

Spring Board of Management  
& Annual Meeting  
**Proceedings**

Orlando, Florida

October 4-5, 2019





## **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

**Education Center & Museum**  
**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

Florida Society Board of Management Meeting Minutes  
May 10-11, 2019  
Embassy Suites, Kissimmee FL

## Spring BOM Session

- Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Niemann. Opening Ritual accomplished.
- Included in these minutes are general topics of discussion and proposed Motions and the action(s) taken on those motions.
- Vote to accept previous minutes. After corrections accepted, Approved. NO Motion made.
- ETF Changes, from documents: Motion Lee Popham, no second needed, C-3 Meal for enhanced JROTC Program winner, Rumbaugh, Knight and Eagle Scout winners: two per recipient (Limit \$20.00 per meal). Change to meals for Enhanced JROTC Program Winner, Rumbaugh, Knight, and Americanism Poster. Motion: Passed.
- Finance committee: Investigate and implement an electronic payment system in the best interest of the Florida Society, Motion Lee Popham, and Second Richard Young. Motion: Passed
- Motion to Adjourn, Passed Unanimous

## Annual Meeting

- Discussion on difficulty of staging Battle of Pensacola due to controversy with local agencies.
- Motion to elect slate of Officers as read, Motion Pat Niemann, second Carl Hoffmann. Passed unanimously
- Motion Lee Popham, second Dick Young. The Nominating Committee for 2020 is Pat Niemann, J Michael Tomme, Steven Fields, James Gaskins and David Bussone. Passed unanimously.
- Motion made to nominate as the Florida Candidates Pat Niemann as Trustee and Robert McGuire as Alt Trustee. Passed unanimous
- Adjourn, Passed Unanimous

## National and State Officer Reports

### National Trustee

Trustee	Robert Folk	<a href="mailto:rfolksr@gmail.com">rfolksr@gmail.com</a>
Alternate Trustee	Robert McGuire	<a href="mailto:rmcguire@slvx.com">rmcguire@slvx.com</a>

#### **Robert McGuire:**

The affairs of the SAR are managed by its national trustees (one from each of the state-level and international societies), fifteen regional vice presidents, and ten national (general) officers. Each year, these men meet several times at the national SAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, to conduct business. Delegates from all state-level societies also meet annually for a multi-day session in a different city for an Annual SAR Congress. Over sixty committees made up of scores of SAR members also meet regularly to discuss, plan, and act to achieve the SAR's objectives.

At the May 2018 FLSSAR Annual Meeting, Robert Folk was nominated to serve as Florida Trustee and I was nominated to serve as Alternate Florida Trustee. At the July 18, 2018 National Congress meeting in Houston we were both elected to those respective positions. As Alternate Trustee, it is my responsibility to act as Trustee in the event that the regular Trustee is absent at a meeting. Because Trustee Folk was absent at the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa CA, I served in his place representing the Florida Society, SAR.

On Sunday, 7 July 2019 a meeting of the Trustees was called to order. After the usual rituals and introductions, the agenda followed with Unfinished Business. PG Tomme who is leading the Mission Data Base and Mission Website Projects reported good progress on both with implementation hoped for early in the next calendar year. However, he cautioned that there will be no roll-out until it is confirmed that everything works as intended and "we get it right". He was followed by reports from Budget Director Lee Popham and Director of Finance Mary Butts. A detailed NSSAR Budget Workbook Package for FY 2019 was published and distributed to attendees and is available on Sharefile or on request from me. Form 990-N was filed on time with the IRS and public versions are available on the SAR (and other) websites.

An important function of the Trustees is to consider and act upon proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSSAR. There were several such changes voted upon. One dealt with the definitions of membership categories. This added two additional categories (Life & Emeritus) that are found in the Bylaws but not the Constitution (passed). Another proposal had to do with language amending Article 33 – Discipline, Procedure, and Due Process which involved disagreements between the Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee. After much discussion (and an evening joint meeting of the committees) agreement was reached involving little change to the Bylaw. Finally, proposals by the Indiana Society which would extend the term of office for most General Officers from one year to two, and the composition of the Nominating Committee were defeated with little controversy. Other changes dealt with involved minor language changes (memorial membership, audit, museum board, and reinstatement of life members) were all passed without opposition.

The Trustee meeting was followed by a Color Guard review by the PG and a Memorial Service with past Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy Moody and present State Chaplain Dwight Elam participating. A total of 31 Florida Compatriots were memorialized.

Monday July 8 2019 included the opening ceremonies for the 129th Congress which included the Color Guard posting of Colors and greetings from numerous dignitaries among whom was DAR President General Denise Doring Van Buren who also and presented the program at the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon.

Monday evening included the annual Minute Man and Awards & Recognition banquet. Once again, the Florida Society was recognized with numerous awards and streamers.

On Tuesday July 9 2019 the day began with District breakfasts with my attendance at the South Atlantic District breakfast. Candidates for General Officer positions visited and made campaign speeches. At the conclusion, Mr. Allen Greenly of Georgia was installed as the new Vice President General for the District, replacing Daniel Woodruff. In the afternoon, election of General Offices was conducted. Only one position was contested – Registrar General – where Douglas Collins ran against John Thornhill for the position. Collins was elected. Other notable results are John T. Manning of Massachusetts succeeding PG Warren Alter as President General and Davis Wright Manning as Secretary General.

