan Dall presented a Public Service Award for Heroism to Deputy 1st Cl. Gabriel Ortiz with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office. That same day, Compatriot Dall presented a Public Service Award for Law Enforcement to Deputy Frank Bonetti, also with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office.

13 JANUARY 2018

At this meeting, our speaker was Compatriot Don Green who did an in-character presentation of Benjamin Franklin, delivering his speech, “Ben Franklin Comes for a Visit”.

On January 12th, Chapter President Burt Fairchild presented a Public Service Award for Law Enforcement to Seminole County Sheriff Lieutenant Chad McDaniel. On January 23rd, Compatriot Dan Dall presented a Public Service Award for Fire & Safety to Lieutenant Robert Clark with the Osceola County Fire Department.

10 FEBRUARY 2018

At this meeting, our speaker was Compatriot Richard Hoffman who spoke on “Flintlocks and Various Weapons of the American Revolution”.

10 MARCH 2018

At this meeting, Compatriot Don Green gave us a presentation entitled “John Marshal Virginian, Revolutionary Soldier and Judicial Craftsman of the American Revolution”.

14 APRIL 2018

At the annual Patriot’s Luncheon, Our speaker was Compatriot Phil Markoe spoke on his patriot ancestor Abram Markoe in a multi-visual presentation entitled, “the Legend of the Philadelphia Light Horse Troop”.

During April, Compatriot Phil Markoe presented twenty JROTC awards throughout the Central FL area.

12 MAY 2018

At this meeting, we had our annual awards ceremony. We also honored our 2017-18 Chapter Eagle Scout Award winner David Swiderski and Taylor Coffman, 2017-18 Chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest at this final meeting of the program year.

By the end of May, Compatriot successfully presented thirty-four JROTC awards throughout the Central FL area.

Summer Activity (Post Program Year)

On June 5th, Compatriot Dan Dall presented three Public Service Awards to City of Orlando Police Dept. personnel. Those who received awards are: Detective Rafael Ospina (Heroism), Officer Emily Moore (Heroism) and Officer Danielle Torres (Law Enforcement).

On July 28th, Chapter President Burt Fairchild and Compatriot Dan Dall presented the 2018 Liberty Bell Award to Sheriff Jerry Demings with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office. The coveted award was created in the 2017-18 program year to honor one public servant who exemplifies the quality of leadership within the Central Florida Community.

New Members during 09/2017 – 05/2018

Ryan Matthew Pries
Jimmy Dale Perry
David Lawrence Dysart
James Winfield Holton
Christopher Conrad Kilian
Conrad Stanley Kilian III
Stephen Anthony Ricker

St Lucie River Chapter President Charles Berger

No Report

Treasure Coast

No Report

West Central Regional Vice President

W. Richard Young dyoung22@aol.com

Clearwater Chapter Col. Patrick Niemann, President

No Report

South Shore Chapter Don Gunn, President

No Report

St. Petersburg Chapter Bob Rogers, Chapter President

No Report

Tampa Dr. John Goolsby, President

No Report

William Devane Chapter

No Report

Lakeland Chapter President – Tom Williamson

The Lakeland SAR Chapter at their May meeting recognized that 11 schools were presented JROTC Awards. Genealogist Alvie Davidson inducted 3 new members into the chapter - Emmett Schaill, Robert Castleberry, and Scott Webber.

Chaplain Jonathan Thornhill presented the 2018 Public Service Awards to the following recipients from the Lakeland Police Department and Polk County Sherriff's Office:

EMT Award – Firefighter Joseph Allison

Fire Safety Award – Firefighter Douglas Novogrodsky

Law Enforcement Award – Lt. Harry Seymour, Det. Robert Scott, and Det. Sean Ryan

Heroism Award – Sergeant Adrian Rodriguezt

The Lakeland SAR Chapter at their September meeting had a "Moment in History- The Seige of Fort Mifflin" by Jarrell Burchett.

I have checked with the potential speakers we had mentioned at our regional meeting and none of them are able to commit to being a guest speaker for other chapters at this time

Southeast Regional Vice President

Bernard William Wolff grafwolff@comcast.net

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution installed the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff as the Southeast Regional Vice President at the Annual Meeting convened in May of 2018. During the reporting cycle since the installation in the office, Compatriot Wolff held a Regional Meeting at the Capital Grille in Fort Lauderdale, attended by representatives of the Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami Chapters. Eleven people were present including representation from the Miami SAR Ladies Auxiliary (also a DAR member) and members of the Miami SAR C.A.R.

The agenda comprised items relating to the FLSSAR President's focus on communication, recruiting and retention, and training. Individual follow-up meetings at the chapter level are being planned for a more focused attention, uncovering specific local needs.

As I am currently the Miami SAR Chapter President this report will also include activity conducted in concert with both positions. I have also attended a Memorial Day celebration at the Miami Historic Cemetery and in June visited the landing sites of our allies during World War II located on the French coast. Serving with our Chapter Color Guard, I assisted in a flag presentation at the Biltmore Hotel to the enjoyment of several thousand (est.) spectators from many countries.

In September, Compatriot Wolff visited the DAR Fall Forum held in Kissimmee in uniform. Several FLSSAR members gathered at a table where they fielded questions from prospective nominators to our organization. Additionally, Compatriot Wolff was present at the 128th National Congress, serving on the NSSAR Color Guard.

At the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Compatriot Wolff participated with the NSSAR Color Guard. NSSAR Committee chairmen named Compatriot Wolff as a member of the NSSAR Strategic Planning Committee which complements his role as a part of the FLSSAR Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, Compatriot Wolff also became a member of the NSSAR Internal and Independent Audit Committee. Wolff also holds a corollary position with the FLSSAR as the Chairman of the Financial Review Committee. Compatriot Wolff continues to serve on the American History Teacher Award, the Eagle Scout Committee, and Newsletter/Publications Committee at the national level.

During the Fall Leadership Meeting Compatriot Wolff attended meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee, the American History Teacher Award Committee, Newsletter/Publications Committee, Eagle Scout Committee, Genealogy Committee, Americanism Committee, Internal and Independent Audit Committee, Color Guard Committee, Officer Training, and the Germany Society.

At the Saturday morning breakfast, Compatriot Wolff was presented with the Thomas Jefferson award for contributions made to the Knight Essay Contest endowment fund.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter Submitted by Allen Manning, Chapter President

No Report submitted

Miami Chapter Submitted by Wm Lee Popham

As I am currently the Miami SAR Chapter President and the SE Regional Vice President, this report will also include activity conducted in concert with both positions. Additional coverage can be read in the narrative above. Compatriot Wolff continues to edit the monthly newsletter and is the webmaster for the Miami SAR Chapter.

Chapter President Wolff wrote several articles for the SAR Patriot Magazine. One featured the 125th Anniversary of the Miami SAR Chapter and the other dealt with historical information concerning Yorktown in 1781. More articles are being contemplated.

Membership/Retention:

We will be installing at least five new members as soon as we can arrange a ceremony during one of our luncheons. It is very helpful to participate in these functions in order to welcome new members and show them that we care and have interest in them.

Miami SAR Chapter Activities:

Historian Thomas Jelke has finished digitizing the first batch of Miami SAR records. His work will allow us to retrieve information via computer for research.

The Miami SAR Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard presented the Colors at a Memorial Day gathering at the Miami Historic Cemetery. The President visited France to observe the landing sites of our allies during World War II.

The Miami SAR Color Guard presented the COLORS at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, FL during an Independence Day celebration. A large international crowd assembled to watch the event. The Color Guard spent the next several hours posing for photographs.

We are currently in the process of awarding ROTC/ROTC decorations to deserving cadets. Often, these awards are presented in Colonial uniform which is very much appreciated by the recipients and their chain of command.

The Miami SAR Chapter met at Stone Hart Gun Range for practice with their personal firearms.

Veteran's Support:

Chapter President Wolff and his spouse Delores (DAR) presented a 60" Smart TV to Pathways which is an outreach program of the VA Hospital in Miami, Florida. A bronze plaque is being prepared to be affixed next to the wall mounted TV, indicating that the gift was donated in respect of the SAR.

The Ladies Auxiliary plan on supplying hostesses to assist in greeting military travelers at the Military Hospitality Lounge at the Miami International Airport for a couple of hours several times a week.

Civic, Youth & CAR Activities:

The Bay Harbor Florida Police Department contacted Chapter President Wolff to request that he speak at their 9/11 Memorial event. If you recall Wolff represented the Miami SAR Chapter at the Mercedes-Benz fund raiser in Coral Gables last month. This opportunity became available due to people he met at the event while in uniform. As can be seen, one thing can lead to another and all opportunities of this type allow for us to make a public impression on the community to get our mission and goals across to the general public.

Miami SAR Chapter Recognition/Awards:

The Miami SAR Chapter will recognize several mayors, police chiefs, fire chiefs and EMT responders with awards and certificates at their October 19, 2018 luncheon at El Novillo Restaurant in Miami, FL. Contact 305-301-7474 for further details.

The FLSSAR recognized the Miami SAR Chapter on Saturday evening during the Annual Meeting. We received the Florida Chapter Challenge Certificate for the year 2018. We were awarded Second Place for the White Flight which is a designation for groups of our size.

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

Chapter Membership:

Palm Beach Chapter continues its proactive new member-recruiting program including working with DAR-CAR chapters, Genealogical organizations outreach, educational institutions, civic events and various Veterans' organizations.. Membership continues to grow with an additional 19 applicants approved at Nationals. The Chapter has an additional 20 applications and prospects actively in process for 2018.

The Chapter delivered a special SAR Memorial Service in honor of Veteran Joseph K. Leinbach during its May 2018 meeting, with the family present.

Chapter Activities & Events:

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

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, The Last Naval Battle ceremony, county & state DAR meetings, and events, and Genealogical Society membership recruiting events. Former President Donald Lanman along with Gary Green and Benjamin F. Tidwell attend as many of the DAR Chapter meetings as time permits, encouraging the DAR Daughters to submit husbands and children/grandchildren as perspective candidates for SAR membership.

We are continuing to promote the President General's membership development program, the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion, Chapter's "Widow's Brigade" for surviving windows of deceased Compatriots and DAR outreach.

Don Lanman brought greetings from the State and Local chapter to the Garcilaso de la Vega chapter DAR, at their 60th Anniversary Constitutional Luncheon.

Don attended the 2018 Fall DAR Conference in Orlando recruiting SAR members from the conference attendees. 10 new member prospects were identified.

During the April Chapter meeting 4 Police officers were awarded medals for their service to the community. During the May Chapter meeting 4 Firefighters were honored for their service, with Fire Safety Medals, to the community.

Veterans Programs & Support:

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

On 27 May 2018, 10 Compatriots from our chapter attended the Flags for Fallen Vets program at the Veterans Cemetery in Palm Beach placing over 200 plus flags on Veterans graves.

On the 28th of May, 6 compatriots attended and participated in a wreath laying ceremony for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Program.

On June the 10th 4 Compatriots from our chapter attended the DAR Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Former President Don Lanman has been extremely busy working with various Veterans Organizations. During July Don attended the 119th VFW Convention screening Vets for Aortic aneurysms, held in Kansas City. This is his second year for VFW screening in which over 1,600 Veterans were screened, 27 aneurysms detected thus potentially saving lives.

Civic, Youth & CAR Activities:

Chapter presented 11 JROTC medals and 1 Good Citizenship medal to deserving cadets. Chapter is actively working with two CAR chapters on both civic and local VA Hospital patient support.

Chapter Recognition & Awards:

Raymond Wess, former Chapter and State president was presented with the State Patriot Medal.

Southwest Regional Vice President

Steven R Fields

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The Southwest Region of the Florida Society, consisting of the Caloosa, Charlotte, Highlands, Naples, and Saramana Chapters is in the process of planning and organizing its 5th annual meeting. Date, time and location forthcoming.

SW Regional Vice President Steve Fields attended Flag Day and Constitution Week events held by the Manasota Regents Council of the DAR. He will also represent the Florida society at the DAR Medal of Honor presentation and banquet for The Honorable Lee E. Haworth on October 25th. The event is sponsored by the Sara De Soto DAR Chapter and the color guard of the Saramana Chapter SAR will be on duty for the event.

Caloosa Chapter

Robert McGuire – President

The Caloosa Chapter had its Summer Hiatus from June through September. However, that did not mean that we were inactive during this period. While there were no ExCom or Membership meetings, still there were many activities that took place.

June - On June 9th Compatriots McGuire and Matson attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Compatriot Daniel Wood, a Junior Member of the Caloosa Chapter. On June 14th (Flag Day) McGuire and Matson presented Flag Certificates to two residents of Lee Matson's community: the Van Duzer's and the Smither's.

July - Caloosa Chapter members attending the 128th NSSAR Congress in Houston TX included Compatriots Bob McGuire and Dwight Elam. The Texas Society did a great job as host of this event, and would receive my vote as permanent hosts of Congress if I were asked. Among the many activities that week were the election and installation of General Officers, including our new President General – Compatriot Warren M. Alter of Arizona.

September - On September 8th the Caloosa Chapter participated in the Parade of Heroes in Cape Coral with a float consisting of an antique Jeep owned by Compatriot Lewis Elliott and a trailer provided by Compatriot Mike Buff. Joining the Caloosa Chapter were several members of the Lawrence Kearny DAR Chapter in Cape Coral. On September 15th the Light Horse Harry Lee Color Guard provided a unit for posting Colors at the DAR Great Southwest Regent's Council Constitution Luncheon hosted by the Caloosahatchee DAR Chapter in Ft. Myers. On September 22nd and 23rd members of the Caloosa Chapter participated with other FLSSAR compatriots in staffing an information and recruiting table at the DAR Fall Forum in Orlando. On September 27th to 29th members of the Caloosa Chapter attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville KY. Representation included 5 regular members (Jim Stone, Dwight Elam, Randy Moody, Bob McGuire, and Ron Peck) and 2 dual members (Ed Rigel Sr. and Ed Rigel Jr.) of the Caloosa Chapter.

Charlotte Chapter Report

Hampton Allen, President

During the May meeting of the Charlotte Chapter presented three Community Service Awards to our First Responders.

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented to Deputy First Class Joella Moore of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department who had previously been named the "Deputy of the Year" by Sheriff Prummell.

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to Battalion Chief Larry LIPPEL and the Emergency Services Commendation Medal was awarded to Battalion Chief John Louke of the Charlotte County Fire Department for their outstanding support and management of their respective departments within the Fire Department.

Both County Sheriff Bill Prummell and Chief Deputy Thomas Rodgers attend this meeting.

During the summer break several compatriots along with our Chapter President conducted a thorough review of the Chapter By-laws and recommended several changes that needed to be made to them. A draft version of the revised By-Laws was sent out to the Chapter via email for their review and comments.

The Chapter resumed its normal meeting schedule on the 14th of September where the Chapter presented the SAR Life Saving Medal to Charlotte County Sheriff's Deputy Jousha Muse for his heroic actions in saving the life of a member of the Port Charlotte community. Sheriff Bill Prummell also attended this meeting. On the 15th of September Chapter President Hampton Allen and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jim Schmidt attend the Constitution Week Luncheon presented by the Southwest Florida Regent's Council in Fort Myers. On the 16th of September Chapter President Hampton Allen and Chapter Vice President Ren Cushing presented the SAR Eagle Certificate to Eagle Scout Alexander Jason Macdonald at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor which was held at Pilgrim Church of Christ in Port Charlotte.

Naples Chapter James Madison McGarity III, President

We completed the 3rd quarter of the year at the Naples Chapter coming out of a quiet summer hiatus. Our May 10th meeting featured DAR Big Cypress Chapter Vice Regent, Judy Goby Oxby, who presented on the photographic portrayal of surviving members of our Revolution that were caught by photograph later in their lives. This was an exceptionally interesting portrayal of some of the earliest pictures made in America using the newly developed medium of photography. Our membership attended all seven high school awards ceremonies to recognize both JROTC accomplishments and present Book Awards prior to summer recess. Several of our members attended the Spring FLSSAR BOM in Orlando 18 - 20 May, 2018. June was a quiet month locally as many compatriots scattered toward cooler and less humid climes. In July we participated in two Independence Day events. On the first of July, Compatriot John McCullough participated in the Everglades City Independence Day celebration at their Court House and then displayed our Colors aboard a float in their City Parade. July 4th was a much larger celebration at the Naples City parade where we preceded our Sisters of the Big Cypress Chapter of the DAR in the parade with our two decorated vehicles carrying our Chapter colors and National Emblem driven by Compatriot Jim and Nathan McGarity. Compatriots Len Crame, John McCullough rode, while Compatriot Jim Meerpohl along with the Compatriot Hoerle Brothers, who marched the entire route of the parade. Compatriot Mike Lyster initially joined us but embarked from the assembly area aboard the newly commissioned USN Veteran's Submarine Float. We did have members also attend the Annual Congress in July, 2018. September started out rough for all our members as we were still scattered to the four winds. We managed to assemble a slim quorum of our Chapter leaders at Texas Tony's on the 27th of September to plan the program and agenda for our October 11, 2018 Chapter meeting, featuring Guest Speaker, Rick, regarding 18th Century uniforms, colonial dress and side arms weaponry. A detailed report of that energetic meeting will be transmitted next Quarter.