This was followed by a general session of Congress and that evening, the President General's Banquet. Part of the program included the change of command of the SAR Color Guard with James Fosdyck relieving outgoing commander Mark Anthony.

On Wednesday, July 10 2019 the final session of Congress was held. Following that, there was a Trustees meeting which included installation and swearing of Trustees and Alternate Trustees for the 2019-2020 term. Florida nominees COL Pat Niemann (Trustee) and LTC Robert McGuire (Alternate Trustee) were sworn at that time. The next Trustee meeting will be at Leadership in Louisville September 19-22, 2019. I anticipate that both Pat and I will attend.

**Pat Niemann:**

On Saturday, September 21, 2019 a meeting of the Trustees was called to order by President General Jack Manning. After the usual rituals and introductions, the agenda followed with Secretary General Davis Wright announcing motions that were approved at the ExCom. An Internal Audit Committee was created and the members are James Maples, AL; James Jones, TX; Thomas Jackson, TX; Compatriot Stewart, MD; Kenneth Collins, GA; Compatriot Andes, PA; Harry Roberts, DE; Bruce Pickette, Ex-Officio.

SG Davis also stated that a request to approve the Color Guard Manual was pending approval awaiting input from the Insurance and Risk Committee.

SG Davis presented five motions to the Trustees for a vote:

1. A motion to amend the Solid Light Project, Phase 2, step 2 contract that is has a budget of \$550,000. The amendment was to add a retail store which would be part of the SAR Education Center and Museum. There is no cost involved as the store can be added with the current budget. The motion was approved.
2. A motion to transfer \$5,000 from the Special Purpose Stamp Fund to the Special Purpose Fund 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. The motion was approved.
3. A motion to transfer and expend \$10,000 from the Kings College budget to purchase two iPads and upgrades of equipment for the IT staff. The funds are not needed for Kings College for the remainder of the year. The motion was approved.
4. A motion to allocate \$38.5K of the Alexander Hamilton Fund to upgrade/rework the on-line data system. There are current issues with some the code that needs to be corrected. The motion was approved.
5. The motion to approve the NSSAR budget totaling \$327,200 was approved.

Paul Callahan reminded the group that the hotel for the 2020 Congress will be held July 11-16<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Richmond – Downtown, 500 E. Broad Street. The remaining rooms only have double beds – there are no king beds available as they have all been reserved. He also stated that two tours will be available on July

11th that will be limited to the first 150 people as there are only two buses available. One tour is the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and the other to visit three VA plantations. The Congress Planning Committee made a motion that the 2024 Congress be awarded to the PA Society with the location undecided although it will most likely be Philadelphia. The motion passed. The Historic Sites Committee announced that they approved three new national sites. Those sites are the Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC; Battle of Princeton, NJ; and Battle of Red Bank, NJ. A national dues billing system is being tested by the CA, DE, MO, and Spain Societies.

## President

Wm Lee Popham                      popham@earthlink.net

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your President of the Florida SAR this year. I will do my very best to ensure that all of our Florida SAR Compatriots have a productive and fulfilling – and most of all, enjoyable – experience. The time between each Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting has literally flown by, with quite a bit accomplished during this very active time period. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership.

When I attended the Awards Presentations at the 2019 Costa Mesa CA 129<sup>th</sup> SAR Congress, I felt like a Jack-In-The-Box – Florida was called up to receive so many awards and recognitions, they cannot be listed in this letter! I got a sunburn from all the popping flashbulbs....!! These recognitions will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet of our 2019 Florida SAR Fall Board of Managers (BOM) meetings on 5 October.

I started the year by saying LET'S GROW TOGETHER. If we do nothing more than file applications for our own children, grandchildren, siblings, uncles and nephews, I believe we can become the largest Society in SAR – after all, we are already the BEST! Bring your family history materials with you to the Fall BOM, and drop in on the Patriot Research System (PRS) Workshop – our volunteers and Chapter Registrars in attendance will drop whatever else they are doing, and help you get your Membership, Supplemental, and Memorial Applications completed and filed. Each BOM is open to everybody, so bring your prospective members too!

During the period 1 May - 30 September 2019, I attended:

- 03 May - Presented JROTC Medal and Certificate at Dr. Michael M. Krop Sr. High School to Cadet Brian Cardona dressed in Colonial Uniform.
- 05 May – Presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to five new Eagle Scouts from South Florida Council BSA Troop 941 in colonial uniform.
- 09-12 May - The 2019 FLSSAR Annual Meeting and BOM, at the Embassy Suites South Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, where I was elected as Society President by the Florida SAR Board of Managers, and installed by President General Warren Alter. I also served in the Color Guard for the flag ceremonies.
- 13-23 May – Attended SAR Scotland Trip for a tribute to our Scottish SAR Patriot Ancestors. Visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, with all points in between. Traced my Scottish ancestors to the Sinclair / St. Clair Clan, and visited three separate Sinclair Manors and Castles, including Roslyn Chapel.
- 27-30 May - The 2019 Annual National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) held in Denver CO, where I serve as the SAR Alternate Representative to the National Community Relationships Committee; also as a member of the National Youth Protection Committee, and as a member of the National Sea Scout Committee.
- 27 May – Memorial Day - 150 flag placements on Veterans graves at Miami Memorial Cemetery (Miami's oldest cemetery) with Cub Scout Pack 280.
- 05-07 June – Traveled to Washington DC and Culpeper VA to research Popham Family Land Grants and purchases in Essex, Orange, and Culpeper Counties. Also visited Fort Lincoln Cemetery to verify Cemetery GPS coordinates for maternal ancestors.
- 08 June – Attended BSA Court of Honor at Bill Baggs State Park, FL, and distributed three Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to new Eagle Scouts in uniform.
- 16-17 June – Traveled to Panama City to participate in Flag Day ceremonial meeting of the Panama City Chapter SAR in colonial uniform, and to install Chapter Officers for the 2019-2020 year. Presented Compatriot DeCody Brad Marble with the Bronze Roger Sherman medal and certificate.
- 27 June – Attended Miami Chapter SAR social mixer at John Martin's Restaurant and Pub on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables, Fla.
- 29 June – Attended Eagle Court of Honor in Palmetto Bay, Fla., and distributed four Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates in colonial uniform.

- 03-13 July – Attended the 129<sup>th</sup> SAR Congress in Costa Mesa California, where I:
  - Served in the Color Guard;
  - Participated in the following Committee Meetings:
    - Executive (non-voting invitee); Budget (Chairman); Finance (Vice Chairman); Investments (non-voting); Strategic Planning (Vice Chairman); Council of State Presidents; Council of Youth Awards; Color Guard; Eagle Scout; Patriot Records System (PRS); and 250<sup>th</sup> Revolutionary War Anniversary Celebrations.
  - Was appointed 2019-2020 Chairman of the National Budget Committee, Vice-Chairman of the SAR Finance Committee, and Chairman of the SAR Strategic Planning Committee.
- 14 July – Participated in World Scouting Jamboree organizing meeting in Naples Fla. As SAR Alternate member of the BSA Community Relationships Committee.
- 12 August – Attended Florida SAR Endowment Trustee meeting in Orlando Fla. With representatives of corporate managers at Regions Bank with Compatriot Trustee John Stewart, and conference call participation by Compatriot Trustee Dick Young.
- 14-17 August – Traveled to Pensacola, Fla. To meet with several representatives of the Florida SAR Historic Celebrations Committee Chairman Bob McGuire and Anne, Pensacola Chapter and Northwest Region SAR Officers, DAR Florida Regent Kay Yarbrough and other DAR national and state officers and liaisons, and Pensacola Community representative Wesley Odom. PG Lindsey Brock and First Lady Billy were also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to revitalize the Battle of Pensacola ceremony, and to plan for the 2020 event.
- 30 August – Attended the Rolling Stones concert in Miami at Hard Rock Stadium with 14 family members and 80,000 of my closest friends.
- 15-17 September – Traveled to SAR Headquarters in Louisville KY to spend Volunteer time on the Patriot Records System (PRS), and to load Miami Chapter SAR Record Copies into the PRS system.
- 18-22 September – Attended the 2019 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.
- Two Miami Chapter SAR monthly meetings and two Miami Chapter Board meetings.

I look forward to our seminars, discussions, workshops, and fellowship at the Fall 2019 BOM in Orlando.

## Senior Vice President

David Bussone

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My thanks to all who have supported and encouraged me since our Annual Meeting in May. It is an honor to serve you and our Society. Although the Summer is typically a relatively quiet period for our organization, it was even more busy than the period leading up to the May BOM.

Special thanks to four friends who have taken time to respond to questions and mentor me: Steve Williams, Ray Wess, Pat Niemann, and Lee Popham..

Listed below are some of the activities in which I've been involved.

June 1, attended the Lake Sumter Chapter meeting

June 8, attended The Villages Chapter meeting

June 14, attended a Flag Day event in The Villages

July 4, attended a July Fourth celebration

July 13, attended The Villages Chapter meeting (despite my best efforts no other chapters meet in the Summer)

August 10, attended The Villages Chapter meeting

September 7, attended the Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter NSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon co-sponsored by the Palm Beach SAR Chapter, held in Lake Worth Beach. The guest speaker, Wendy Sartori Link, is the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County. Security of the voting process was the central theme of her presentation.

September 14, attended the Tampa Bay SAR Constitution Week Luncheon in St. Petersburg. A presentation regarding the Tampa Bay Education Initiative was the major focus of the meeting. This initiative has the potential to become a national model for the NSSAR.

September 18 – 22, involved attendance at my first Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

September 19, attended the Strategic Planning Committee. (Have requested a position as a non-voting member.) Also attended the Fall Candidates Forum to learn more about the future officers of the NSSAR.

September 20, attended the Education Committee (requested membership consideration) Also attended the Council of Youth Awards Committee, the Strategic Planning and SAR Implementation and the Friday Evening Social Banquet.

September 21, attended the Council of State Presidents Meeting, the Trustees Meeting, have requested membership in Officer Training Committee, and closed the day with the Saturday Evening Banquet.

August also included planning for the Regional Vice President Meeting at the BOM. A binder has been created for each RVP with tools intended to make their jobs easier, as well as to enhance their ability to support their region's chapters.