Saramana Chapter Report Steven Fields, President

The May luncheon for the Saramana Chapter SAR included a guest speaking appearance by Florida SAR Chaplain Dwight Elam. The chapter also took occasion to recognize Cadet Lt. Wendy Zhang with a Bronze Good Citizenship medal for her outstanding leadership, scholastic achievements, and community service. This was in addition to the certificate and check for \$500 for coming in second place in the Florida SAR Enhanced JROTC competition. The meeting was capped off with the induction of Compatriot Ryan Schell. He was accompanied by his mother and father. Nineteen attended with 1 prospect and 4 guests. 249 5th graders were presented with Good Citizenship Awards in May. Also, 13 cadets from 12 schools received Bronze Good Citizenship Medals. Compatriots Rick Garsnett and Bill Segraves received Certificates of patriotism in recognition of their military service. Unfortunately, due to the hurricane, the City of Sarasota cancelled its Memorial Day Parade. Saramana President Steve Fields still attended the informal ceremony held by local veterans groups. Four Saramana compatriots took part in the color guard for the DAR Regents Council Flag Day Luncheon. A 3-man color guard and 2 members attended the dedication of a new Rotary Club. Compatriots attending church services Sunday July 1st, led congregations in the pledge of allegiance in honor of Independence Day. For Constitution Week, the Saramana color guard and other members took part in the DAR Regents council luncheon. Saramana has already had its first Board of Governors meeting and will have its first luncheon of the fall on Saturday, October 27th. The chapter has 10 applications and 3 supplementals are in process, 4 applications and 4 supplementals are at national, 11 applications and 2 supplementals are approved and awaiting presentation at our next luncheon.

Saramana compatriot and retired navy veteran George Case passed on August 22nd – just 2 months after his 50th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife loving wife Barbara. George was a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Florida Veterans Battalion and the National SAR Vietnam Veterans Corps.

Highlands Chapter

Michael Edward Flood, President

No report submitted x

Secretary

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At present all duties are up to date, the rosters and annual report information has been sent to all Chapters, we are up to date on the new member leads, reinstatements, transfers in and out are current, and we are near 2420 members. Hopefully we will do better with still 3 months to go until December 31.

Attached is a table with the current member status by Chapter, it is interesting to see, what Chapter is doing well, and those that are not, but the main thing is we are in dues collection time, and we should make sure we contact every member especially the ones that are hard to contact, there is plenty of time this year so we should try and get collections done early so they are not running into Christmas.

| ID | Chapter | Current mem | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|----|-----------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Aaron Snowden | 27 | 22 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 19 | 22 | 15 | 12 | 19 |
| 2 | Brevard | 117 | 98 | 106 | 105 | 103 | 95 | 103 | 96 | 100 | 78 |
| 3 | Caloosa | 103 | 87 | 72 | 81 | 75 | 69 | 76 | 61 | 57 | 54 |
| 4 | Central Florida | 107 | 96 | 85 | 87 | 94 | 86 | 79 | 72 | 68 | 70 |
| 5 | Charlotte | 20 | 20 | 16 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 17 | 17 | 20 |
| 6 | Clearwater | 146 | 138 | 133 | 139 | 130 | 125 | 123 | 114 | 105 | 106 |
| 7 | Daytona-Ormond | 42 | 46 | 49 | 55 | 64 | 62 | 57 | 53 | 57 | 61 |
| 8 | Deland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 21 | 31 |
| 9 | Devane | 23 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 18 |
| 10 | Emerald Coast | 36 | 34 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 22 |
| 11 | Flagler | 44 | 38 | 35 | 36 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 22 |
| 12 | Fort Lauderdale | 43 | 48 | 49 | 66 | 58 | 56 | 51 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| 13 | Gainesville | 74 | 79 | 78 | 83 | 75 | 73 | 63 | 58 | 52 | 63 |
| 14 | Highlands | 36 | 34 | 29 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Jacksonville | 183 | 160 | 128 | 136 | 133 | 121 | 116 | 110 | 112 | 123 |
| 16 | Lake City | 19 | 14 | 15 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 29 | 36 | 24 | 0 |
| 17 | Lakeland | 70 | 66 | 51 | 51 | 45 | 56 | 55 | 46 | 28 | 49 |
| 18 | Lake-Sumter | 96 | 71 | 88 | 59 | 76 | 74 | 75 | 61 | 54 | 57 |
| 19 | Miami | 90 | 74 | 72 | 73 | 80 | 72 | 66 | 70 | 64 | 68 |
| 20 | Naples | 147 | 98 | 99 | 97 | 91 | 75 | 63 | 56 | 56 | 57 |
| 21 | Ocala | 20 | 19 | 16 | 28 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 41 | 50 | 42 |
| 22 | Palm Beach | 184 | 166 | 153 | 155 | 155 | 133 | 113 | 88 | 105 | 101 |
| 23 | Panama City | 21 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 26 |
| 24 | Pensacola | 49 | 36 | 33 | 39 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 49 | 51 |
| 25 | St. Augustine | 61 | 63 | 61 | 62 | 51 | 47 | 37 | 33 | 31 | 27 |
| 26 | St. Lucie River | 109 | 74 | 69 | 84 | 65 | 45 | 47 | 44 | 55 | 53 |
| 27 | St. Petersburg | 53 | 48 | 50 | 49 | 41 | 33 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 38 |
| 28 | Saramana | 165 | 156 | 129 | 145 | 154 | 135 | 137 | 147 | 135 | 121 |
| 29 | South Shore | 35 | 30 | 34 | 34 | 30 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | Tallahassee | 34 | 32 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 21 | 22 | 27 | 26 | 26 |
| 31 | Tampa | 670 | 68 | 67 | 79 | 71 | 58 | 57 | 48 | 40 | 33 |
| 32 | Treasure Coast | 0 | 14 | 19 | 34 | 29 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 42 | 45 |
| 33 | William Dunaway | 29 | 27 | 23 | 26 | 24 | 28 | 29 | 29 | 27 | 22 |
| 34 | Withlacoochee | 78 | 59 | 52 | 51 | 45 | 48 | 45 | 37 | 47 | 44 |
| 35 | The Villages | 93 | 73 | 37 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Treasurer

W. Richard Young

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

Since the Winter BOM, your Treasurer has:

Filed the required IRS 1099 Forms for the three FLSSAR Officers receiving a stipend and to the Youth Contest Award winners who received at least \$600 from FLSSAR during 2017.

- Attended the Winter Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting in Louisville on March 2-3. I took the opportunity to sit in on the Insurance & Risk Management Committee meeting. More on insurance below.
- Participated in the Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville on April 7, in Colonial Militia attire.
- Participated in the Welcome Home for Honor Flight of West Central Florida Mission #33 at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport on April 24, in Colonial Militia attire.
- Represented the Tampa Chapter in presenting JROTC Medals and Certificates at two high schools.

Liability Insurance

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

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

Authorized Check Signers

At the Spring BOM it was decided that the Treasurer should approach Wells Fargo about deleting all the currently authorized checks signers on the Florida SAR checking and money market accounts, except for those that are current members of the Finance Committee. I visited a branch in Spring Hill and worked with a surprisingly helpful customer service representative who removed all authorized check signers except for the current Treasurer, Hall Riediger and Kevin Yarnell, all members of the Finance Committee.

IRS Form 990

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

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

If you have questions or need help, search for "Form 990" at www.irs.gov or contact me.

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

Registrar

Ray Lantz

FLSSAR Application Stats 09 May 2018 – 03 Oct 2018

| | Application Type | | | | Totals |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | Regular | Supplemental | CAR Transfer | Junior | |
| Submitted To NSSAR | 115 | 32 | 1 | 21 | 171 |
| Approved* By NSSAR | 110 | 40 | 0 | 12 | 163 |
| Pended* By NSSAR | 11 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| Pended By FSSAR | 25 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date | | 2017 = 68 and 2018 = 41 | | | |

* 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:

- NSSAR GG and Staff doesn't understand the DNA test results submitted with the application.
- Unofficial transcript(s) of will(s) submitted instead of required legible copies of court recorded or original will.
- Proof documents are too poor quality to be fully legible.
- Proof documents are not copies of the entire page. Page snippets cannot be used alone there must also be a legible full page copy of the page the snippet was taken from.
- Proof document title page and copyright page not submitted for one or more documents.
- No proof submitted for one or more generations to connect lineage from one generation to the next.
- Incorrect check amount required for NSSAR and/or FLSSAR fees and dues.
- Lineage names do not match the submitted proof documents such as middle name or initial missing or given names shorted such as "Frank" instead of "Franklin."
- Word(s) miss spelled in all areas of application.
- Application form used is not the current authorized form.
- Lineage section locations do not conform to required format which is "City/County/State" such as commas used instead of "/" or "/" not used even if city and/or county not known.
- Lineage section dates not properly formatted full known date should be 2 digit numeric day (i.e. 02), 3 character month (i.e. Sep) and 4 digit year (i.e. 2001). (i.e. 02 Sep 2001)
- Proof document missing, listed on application but not sent with the application.
- Unproven/unaccepted information used on application from a previous SAR, DAR and/or CAR application record copy.
- Service reference section left blank on application form.
- Chapter Name and State section left blank on application form.
- Lineage not correct for one or more generations.
- One or more required application signatures are missing on the application.

Recommended Application Submission Improvement Areas:

- The SAR embraces and has approved four membership application forms: MS/Word version; PDF version; SARApAid by Cox Software; and My Applications, the online application system. Links to the current updated version of each of these four forms is available from the SAR website by clicking on <https://sar.org/application>. Revised versions of the four forms have been acceptable since they were first approved by the Trustees in March 2017 but outdated versions of these forms, in particular the MS Word, the PDF, and the SARApAid forms, continue to be received at Headquarters. Now, the Trustees have set an effective date after which outdated versions of the forms cannot be used. At the 2018 NSSAR Fall

Leadership Meeting, the Trustees approved October 31, 2018, as the effective date for use of only the current versions of these application forms. The new application forms have several important changes: removal of the spaces for listing of the applicant's children, a revision to the applicant's signed certification, and addition of a space for signature of the Genealogist General. The current version date for each form type is:

- MS Word version: “adopted Feb 2017 SAR Application Form 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
- PDF version: “Rev. Mar 2017” found on the bottom of the application form.
- SARApAid by Cox Software: “Appaid Ver. 5.03... Feb 21 2018” found on the bottom of the application form.
- My Applications (the online application system): This format does not have a revision date but any application printed after May 7, 2018 will automatically contain the required changes.

Only application forms with these, or more recent revision dates, will be accepted as of October 31, 2018. While leeway is certainly due those whose applications were in process at the time we reach the deadline, we need for this deadline to be respected and we request those who assist with application process – sponsors, genealogists, registrars, secretaries, and others – to assist our applicants in using the right application form and in avoiding the disappointment of having their form returned because of use of the wrong form. Bob Fish, Chairman NSSAR Genealogy Committee Jim Faulkinbury, Genealogist General

- There has been sufficient previous notification by GG and others which have been forwarded to all FLSSAR Chapter Registrars regarding the change in NSSAR policy regarding unproven information contained on submitted applications. Unproven information can no longer be submitted on applications. Likewise any applicable information contained on document submitted with an application must be annotated on the application in the appropriate places when applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a pended application.
- NSSAR is identifying and will reject photocopied applications being received on SAR archival paper. A printer does a better job of injecting ink into paper if the copy prints from a computer command. If you take a printed application and simply photocopy it onto SAR watermarked paper it is insufficient for NSSAR requirements.
- Enclose 1 application copy on SAR watermarked archive paper and 1 application on plain paper for all applications submitted.
- Ensure all required signatures and dates are present as required for type of applications being submitted.
- Do not submit NSDAR web site printouts from the “Descendants Database Search” or NSDAR “Patriot Index” information. This information is not acceptable for either lineage or service and NSSAR does not want this unacceptable information included with any application.
- Ensure ALL applicable information contained on all submitted proof documents is recorded in the applicable sections of the application. Do not list references that are not being submitted and list all documents that have been submitted.
- Ensure all known spouse information is included when known for each generation even when the spouse is not in direct lineal descent. This will prevent applications from being pended when two person of the same name are living in a given area and this information would assist in identification of the correct person used on the application.
- Only one set of proof documents are required to be submitted with each application. This also applies when submitting more than one application under the family plan criteria. One set of proofs only for the common documents used by all the applications in the group. This does not apply to multiple supplemental applications submitted at the same time. Supplemental applications are always considered separately and require complete sets of documentation.
- Use a red pencil to underline applicable data on all proof documents and DO NOT USE any type of highlighter.
- Copy of entire legible original census page must be submitted when using a census as a proof document. Ancestry.com census transcription pages cannot be used in lieu of the original census page, but may be used in addition to the original page.
- Never use nick names on an application unless there is a required proof document has been submitted that validates the nickname.

Notes of Interest:

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

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

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No Report

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Nothing to report at this time

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No Report

Genealogist

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During the summer I attended meetings of local genealogical societies, a workshop on DNA in Georgia, exchanged data with Ancestry DNA "cousins", read a lot of articles, etc. DNA seems to be the most common topic. As I have reported in the past, DNA can be a useful tool but is not sufficient for proof for SAR, DAR and other heritage organizations. It may become more useful as more people submit their samples and data bases. It is encouraging to see people become interested in family research but, too often, people look for easy answers and often, to the frustration of our registrars, do not follow through with necessary research.

One area of concern for the future is that schools do not place handwriting as a priority. Future researchers may have to hire people to read the old records.

Another area of concern is the scheduling of the publication of the 1950 census. Details about the 2020 census are also making the news.

Sergeant at Arms

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No Report

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Nothing to report

Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

Jeff Sizemore

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Starting in 2019, there are two ways to receive SAR-Florida magazine called The Florida Patriot. Please consider which option you and your chapter membership wants for the coming year. For a printed issue that will be mailed out four (4) times a year, there will be a subscription cost of \$12.00 per year that will need to be paid to SAR – Florida at the time that the membership dues are paid. Note that part of the printed issue will be in black and white.

The other option is the digital issue that will be uploaded onto the SAR-Florida Website and an email notice will be sent out. The digital issue will be in color throughout. There will not be any additional cost for this option.

The deadline for submitting articles, reports, and announcements for consideration into the upcoming issues of the magazine are as follows:

Winter 2019 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = November 25, 2018

Spring 2019 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = February 28, 2019

Summer 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = June 1, 2019

Fall 2018 Magazine Submittal Cutoff = August 3, 2019

Please send in pictures that are focused and are of high-resolution. The quality of such pictures has a bearing on how they will look in the magazine. All articles need to also be sent in MS Word format. The email addresses that can be used to submit your material for the magazine are as follows:

swampfoxsar@gmail.com or swampfoxeditor@cfl.rr.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

On another note, the FLSSAR is looking at complying articles and pictures to be included in the NSSAR magazine. If you would like us to promote your event in this submittal, please forward it to my attention. Note that your submittal should be in a MS Word format file. Pictures are to be sent as jpeg files.

Webmaster

Scott Bushnell

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Nothing to report

Statutory Committee Reports

Audit

J Michael Tomme Sr

No Report

Executive

Report given during Meeting.

Finance

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See Appendix for details..

Medals and Awards

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The Medals and Awards Committee approved the Tampa Chapter's request to award the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Commendation to a Tampa compatriot in June 2018.