Finally, it is worth noting that July was occupied largely with the work of the Document Committee. A number of proposed motions were considered and discussed, with recommendations made to the BOM at the upcoming Fall Meeting. The BOM Document Committee meeting will involve discussion of relevant issues that contributed unnecessary complexity to the work of this committee.

## Executive Administrator

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

Late reports are to be emailed as a ***WORD***.doc or text file (New Times Roman font, 10pt, and single line spacing) to me on/before seven days before the Spring 2020 BOM/Annual Meeting.

### Please note:

Submission of Officer and committee reports are **always** due on/before the Saturday (a week before) the BOM.

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](mailto:DLanman258@aol.com)

1. Since the last Board of Management, the Member @ Large Officer sent the 3rd email communications to all Chapter Presidents asking for their feedback and input. The overall response to the emails was disappointing with less than 10 responding. Feedback on questions:
  - a. Chapter Presidents provided feedback on their most pressing chapter issues and motivation suggestions to increase BOM attendance.
    - i. Most pressing chapter issue included: meeting attendance, recruiting, retention, and lack of FLSSAR direction, chapter management support and general educational support.
    - ii. How to increase BOM Attendance: Better Pre-Event Promotion, Schedule Interesting Break Out Sessions, Guest Speakers, Less parliamentary proceedings/issues, more civic/community service discussions.
    - iii. Biggest issue, however, was the overall expense averaging \$400+ including hotel/travel. Some suggestions: Consider Regional BOMs, i.e. North, Central, South, that could allow more members to attend.
  - b. Chris Washler President Pensacola Chapter proposed an idea for a statewide "Chapter Presidents Forum" via a closed Facebook page or similar social media platform for Chapter Presidents, RVPs and Officers to share ideas on new member recruitment, retention, meeting management ideas, BOM topics, involvement with other chapters and the DAR, and provide feedback to FLSSAR Officers. By a copy of this Report, I am recommending that FLSSAR officers consider and discuss the merits of this idea.
  - c. Chapter Presidents were reminded of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion and NSSAR Veterans Corp membership opportunity and easy application process to apply, with the turnaround time for review and acceptance for the FLSSAR VB @ just 24 hours by the current FLSSAR VB Chairman.

## Northwestern Regional Vice President

Earl F Mathews

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Total of 6 Chapters in 20 counties.

May attended annual BOM Meeting

June visit to Panama City Chapter, first meeting since Hurricane Michael. FLSSAR President William Lee Popham attended and presented awards and induction ceremony of new members.

August attended "Battle of Pensacola", SAR/DAR planning meeting.

NW Regional BOM Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2020 at Bonifay City Library in Dixon Building.

Summary of chapter meetings in region:

All chapters had no meetings during summer.

Total chapter meetings: 10, average attendance per chapter: 6

Prospective: 29

Pending: 3

New: 2

Deceased: 2

Total Attending Members: 60

Total Attending Guests: 16

Total Speakers: 5

### **Aaron Snowden Chapter:**

1 meeting, 7 members attending summer break.

Attended Green State Veterans Bay, SAR wreath at Memorial Day Ceremony

16 prospective members

Presented 258 Good Citizenship Awards at 16 schools

Presented 4 Flag Recognition Certificates

Presented 1 Eagle Award and patch

Presented 4 JROTC medals

August attended "Battle of Pensacola", SAR/DAR planning meeting

Passing of Compatriot Larry Levon

### **Emerald Coast Chapter:**

4 meetings, 29 members attending, 5 guests

3 prospective members, 3 pending

Presented 6 JROTC medals

### **Panama City Chapter;**

Restarted meetings since hurricane Michael

1 meeting, 7 members and 6 guests attended

5 prospective members

Presented 6 Longevity Awards and pins

Presented 6 JROTC medals

Presented 1 Certificate of Appreciation Award

### **Pensacola Chapter;**

1 meeting, no report

### **Tallahassee Chapter;**

No monthly reports submitted

## **William Dunaway Chapter;**

3 meetings, 3 speakers  
19 members and 2 guests attended  
5 prospective members  
2 new members  
Presented 1 Longevity Awards and pins  
Presented 3 JROTC medals  
Presented 4 Flag Recognition Certificates

## **North Central Regional Vice President**

Gerald Carlton Hardwich            Xx

The following chapter visits have been completed or scheduled:

Lake-Sumter, Saturday, June 1  
The Villages, Saturday, August 10  
Lake City, Monday, October 14  
Ocala, Wednesday, October 16  
Withlacoochee, Saturday, November 9  
Gainesville, Tuesday, November 19

The North Central Region will be having their Regional Meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, Fruitland Park, FL

## **The Villages Chapter**

May

At each meeting, we are starting with some sort of a mixer to try to get members to know each other better. Mr. Rick Livingston was inducted into new membership with his wife present to place his Rosette. Brig. General (U.S. Air Force retired) gave a presentation on his travel to the South Pole. The chapter placed flags at the National Cemetery in Bushnell for Memorial Day. Registrar John Moore and Chapter President Jim Simpson presented SAR good citizenship awards at the Villages Middle and Elementary schools.