Several questions concerning the priority rank and qualifications of awarding some specific NSSAR Medals and Awards have been received by the committee. Compatriots are again reminded to consult the SAR Handbook, Vol. V: Individual Medals and Awards (effective March 3, 2018), which is the authoritative source for information pertaining to specific NSSAR Awards. The SAR Handbook can be viewed by logging-in to www.sar.org and accessing the "Members," drop-down menu and clicking on "Members Tools," and then the "SAR Handbook," option. The handbooks are updated periodically, and one should verify that the latest version is being sourced. Approval by the FLSSAR Medals and Awards Committee is required prior to a Chapter awarding the Daughters of Liberty Medal and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal. The Molly Pitcher Medal can not be awarded by a Chapter.

Nominating

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No Report

Patriot Medal

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Patriot Medal Nominations will end January 31, 2019.
Please forward all nominations to me by the above date.

NSSAR Affairs

Advancing America's Heritage Committee

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The Center for Advancing America's Heritage is the Society's National Headquarters located at 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40203, and houses the SAR Genealogical Research Library, the future Museum and SAR Education Center, SAR administrative offices and the SAR Merchandise Department. Some of the earlier donation campaigns such as the Lamplighter donation initiative have closed. Other donation programs remain open such as the Endowment fund and support of specific youth programs. New opportunities for contributing to the proposed new Museum and the SAR Education Center are available. Details of specific donation programs may be found at the SAR Foundations new website: www.sarfoundation.org. This new site (which may also be accessed by the "Foundation," tab at www.sar.org) is easily navigable and "user friendly." New funding has been obtained and the Trustees at the Fall NSSAR Leadership Meetings approved the initiation and implementation of "Phase 2, Step 2," of the Solid Light Design & Fixture Development plan.

If your chapter has not yet participated in promoting the "SAR," lapel pin, it is still available to Chapters for a \$10 donation per pin to the SAR Foundation. Bulk orders for 20 "SAR," lapel pins are available for donations of \$200. For more information, contact AAH Committee member, H. Hall Riediger at allriedi42@bellsouth.net

NSSAR Library

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Compatriots are reminded that the digitalized collection of the SAR National Magazine Collection 1889 - 2017 will be accessible from any internet device reportedly with a **Completion September 2018 (however, it was not available when this report was submitted)**. This collection will be an invaluable resource for anyone who is interested in researching the history of our society.

The National Library & Archives Committee is seeking the acquisition of previous SAR Congress and Membership Medals for the establishment of an archival collection of SAR Congress and Membership Insignia Medals.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) continue to solicit new members and encourage all FOL to renew their membership. Monies from FOL memberships, funds books, research services and equipment that are not part of the annual NSSAR Library budget. Enrollment forms may be obtained at the following link: **FOL-2015-12-16.pdf** or login in to SAR.org and access the Library on the SAR homepage menu.

FLSSAR Affairs

Archives

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Nothing to report at this time.

Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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Data is being entered into the Americanism Contest report sheet as it becomes available.

Documents

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The following proposed Bylaw and/or Charter changes have been received for review by the committee and will be reported at the Winter BOM as required by the FLSSAR Bylaws. Any additional proposed Bylaw changes should be delivered to the Documents Committee.

I. Revision to Charter of the Historic Sites Committee

Background:

By action of the BOM at the May 19, 2018 meeting, the functions of the FLSSAR Liberty Tree Committee were merged into the functions of the Historic Sites Committee and the Liberty Tree Committee was eliminated. Accordingly, it became necessary to develop a new charter for the successor committee to reflect its expanded scope.

Action Requested:

That the Documents Committee review the proposed new charter for the "Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee" and recommend its approval by the Regular Meeting of the Board of Management scheduled for October 13, 2018.

II. Proposal to make Liberty Tree dedications a "National Event"

The Committee has submitted a proposal to make Liberty Tree dedications a "National Event". I hope I have your support on this initiative, as the Florida Society has been a leader in this celebration for the past two decades. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this proposal which will be considered at the Fall Leadership meeting in late September. We have scheduled a workshop on this and other related matters at our BOM meeting in October.

III. FLSSAR Thomas Creek Committee Charter Revision

The Committee has prepared revisions to the Thomas Creek Battle Charter.

Any approv

Ethics Committee

Chairman: Steve Williams sarwilliamssa@gmail.com

Nothing to report at this time

Genealogy

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Good news and bad news. As the world becomes more computerized, it becomes easier to search data on-line. But libraries, and government agencies entrusted with record keeping, more and more are disposing original paper records and reference books. Can digital records be trusted? Websites can become useless if not maintained. Our national society's website needs much improvement! It's not fun to complain, but we can do better!

Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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We are currently in the final year of our two year commitment with the Embassy Suites Orlando– Lake Buena Vista South Hotel.

The Winter BOM will be held as a One-Day Meeting on Saturday, 2 February 2019, with the Rumbaugh Orations contest conducted during the morning hours, and the FLSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting taking place after the BOM event Luncheon. Special room rates will be available before and after the BOM dates, for those who may wish to take advantage of all the winter attractions in the Orlando area.

Our Spring 2019 BOM and Annual Meeting will be held beginning Friday, 10 March 2019, and departing Sunday morning at 11:00 am. There will be seminars and Committee Meetings on Friday, with the President's Awards Dinner on Friday evening. The Annual Youth Awards Luncheon will take place on Saturday at Noon, and the 2019-2020 Officer Installation Reception and Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, with SAR President General Warren Alter conducting the Officer Installation ceremonies. Both the Spring 2019 BOM and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday.

All hotel guests will be welcomed to a complimentary all-you-can-eat hot breakfast with omelet station every morning, and a complimentary cocktail reception every evening. In addition, the Florida Society SAR will be hosting a Hospitality Suite throughout the weekend, with complimentary snacks and beverage service.

We are already negotiating for our next contract with the Embassy Suites Hotel, after having investigated several hotel facilities in the Orlando and surrounding areas. Proposed 2020-2021 meeting dates and any other particulars will be presented at the BOM.

The schedules for BOM meetings can be found on the flssar.org website using the BOM Meetings button. BOM Registration Forms and Meeting Schedules can be found online at this same site.

Please note that our contracts with the venue have deadlines for room reservations and for meal reservations. Our block of rooms is priced significantly lower than the retail quoted rates, and the deadlines for these advance reservations at the lower rates is controlled by the hotel, and not by the Florida SAR. The costs of the Meeting Rooms and audio-visual support are covered by a Registration Fee, which also includes the cost of producing and distributing this Proceedings Book and all distribution materials.

Please NOTE that you can cancel your room reservations and meal reservation up to 48 hours before the beginning day of the BOM.

Membership Promotion and Retention

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No Report

New Chapter Development

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No Report

Newsletters and Periodicals

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At this time, a new chapter is forming in the Okeechobee, Florida area. The charter ceremony has been set for October 20, 2018.

Strategic Planning

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The SPC has completed and forwarded to President Pat Nieman the FLSSAR FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE . This will be presented to the Executive Committee for review and approval before being presented to the BOM for approval and implementation.

Currently the committee is working on the Regional Vice President duties and responsibilities that will be presented to the EXCOM at the winter meeting

Technology Advisory Committee

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Nothing to report

Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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

Congratulations are in order to Dick Young, Bob McGuire and to Chuck Farmer for completing the requirement for the Silver Color Guard Medal these will be presented at the Saturday Night Banquet.

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

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

15 Sept, 2018 DAR Constitution We Luncheon. Presentation of the colors by guardsmen Scott Breckenridge, Chuck Farmer, Lee Popham, David Ramseur and Bill Ziegenfus.

21 Sept. 2018 Chapter Meeting San Jose Country Club, 58 present. A color guard of 8 guardsmen presented the colors.

22 Sept. 2018 Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial. Guardsmen Darrell Goss, David Ramseur and John Roberson participated.

2. Francis Marion Camp #2, Ocala Chapter

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3. Cape Canaveral #3 Barry Eller

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4. Samuel Adams Camp #4, Clearwater Chapter

The Clearwater Color Guard was inactive during the summer months. Several members are out of the state during this period. However, I was in Quebec, Canada during one of their holidays(Celtic Festival)saw and talked to a unit dressed in colonial era uniforms, who marched and fired flintlock rifles. There were also some Scottish kilts who played the bagpipes and danced around crossed swords on the ground and danced other Celtic dances. When the uniformed flintlock rifle unit presented arms and fired their weapons, two of the rifles misfired. It was very interesting to see the formal procedure or ceremony when the Guard Commander had the two guns refired. It was good training if our chapter ever decides to get/use firing flintlocks. .