June

Mr. Don Fraser was inducted into new membership with his wife present to place his Rosette. The chapter is honored to have Don as a member. Don is a heroic veteran of the conflict in Southeast Asia. He was shot down over Laos, survived the night in the jungle although severely wounded, and was rescued the next day.

Mr. Ian Walmsley presented on the 17th Century English Emigration to the North American Mainland.

July

The presentation in July was given by Mr. Jack Ciotti on the life of the Confederate soldier during the Civil War. He was dressed in character of the soldiers he was speaking about. It was an excellent presentation with a number of artifacts displayed. One member said it was among the best chapter presentations ever. The Chapter is continuing to look into Flag certificate awards, working with the DAR, recruiting new members, and other ways to fulfill our mission.

August

The speaker for August was Lt. John Longacre of the Villages Fire/Safety department who spoke on the neighborhood AED program. Members displayed much interest in how they could institute this program in their neighborhoods. The chapter was honored to have Mr. Jerry Hardwich, area representative from the FLSSAR. Also giving an update was former chapter president and current FLSSAR Senior Vice President. The executive board of the chapter met after the meeting for lunch and to discuss future activities of the chapter, where we are going from here, and the nomination process for 2020 officers.

## **Withlacoochee Chapter**

During the past summer our compatriots have remained busy. Color Guard Commander Russ Gibson reports that he has participated in 21 events. 11 school, 2 memorial day events, 2 4th of July events, 2 Veterans Cemetery events and a Nursing Home presentation.

Charlie Day has attended a NSSAR Silver Color Event and a Grave Marking ceremony .

Our Genealogist/Registrar with the help of his wife Vicki have brought in 4 new member, Wayne Hughes, Robert Seet, Charles Anstine and Richard Bailey. At present they have 6 new members and 6 supplemental in the pipe line.

Compatriots, William Teater and Larry Sturgeon attended a meeting at the Veterans Home to obtain names of Veterans without families and schedule the Christmas Gift Giving for them.

Lenny Crawford was awarded his 15 year membership pin.

Our Publicity Chairman, Norman Fryer, states that he has obtained over 32 items in local newspapers and magazines.

Robert Folk has presented a Flag to the Habitat for Humanity.

The Chapter has enjoyed speakers like, Sgt. Seth Greenwood, US Army and Vicki Brown on past compatriots and process to obtain new members.

Larry Sturgeon has been active working with the schools and teachers in getting the Poster Contest started for the upcoming season.

The Chapter has many scheduled activities for the remainder of the year, such as Veterans Day Parade, Massing of the Colors, Habitat for Humanity and the Veterans Home visit.

## **Gainesville Chapter**

There was not any monthly chapter meetings.

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## **Lake City Chapter**

Report of Activities From May to September 2019

The Lake City Chapter of SAR has 13 members and we meet each month on the second Monday at the Old Time Restaurant. The elected Officers are:

Charles Kime - President

Bob Whitmer - Secretary

Larry Royal - Treasure

Ray Millican - Asst Treasure

The following programs have been presented:

1. At the May program we presented Eagle Scout medals and certificates to three new Eagle Scouts from the First Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop 85 in Lake City. Each Scout described their Eagle Scout

projects and what it meant to them. See attached picture.

2. From March until May Lake City Chapter members participated in the presentation of Awards and Certificates to 7 local JROTC County High Schools.
3. From May to September we did not meet.

### **Ocala Chapter**

Ocala Chapter had no meetings June, July, and August.  
There is nothing to report for this period.

### **Lake/Sumter Chapter**

- On May 4, 2019, a membership meeting was held which was attended by 35 members and guests. Four Chapter color guard members presented the colors. Two JROTC members from Eustis High School were presented certificates and honored for their participation in the Chapter's enhanced JROTC competition. The guest speaker was Gary Kadow, President of Project SOS (Save our Soldiers), a non-profit organization which provides medical and other services to about 1500 homeless veterans and their families who reside in the Ocala national Forest. Compatriot Glenn Langston gave a summary of his recent trip to Washington, DC as a WWII veteran as part of the Villages Honor Flight program.
- During April and May, 2019, under the supervision of Bill Hayes, a total of 17 Boy Scouts received SAR recognition as they were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Additionally, SAR Bronze JROTC medals were awarded to each of the six outstanding cadets from the six high schools the chapter supports.
- On May 18, 2019, four chapter members helped the DAR place flags throughout Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg, FL, in honor of Memorial Day. The members were George Chaffee, Bob Beightol, Jim Carl and Al Lane. The chapter also participated in the removal of those flags on June 6.
- On May 23, 2019, Chapter President Lane awarded a Good Citizen Certificate to an outstanding student at an Upper School assembly at Montverde Academy. A chapter award certificate and medal were also presented to rising senior Matthew Karen, who finished second in the FLSSAR competition under the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.
- On May 25, 2019, Chapter President Lane accompanied by his wife, Vertis Lane as Vice-Regent of the Tomoka Chapter of the DAR, participated in a Memorial Day commemoration ceremony at the Waxhaws Battlefield in Lancaster County, SC. The ceremony commemorates both Memorial Day and the 239th anniversary of the battle and massacre of surrendering American soldiers by the British. The ceremony is sponsored by the SCSSAR jointly with the Friends of the Battlefield Association, various DAR chapters and the VFW. Compatriot Lane donated a wreath on behalf of Lake-Sumter chapter and participated in the ceremony as a wreath presenter. Compatriot Lane and his wife also participated in a separate ceremony sponsored by the same groups commemorating a plaque honoring the contributions of a friend, Ms. Emily Carnes Franklin, a life-long volunteer at the battlefield.
- On Memorial Day, May 27th, Compatriot Bob Beightol placed Medal of Honor flags on the gravesites of two Medal of Honor recipients in the Lake County-Sumter area. The placements were at the Greenwood Cemetery in Tavares, and the Glendale Cemetery in Umatilla.
- On June 1, 2019, the final chapter meeting took place before the summer hiatus. Total attendance was 36, and four chapter members formed a color guard for presentation of the colors. The speaker was our own compatriot Tom Wilcox, who gave an expert presentation on accessing US military records. The winner of our chapter poster contest, Shruthi Inamdar was presented with a certificate and monetary award. Shruthi placed second in the FLSSAR competition. Her mother and the principal of her school, Lake Prep, were also in attendance. A Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to the outstanding Sea Cadet from the area Sea Cadet program. The leader of the local Sea Cadet organization also presented a certificate of Appreciation to the Lake-Sumter Chapter during the meeting in recognition of the chapter's support during the last year. It was noted the chapter has three members serving on committees or in officer positions at the state level. FLSSAR certificates and medals were presented to Jerry Hardwich, Regional VP, and Ron Grove who serves on or chairs three state committees. Scott Bushnell also received two FLSSAR awards but was unable to attend the meeting. One new member was inducted, Jackson Baer, grandson of compatriot Ray McCleary.
- On June 6 two members, Bill Hayes and Bob Beightol assisted the DAR in removing and rolling flags placed at Lone Oaks Cemetery in Leesburg for Memorial Day.
- Our chapter fielded an entry in the Fourth of July parade which was sponsored by the City of Tavares. A total of eleven chapter members and family participated in the chapter entry. They were: Al Lane, Bob Beightol

and grandson Eric McCook, Jim Carl, George Chaffee, John Moore, grandsons Haden and Jack, Scott Moore, Terry Oldham, and Ray McCleary. A golf cart for use as our “float” in the parade was furnished by Gary Pinchar of Eustis, FL, who operates a local golf cart business.

On August 1, Compatriot Lane and his spouse, DAR member Vertis Lane, toured Edenton, NC, and gathered historical information about the “Edenton Tea Party” in connection with a future presentation by compatriot Lane and his wife to the Tomoka chapter of the DAR. The presentation will be given in the spring of 2019, and the subject matter will be “Women in the Revolution.”

On August 15, Ron Grove met with Noris Aguayo and Natalie Heitkamp of Lake County Schools concerning increasing the number of schools participating in our poster contest, and our chapter’s participation in future Freedom Week/Constitution Day celebrations as well as the County History Fair in the Spring. The school representatives were receptive and encouraged our further participation in Lake school activities.

On September 7, Compatriot Lane presented a US flag to a new homeowner at a new Habitat for Humanity home in Eustis, FL. About 25 people attended the home opening ceremony.

## **Northeastern Regional Vice President**

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### **Flagler Chapter**

24 April 2019 regularly scheduled meeting. Video presentation on the Battle of Bunker Hill.

11 May 2019 BOM Kissimmee, 3 Compatriots, 1 spouse.

During April to May period Chapter presented 14 Bronze Good Citizen Medals, and 2 JR-ROTC medals within the Flagler County School System. 4 Chapter Compatriots contributed in various presentations.

May 25, Chapter placed with assistance from Boy Scout Troop 400 over 190 American Flags on graves at Espanola Cemetery in Flagler County. 6 Compatriots, one spouse participated. Chapter Flag.

22 May 2019 meeting, video presentation on the Battle of Kings Mountain.

June 22, 2019 Casey Garrett new Compatriot inducted at Chapter Liberty Tree in Hero’s Park Palm Coast.

Historical event dedication of Revolutionary War Site Hewitt’s Lumber Mill in Flagler County at the Florida State Agricultural Museum. 4 Compatriots and Chapter Flag present at re-dedication of DAR Site. Reenactment and event included Patriot and Loyalist re-enactors.

4 July 2019 induction of new Compatriot Flynn Edmonson at Chapter Liberty Tree in Hero’s Park Palm Coast.

8 August 2019 induction of Robert Clark at Chapter Liberty Tree in Hero’s Park. Three new Compatriots inducted during this report period.

21 August 2019. Presentation of EMS/First Responder of the year 2019 award. Captain James Neuenfeidt of the Palm Coast Fire Rescue was honored. 7 chapter Compatriots participated in award ceremony and a Palm Coast Fire Headquarters tour given by Dept. Deputy Chief.

7 September meeting reenactor Alexander Hamilton portrays life story of one of the founding fathers. Chapter had 8 Compatriots, and two spouse present.

Sept 17, 2019 Constitution Day regular meeting presentation by Flagler County Judge Melissa Distler made on the US Constitution, courts and selection process for Judges.