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

May 28, 2018 The Chapter presented the colors at Stuart Veteran’s Park and Port St. Lucie’s Veteran’s Park
July 4, 2018 Compatriots presented the Colors at the St. Lucie Mets baseball game for the 4th of July

6. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6, Gainesville

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7. Nathan Hale Camp #7, Pensacola Chapter

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

Rotary Club Dedication (01 Jun 2018)- Steve Fields, Preston Adams, Craig Paige
Memorial Day Parade – Sarasota (event cancelled for weather)

DAR Flag Day Luncheon (09 Jun 2018) - Steve Fields, Preston Adams, Craig Paige, Doug Erb
July 4th (01 Jul 2018) - Steve Fields

DAR Constitution Week Luncheon (15 Sep 2018)- Steve Fields, Preston Adams, Craig Paige, Doug Erb

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

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

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

Compatriot Charlie Day participated in the Battle of Groton Heights for the second year in a row, he has sent a streamer and star for the Florida Society Flag

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

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

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

Even though the Chapter suspended meetings for the summer, the Hillsborough River Camp stayed busy.

On June 5th, the Color Guard met the return flight of Mission #33 of the West Central Florida Honor Flight at the Clearwater/St. Petersburg Airport. It is always a joy to meet these World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans as the return home at the end of long day in Washington DC. Color Guardsmen present were Commander Alan Bell, John Goolsby, David Bryant and Dick Young, from Tampa, as well as David Chestnut from St. Petersburg. Also joining the Color Guard was Tampa Compatriot Bill Swain and several members of multiple chapters of the DAR.

On August 3, the Color Guard presented the colors at the opening of a non-partisan candidates forum for Hillsborough County. The forum was held at Bell Shoals Baptist Church of Brandon. There were many opportunities for photographs and exposure of the SAR to this group. Members of the Color Guard present were David Bryant, John Goolsby and Dick Young from Tampa as well as David Chestnut from St. Petersburg.

On September 11, the Color Guard again met the return flight of a WCF Honor Flight (Mission #34) at the Clearwater/St. Petersburg. While it is always a joy to meet and welcome home these aging and ailing veterans from their day trip to Washington DC, it was even more meaningful to do so on 9/11.

Representing the Color Guard were Commander Alan Bell, David Bryant and Dick Young from Tampa, as well as David Chestnut and John Stewart from St. Petersburg. Joining the Color Guard was Tampa Compatriot Bill Swain and many members of several DAR chapters and other friends. Tampa Compatriot Mike Foley served as an escort for a WWII veteran on this flight.

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

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

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Lake City Chapter Outpost William Pfeil, Commander

Commander was not active over the Summer, Veteran’s Day will be our next

Liaisons

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

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After polling the various Committee members, I was pleased to learn that most of them are actively involved in their local C.A.R. Society and some have been active in the Florida Society C.A.R. As your C.A.R. Liaison, I have:

- attended the National Society Southeast Regional Meeting in Jacksonville on June 2, where I met the Florida Society C.A.R. Senior President and pledged the continuing support of the SAR. As I was unable to stay for the evening banquet, Committee Member David Ramseur represented the SAR and brought greetings from the SAR President General and the Florida SAR President. The Jacksonville Color Guard presented the National Colors at the opening of the banquet.
- attended the July 29 Florida Society C.A.R. Packet Presentation for 2018/2019 in Gainesville and was pleased to see other SAR Compatriots there supporting the C.A.R.
- submitted an article to the Summer and Fall issues of the Florida Patriot Magazine on C.A.R. activities and a brief description of the Florida and National Presidents' projects. You are referred to those issues for more information.
- been placed on the National SAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee

What Can You Do

Each SAR chapter in Florida is encouraged to contact the closest local Society of the C.A.R. You Can find them listed on their website at www.floridasocietycar.org, under the "Contact Us" tab. Invite them to your Chapter meetings, attend their local Society meetings, coordinate your local color guard events and volunteer activities with theirs, serve as Senior members and Senior officers and provide financial support to the local society as well as the State and National Projects. Encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, under the age of 22, to attend their local society meeting and consider joining the C.A.R.

The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. Members gain invaluable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences. The responsibility and privilege of selecting officers helps members gain an understanding of the democratic process.

DAR Liaison

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A "Call for Volunteers" went out to committee members and others who, in the past, have assisted in staffing information tables at DAR State Meetings. The DAR Fall Forum was held from September 21st to 23rd at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center. FLSSAR again arranged to have two tables for display and recruiting from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. These events are great opportunities for recruiting and for building good working relationships with DAR chapters throughout the state.

Many of our volunteers attend in uniform and there are always numerous requests from the ladies for photos with compatriots so attired. However, participation in "Class B" is welcome as well. Participating this time were Compatriots Bob McGuire, Hamp Allen, John Stewart, Lee Popham, Bill Elder, and Bernard Wolff – all in Continental or Militia uniform. Also, Compatriots Don Lanman and Dick Young helped out in Class "B".

Compatriots McGuire and Popham participated in the "forum" part of the program on Sunday. This event provides opportunities for DAR members from across the state to meet with FSSDAR committees to learn more about their activities.

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Jeff Sizemore swampfoxsar@gmail.com

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

It is most appreciated that all chapters consider bringing a basket to the Fall and Spring BOM meetings. If there are any questions on what needs to be in a basket, please contact Billie Brock.

Historic Sites

Commemorative Historic Sites

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The Charter of the Commemorative Historic Sites Committee includes development of the history and background of such sites and to document such sites. Annually the Florida Society holds celebrations to commemorate each of three Revolutionary War Battlefields in Florida. The Last Naval Battle celebration is held at Merritt Island in March, and the Battle of Pensacola and the Battle of Thomas Creek are held during May in Pensacola and Jacksonville respectively. The Charter, as recently amended, includes celebration of Liberty Tree Dedications.

A proposal was submitted to the Chairman of the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee to recognize Liberty Tree Dedications as National Events. The proposal was circulated to members of the committee for preliminary review, and was placed on the agenda for the Leadership Meeting in Louisville on September 28th. There were three proposals reviewed at this meeting, two were approved. I had the opportunity to discuss the proposal and answer questions from committee members before a favorable vote was taken. Henceforth, Liberty Tree Dedications will be included along with the Battle of Monmouth (NJ) bringing the total number of National Events to 29. These dedications may be scheduled by Chapters and State Societies on dates of their choosing, and participating Color Guardsmen will receive 20 points (plus mileage credit) towards the Silver Color Guard Medal qualification.

Battle of Pensacola

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No report

Battle of Thomas Creek

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See Addendum for Flyer

Last Naval Battle

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No report

Youth Programs

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No report

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No report

History Fairs

Robert Cundiff drbcundiff@gmail.com

No report

George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest

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We are working already on this year's contest. Several flyers have been sent out, inquiries have been answered, and meetings with scholastics held with more scheduled. Deadlines have not changed. It is again year end for essays to Chapters, and January 31 for Chapter winners to state.

Please do conduct a Chapter contest. Let's beat last year's participation rate of 32 essays from 13 Chapters. Promotional and administrative materials and suggestions to help your Chapter contest are available for the asking.

Good Citizenship

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No report

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

John Goolsby goolsbychiropractic@yahoo.com

No report

JROTC

James L. Gibson jldvgibson@msn.com

School has just resumed in the state and the cadets are returning to class. There is nothing new to report at this time

Community Outreach

American History Teacher Award

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No report

Habitat for Humanity

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No report

Operation Ancestor Search

A. Parks Honeywell parkshoneywell@gmail.com

No report

Patriotic Activities

Steven R Fields

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No report

Public Service and Heroism

James Yost Gaskins

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The Florida Society was the highest submitter of PS&H Award Commendation reports to NSSAR for 2017-2018 with 45 reports. We probably had another 12-15+ that were not submitted from reading the chapter newsletters...one can only suggest that chapters submit their reports as the awards are presented.

Compatriot Wayne Brown is the new NSSAR Chairman of the PS&H Committee.

The reports for all such awards should be submitted to Wayne with a copy to Jim Gaskins. Wayne

Brown: engineerscorner@gmail.com / Jim Gaskins: jgaskins0152@comcast.net

Please, see the link to the report form in the NSSAR Handbook.

<https://sar.org/public-service-heroism-awards-report-form>

Publicity /Earl Marlin

Publicity Donald K. Lanman

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No activity in this committee this period.

Veterans Affairs

James Gibson

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The U.S. Stark contest will be drawing to a close at the end of December, 2018. There is nothing else to report at this time.

Veteran's Recognition

Donald K. Lanman

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FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership as of 10/18 = 560 members:

NE=86, NW=50, NC=70, EC=64, WC=128, SE=53, SW=109

23% of FLSSAR members are registered as Veterans in the Veterans Battalion.

Committee continues to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with additional Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces.

A new VB Certificate of membership has been created and is sent to the Chapter President for presentation to each new approved VB member. The chapter or veteran compatriot is responsible for the purchase the Military Service or War Service medal and related service bars directly from SAR.org.

The committee is processing VB requests within 24 hours and sending the VB Certificate within 48 hours to Chapter Presidents.

NSSAR Veterans Corp Recognition Program. The committee is working with the NSSAR Veterans committee to develop a more efficient process to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members become approved for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition. Adjusting the application process to mirror the NSSAR application format should allow all approved FLSSAR VB members to be submitted and approved for the NSSAR Veterans Corp and related Certificate with a single form.

The application and process instructions and VB form will be added to the FLSSAR web site when completed. In the meantime the committee is sending the current NSSAR form in on behalf of approved VB compatriots to assure they receive the recognition they have earned.

Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Ron Grove

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I would like to remind everyone that Nov. 15 is the deadline to file your requests for activities from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31. To date we have received and approved 35 requests from 18 chapters – just over half our chapters. That leaves \$5,032.99 of our original allotment of \$13,883.30 to be awarded. I really want to get this money in your treasuries! I will make a presentation at 4:30 Friday on how to make a submission and what is covered. I am always available to help with requests. We are just beginning a new activity year so I encourage everyone to participate in these reimbursable functions and when you prepare your budget and plan for next year, consider this to expand your programs. I plan to make myself available at each BOM to answer any questions.

Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

Michael E. Garey

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The accountings for month-end August 31, 2018 reflect the new format since the conversion of the trust accounts from Charles Schwab to Regions Bank. The conversion occurred in the month of February and the responsibility for the investment selections has been transferred to Regions. All the assets were sold and new assets purchased. Those transactions are shown on Schedule D, as well as any Gain (Loss). Regions Bank charges a monthly fee based on Market Value which is reflected on Schedule B.

The new accounting format reflects the “Unrealized Gain (Loss) on the Summary page to better communicate the progress of the accounts at a simple glance.

The Endowment Trust Fund accounting does not indicate to whom the chapter distributions were made on Schedule C. This is a one-time issue caused by the information not being available at the time that the accountings were to be submitted for publication in the Blue Book. The check numbers were known and are reflected and the chapter information will be on the annual accounting for December 31, 2018.

This will be my last submission as my term is expiring as of December 31st and I have chosen not to run again. I thank all of the Trustees for their support and knowledge throughout the last three years.

[John Stewart] So far, 16 chapters have been approved for \$8,956.21. In accordance with the Trust document and the policies and procedures of the ETF Distribution Committee. Half of that has been distributed and the balance will be sent out in December. Applications for proper reimbursement for expenses incurred during the fiscal year ending October 31, 2018 will be accepted through November 15th.

Elsewhere in these proceedings, there should be an interim accounting. The required accounting for the full year will be presented for approval after the end of the calendar year.

Appendix Pages to follow

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018

| | INCOME/ UNITRUST | PRINCIPAL | TOTALS |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| I. Starting Balance | | | |
| Assets per Inventory or on Hand at As of January 1, 2018 | 3,233.56 | 112,500.38 | 115,733.94 |
| II. Receipts | | | |
| Schedule A: | 1,449.19 | 2.45 | 1,451.64 |
| III. Disbursements | | | |
| Schedule B: | - | (971.35) | (971.35) |
| IV. Distributions | | | |
| Schedule C: | (3,233.56) | - | (3,233.56) |
| V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments | | | |
| Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss) | 648.38 | 2,411.51 | 3,059.89 |
| VI. Unrealized Gain (Loss) | - | 214.91 | 214.91 |
| VII. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period | | | |
| Schedule E: Cash and Marketable Securities | 2,097.57 | 114,157.90 | 116,255.47 |

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018

SCHEDULE A RECEIPTS

| Date | Brief Description of Item | Income/ Unitrust | Principal |
|-----------|--|---------------------|-----------|
| 1/15/2018 | Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep | \$ 4.30 | |
| 1/30/2018 | Interest Income Charles Schwab Bank Sweep | 2.09 | |
| 1/31/2018 | Income Dividend 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF) | 30.00 | |
| 2/6/2018 | Income Dividend 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND) | 19.43 | |
| 2/7/2018 | Income Dividend 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU) | 20.97 | |
| 2/20/2018 | Income Dividend 134.454 Shares Templeton Global Bond Fund | 3.42 | |
| 2/26/2018 | Income Dividend 470.367 Shares Baird Aggregate Bond Fund | 11.14 | |
| 2/28/2018 | Income Prudential High Yield Fund 2/01/2018 - 2/28/2018 | 13.47 | |
| 2/28/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 5.62 | |
| 3/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 2.49 | |
| 3/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 0.03 | |
| 3/1/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 15.97 | |
| 3/1/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 16.65 | |
| 3/1/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 7.99 | |
| 3/15/2018 | Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund (397.401 Units) | 10.16 | |
| 3/19/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 7.47 | |
| 3/22/2018 | Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund (54.286 Shares) | 11.83 | |
| 3/22/2018 | Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (19.840 Shares) | 12.65 | |
| 3/26/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 10.58 | |
| 3/27/2018 | Driehaus Active Income Fund (526.556 Units) | 73.89 | |

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|-----------|---|--------|--------|
| 3/28/2018 | iShares International Select Dividend (175 Shares) | 52.54 | |
| 3/29/2018 | Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (205 Shares) | 124.72 | |
| 3/29/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 26.14 | |
| 3/29/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 5.92 | 384.65 |
| 4/2/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | | 2.45 |
| 4/2/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 4.45 | |
| 4/2/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 0.22 | |
| 4/2/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 30.98 | |
| 4/2/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 23.27 | |
| 4/2/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 12.70 | |
| 4/18/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 8.93 | |
| 4/26/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 12.10 | 92.65 |
| 4/30/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 7.10 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 17.30 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 0.83 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 4.74 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 22.85 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 6.65 | |
| 5/1/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 13.05 | |
| 5/1/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 29.24 | |
| 5/17/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 10.77 | |
| 5/29/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 11.48 | 124.01 |
| 5/31/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 7.40 | |
| 6/1/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 23.68 | |
| 6/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 1.09 | |
| 6/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 4.82 | |
| 6/1/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 25.19 | |
| 6/1/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 13.06 | |
| 6/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 30.35 | |
| 6/14/2018 | Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund (397.401 Units) | 14.90 | |
| 6/19/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 10.46 | |
| 6/21/2018 | Driehaus Active Income Fund (526.556 Units) | 78.40 | |
| 6/22/2018 | Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund (54.286 Shares) | 9.93 | |
| 6/22/2018 | Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (19.840 Shares) | 13.79 | |
| 6/25/2018 | iShares International Select Dividend (175 Shares) | 106.91 | |
| 6/26/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 11.23 | |
| 6/27/2018 | Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (205 Shares) | 129.19 | |
| 6/29/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 7.40 | 487.80 |
| 7/2/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 23.18 | |
| 7/2/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 25.38 | |
| 7/2/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 4.65 | |
| 7/2/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 1.45 | |
| 7/2/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 13.39 | |
| 7/2/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 31.27 | |
| 7/18/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 11.45 | |
| 7/26/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 12.45 | 123.22 |
| 7/31/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 7.10 | |
| 8/1/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 23.91 | |
| 8/1/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 24.65 | |
| 8/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 4.71 | |

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| 8/1/2018 | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 2.27 | |
| 8/1/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 13.39 | |
| 8/1/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 33.37 | |
| 8/17/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 10.72 | |
| 8/28/2018 | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 11.92 | 132.04 |
| TOTALS | | \$ 1,449.19 | \$ 2.45 |