#### **Community Activities**

18 May 2019 Craig Cemetery Veteran Flag Placement, 1 Compatriot, 1 spouse.

25 May 2019 Espanola Cemetery 6 Compatriots, 1 spouse. Chapter Flag.

Memorial Day Service Hero’s Park Palm Coast, 5 Compatriots, 3 spouses. Chapter Flag

Memorial Day Service Government Service Bldg. County, 3 Compatriots.

Memorial Day Service Flagler Beach, 2 Compatriots.

### **Jacksonville Chapter**

Chapter Officers for 2019-2020:

President:	M. Scott Breckenridge
1st Vice President:	John A. Lundy
2nd Vice President:	Claude S. Farmer
Secretary:	Darryl R. Ingle

Treasurer: John O. Roberson  
Registrar: J. Gray Chandler  
Chaplain: Robert M. Hale  
Historian/Genealogist: Richard B. Cardell  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ryan B. Doane

**Membership:**

The Chapter began the year with 193 members and currently has 210 members at the time of this report.

**Meeting Programs:**

September: Bill Ziegenfus, "The Battle for Ratification of the Constitution"

**Color Guard:**

At the time of this report 13 compatriots participated in our Color Guard activities:

17 May 2019, St Michael's Academy Colonial Days, Traveling Trunk and History of the Stars & Stripes.

23 May 2019, Lindisfarne Hall School, Traveling Trunk and History of the Stars & Stripes.

27 May 2019, Memorial Day Observances at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, and American Legion Post 316.

03 Jul 2019, Independence Day Service, Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

04 Jul 2019, Independence Day Celebration, Fernandina Beach, FL.

14 Sep 2019, DAR Regents Council of NE FL Constitution Week Luncheon.

**Americanism:**

Habitat for Humanity:

01 Jun 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

22 Jun 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

14 Sep 2019, Beaches Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication.

14 Jun 2019, celebrated Flag Day, in conjunction with St Augustine chapter, by passing out flags in downtown St Augustine.

Compatriots from our chapter attended every monthly Naturalization Ceremony at the United States District Court Middle District of Florida and welcomed an average of 50 new citizens from 30 countries each month.

**Eagle Scout Recognition**

Presented Eagle Scout certificates to 3 new Eagle Scouts.

**Children of the American Revolution:**

Attended the 15 Sep 2019 Vaughn-Latham chapter meeting.

**St. Augustine Chapter Jerry Hanchett President**

One transfer-in member came to us this year Compatriot George Raymond from the Virginia Heroism Medal presented to Andrew Lands for his actions when he was faced with a situation which required quick thinking and fast action without realizing he was subjecting himself to personal safety risks when he was only responding to someone calling out for help. He was used training he gained as a member of Civil Air Patrol member, he chose to do the right thing. He was recognized for outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.

Our JROTC program finished late this year with our last school, Nease High School, recognizing the SAR outstanding Cadet Sean Soudrette for his superior performance as a Cadet in the Navy JROTC program.

Good citizenship awards were presented to members of the Palatka Police Athletic League, PAL, for their contribution in creating and maintaining a community youth program for Palatka's youth. Nicholas Stewart, Kim Daley, Jean Stewart, Sgt Randy Hayes, Colonel Joe Wells.

SAR personnel participated in Memorial Day event at the St. Augustine National Cemetery and were assisted by the Sea Cadets, William Israelson and Charles McMullin

Good Citizenship was presented to ladies which founded and implemented Horse Play Therapy Center which provides therapy to children with needs. Medals were presented to Debbie Zagarski and Vicky Carregal.

SAR participated in a Braille Flag plaque dedication in the St. Augustine National Ceremony coordinated through the St. Johns County Veterans Council.

In June SAR members participated in the Historical Site dedication of Hewett's Mill. The DAR chapter of Flagler County presented a plaque for the Site.

At the 7th Judicial Circuit Court State Attorney's office the Law Enforcement Commendation Award was presented to Randall L. Barnes for his many years as a law enforcement Officer.

SAR Chapter members participated in Chapter and Society DAR functions. Flag Day greeting the public around the downtown area. Constitution Day 17 Sept with a ceremony of Bell ringing in the plaza in downtown St. Augustine. Society Constitution Luncheon for 19th Amendment in Jacksonville.

At an Annual banquet for the St. Augustine Police Department Law Enforcement Commendation Awards were presented to Police Officers Kristyn Bennett and Sam Balloun

### **Daytona-Ormond Chapter**

#### **Chapter Officers:**

- President: Rick E. Morrow
- Vice-President: H. William Elder
- Secretary/Treasurer: M. Scott Breckenridge
- Registrar: Richard M. Lyon, Jr.

#### **Membership:**

- Chapter membership is currently at 43. The 2020 dues notices have been sent out, and collection is underway.

#### **Meetings:**

- Monthly chapter meetings are underway, on the third Thursday of each month. We are hopeful of getting attendance up so that we can start having formal meetings with guest speakers.
- **Communications:**
- Regular communications of national, state, and chapter news are occurring via email and a chapter newsletter.