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FUND
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SCHEDULE B DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Brief Description of Item | Income/ | |
|------------|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Unitrust | Principal |
| 2/1/2018 | To Charles Schwab - Transfer Fee | | \$ 50.00 |
| 3/6/2016 | S & J Professional Services, Inc. - Filing of 990EZ | | 270.00 |
| 4/12/2018 | Regions Bank -Market Value Fee | | 131.43 |
| 5/14/2018 | Regions Bank -Market Value Fee | | 131.30 |
| 6/12/2018 | Regions Bank -Market Value Fee | | 129.39 |
| 7/12/2018 | Regions Bank -Market Value Fee | | 128.95 |
| 8/20/2018 | Regions Bank -Market Value Fee | | 130.28 |
| | TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | \$ 971.35 |
| | THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND | | |
| | JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2018 | | |
| | | | |
| SCHEDULE C | DISTRIBUTIONS | | |
| | | Income/ | |
| | | Unitrust | Principal |
| | | | |
| 2/5/2018 | Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (2017 Income) | 3,233.56 | |
| | | | |
| | TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS | \$ 3,233.56 | |

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SCHEDULE D CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

| Date | Brief Description of Items | | | | |
|------------------|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
| PURCHASES | | COST | | | |
| 2/8/2018 | iShares International Select Dividend (110 Shares) | \$ (3,689.29) | | | |
| 2/8/2018 | Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (135 Shares) | (11,206.05) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Driehaus Active Income Fund (340.681) | (3,393.18) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (581.818 Units) | (3,194.18) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | AQR Managed Futures Strategy Fund (107.991 Units) | (990.28) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Swan Defined Risk Fund (161.681 Units) | (2,042.03) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund (256.41 Units) | (3,389.74) | | | |

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|-----------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2/7/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (230.714 Units) | (3,197.70) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund (36.232 Shares) | (2,523.56) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | (3,202.96) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (134.454 Units) | (1,612.10) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (1,317.136 Units) | (10,260.49) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (13.248 Shares) | (2,529.57) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Advisers Investment Trust Johcm International (161.290 Shares) | (3,700.00) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | Baron Emerging Markets Fund (208.469 Shares) | (3,222.93) | | | |
| 2/7/2018 | William Blair Macro Allocation Fund (82.988 Units) | (994.20) | | | |
| 2/8/2018 | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | (10,241.65) | | | |
| 2/22/2018 | Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (70 Shares) | (6,003.90) | | | |
| 2/22/2018 | iShares International Select Dividend (65 Shares) | (2,198.94) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Driehaus Active Income Fund (185.875 Units) | (1,860.61) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | AQR Managed Futures Strategy Fund (63.807 Units) | (582.56) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund (140.991 Units) | (1,866.72) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Baied Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | (4,995.30) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Prudential High Yield Fund (309.233 Units) | (1,697.69) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Swan Defined Risk Fund (88.400 Units) | (1,112.07) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Templeton Global Bond Fund (71.781 Units) | (852.04) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Baron Emerging Markets Fund (114.796 Shares) | (1,800.00) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (736.434 Units) | (5,692.63) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | William Blair Macro Allocation Fund (48.800 Units) | (584.14) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund (18.054 Shares) | (1,275.00) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (6.592 Shares) | (1,275.00) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | Advisers Investment Trust Johcm International (92.394 Shares) | (2,150.00) | | | |
| 2/21/2018 | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (123.907 Units) | (1,697.53) | | | |
| 6/28/2018 | J P Morgan Hedged Equity Fund (162.951 units) | (3,171.03) | ** | | |
| | TOTAL COST | \$ (108,205.07) | | | |
| | | | | Net Gain (Loss) | |
| SALES | | Proceeds | Carrying Value | Principal | Income/ Unitrust |
| | ASSETS LIQUIDATED AFTER TRANSFER | | | | |
| 2/8/2018 | 375 Shares PowerShares Financial Preferred Portfolio (PGF) | \$ 6,813.63 | \$ 4,216.36 | \$ 2,597.27 | |
| 2/8/2018 | 110 Shares Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (BND) | 8,813.14 | 8,502.75 | 310.39 | |
| 2/8/2018 | 90 Shares iShares Barclays Intermediate Credit Bond Fund (CIU) | 9,711.67 | 8,613.35 | 1,098.32 | |
| 2/20/2018 | 637.5350 Shares UMB Scout International Fund (UMBWX) | 14,038.52 | 16,656.60 | (2,618.08) | |
| 2/21/2018 | 2,646.6220 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund (TWEIX) | 23,237.34 | 21,592.28 | 1,645.06 | |
| 6/28/2018 | 250.081 Units Swan Defined Risk Fund | 3,181.03 | 3,154.10 | 26.93 | |
| | TOTAL GAIN (LOSS) | \$ 65,795.33 | \$ 59,581.34 | \$ 3,059.89 | |
| UNITRUST | | | | | |
| | Unitrust Adjustment | | | (648.38) | 648.38 |
| | TOTALS | \$ 64,097.80 | \$ 59,581.34 | \$ 2,411.51 | \$ 648.38 |

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SCHEDULE E

| | | Estimated Current Value | Carrying Value | Difference |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Equities | Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF (205 Shares) | 17,919.05 | 17,209.95 | 709.10 |
| | Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund (19.840 Shares) | 4,071.96 | 3,804.57 | 267.39 |
| | Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund (54.286 Shares) | 4,309.77 | 3,798.56 | 511.21 |
| | Advisers Investment Trust Johcm International (253.684 Shares) | 5,918.45 | 5,850.00 | 68.45 |
| | Baron Emerging Markets Fund (323.265 Shares) | 4,425.50 | 5,022.93 | (597.43) |
| | iShares International Select Dividend (175 Shares) | 5,708.50 | 5,888.23 | (179.73) |
| | TOTAL EQUITIES | 42,353.23 | 41,574.24 | 778.99 |
| | | | | |
| Fixed Income | Baird Aggregate Bond Fund (470.367 Units) | 4,971.78 | 4,995.30 | (23.52) |
| | Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund (2,053.570 Units) | 15,853.56 | 15,953.12 | (99.56) |
| | MFS Corporate Bond Fund (354.621 Units) | 4,794.48 | 4,895.23 | (100.75) |
| | Prudential High Yield Fund (891.051 Units) | 4,856.23 | 4,891.87 | (35.64) |
| | TCW Core Fixed Income Fund (296.022 Units) | 3,173.36 | 3,202.96 | (29.60) |
| | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund (972.616 Units) | 10,154.11 | 10,241.65 | (87.54) |
| | Templeton Global Bond Fund (206.235 Units) | 2,330.46 | 2,464.14 | (133.68) |
| | TOTAL FIXED INCOME | 46,133.98 | 46,644.27 | (510.29) |
| | | | | |
| Alternate Investments | AQR Managed Futures Strategy Fund (171.798 Units) | 1,542.75 | 1,572.84 | (30.09) |
| | Calamos Market Neutral Income Fund (397.401 Units) | 5,349.02 | 5,256.46 | 92.56 |
| | Driehaus Active Income Fund (526.556 Units) | 5,128.66 | 5,253.79 | (125.13) |
| | J P Morgan Hedged Equity Fund (162.951 units) | 3,276.94 | 3,171.03 | 105.91 |
| | William Blair Macro Allocation Fund (131.788 Units) | 1,481.30 | 1,578.34 | (97.04) |
| | | 16,778.67 | 16,832.46 | (53.79) |
| Cash | Regions Cash Available | - | - | |
| | Fidelity Investments Money Market Funds | 3,840.58 | 3,840.58 | |
| | Wells Fargo Bank Checking | 7,149.01 | 7,149.01 | |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL CASH | 10,989.59 | 10,989.59 | |
| | TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND | 116,255.47 | 116,040.56 | 214.91 |

242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek Saturday 10:00 AM, March 30, 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 242nd anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Road to 2145 Arnold Road, Jacksonville, FL (3 miles North of the airport). The bad weather location event will take place at Sheltair, 14600 Whirlwind Ave.



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 29th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR for a discounted rate of \$109 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott points. A block of rooms will be reserved up to March 15th. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. Our speaker will again be Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and we will also have the Patriotic Choral Group “Let Freedom Sing” in addition to various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. To assure your organization’s recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2019 to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; Davidramseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter(s) Name: _____

Title (if applicable) _____

Will bring flag? Yes _____ No _____ Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members expected to attend from your group: _____ In Uniform _____