## **East Central Regional Vice President**

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### **Brevard Chapter**

No report

### **Central Florida Chapter**

No report

### **St Lucie River Chapter**

No report

### **Okeechobee**

No report

## **West Central Regional Vice President**

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### **Clearwater Chapter**

#### **May**

- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to speaker Col George Youstra
- Presented 3 ROTC Medals, Fivay HS, Gulf HS, Anclote HS
- Presented 12 Good Citizenship Medals, Countryside HS, Dunedin HS, Palm Harbor HS, River Ridge HS, Seminole HS, Keswick Christian HS, Clearwater Central Catholic HS, Indian Rocks Christian HS, Tarpon Springs HS, Calvary Christian HS, Osceola HS, Anclote HS
- Had the Passing of three Compatriots Bosbyshell, Furnish and Hayes
- Presented 2 Outstanding Citizenship Medals and Certificates to Girl Scout Gold Medal

#### **June**

- Presented 35 Outstanding Citizenship Medals and Certificates to Girl Scout Gold Medal Awardees from Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
- Presented 1 Flag to Habitat for Humanity, Bissada Guirguis Family
- Presented 1 eagle Scout Certificate to Harrison Betz

**July**

- Down for Summer

**August**

- Down for summer

**September**

- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Brig General David MacEwen
- Presented Eagle Scout Certificate to Henry Koljeski
- Participated in Constitution Sunday Service

**South Shore Chapter**

No report

**St. Petersburg Chapter**

No report

**Tampa Chapter**

No report

**William Devane Chapter**

No report

**Lakeland Chapter**

No report

**Southeast Regional Vice President**

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**Ft. Lauderdale Chapter**

9/20/2019 ROTC.

HIGH SCHOOLS	STUDENT
Blanche Ely High	Sterson Stepha
Boyd Anderson High	
Charles Flanagan High	Chance Cawthorn
Charles Flanagan High – G.C.	Diego Ruiz
Coconut Creek High	Kayla Williams
Cooper City High	Joseph Langteau
Cooper City High – G.C.	Jacai Pitts
Coral Glades High	Carmine Guerra
Coral Springs High	Kevon Ferguson

Cypress Bay High	Christopher Dingman
Cypress Bay High – <b>G.C.</b>	Stephanie Richards
Deerfield Beach High	Travis Byrd
Dillard High	Trequon Crowell
Everglades High	Jah-Mar Ameer
Everglades High – <b>G.C.</b>	Leandro Gonzalez
Fort Lauderdale High	Jayson Cole
Hallandale High	Ajani Temple
Hollywood Hills High	Yunchi Houghtaling
Hollywood Hills High - <b>G.C.</b>	Chantal Duputel
Hollywood Hills High Academy	Marco Corrales
Hollywood Hills High Academy - <b>G.C.</b>	Rowan Bradeen
McArthur High	Michael J. Leronidou
Monarch High	Raphael Mascarenhas
Northeast High	Katelyn Marcel
<b>NOVA</b> High	Edward Garcia
Piper High	Noel Mercado
Plantation High	Antonio Sola
Pompano Beach High	Evan Turner
South Plantation High	Berrian Dellinois
Stoneman Douglas High	Dakota Mutchler
Stranahan High	Robert Bonkenburg
J. P. Taravella High	none
West Broward High	Ismael Reyes
West Broward High - <b>G.C.</b>	Lauden Herrera
Western High	Logan Turnbach
Western High - <b>G.C.</b>	Rene Gonzalez
US Naval Sea Cadets - <b>G.C.</b>	Jordan Peterkin
US Naval Sea Cadets - <b>G.C.</b>	Joel Mendia
Pembroke Pines CAP - <b>G.C.</b>	Diego A. Ochoa
North Perry Airport CAP - G.C.	Hogan Hill
<b>6 JROTC / 2 G.C.</b>	

Date	Eagle Scout Name	Scout Troop #
03/28/19	Luke Vallone	229
03/28/19	Yi Yang	229
03/28/19	Hunter Crowe	360
05/01/19	Noah Vivenlio	119
05/15/19	Levi Stevenson	497
05/15/19	Tanner Knowles	497
05/15/19	Jordan Morals	72
06/01/19	Davis McLaughlin	360
06/01/19	Hunter Polyak	249
06/01/19	Bryan Bissonnette	119
08/09/19	Jonathan DiPasquale	224
08/09/19	Kyle Ramdeen	497
08/09/19	Alex Rodriquez	497
08/09/19	Duminic Nelson	249
08/09/19	Breckin Foran	497
08/09/19	Jerom Plummer	72

## Miami Chapter

Yet, again, at the beginning of this reporting period. I hold the office of the Miami Chapter SAR President and the role of the Southeast Regional Vice President. Activity from these two reporting positions will be conjoined in this report.

Since the last reporting cycle, I have chaired two Miami SAR Board of Directors meetings and filled the role of Treasurer and Editor for several others. I have also attended four Miami SAR monthly luncheons. However, the February Luncheon was also the Annual Meeting and President's Installation for the Miami Chapter SAR where leadership changed hands.

I presented several decorations and certificates to many outstanding members at this well-attended event. The Miami Chapter President Bernard Wolff presented the Distinguished Service Award to Color Guard Commander and Past President David Mitchell for his organizational knowledge, skills, and aptitude for ensuring our Colonial presence within the Miami larger community.

FLSSAR President Pat Niemann attended to greet us, induct new members, and recognize Delores Wolff, outgoing President of the Miami Chapter Ladies Auxiliary with the Martha Washington Medal. Delores also received the Molly Pitcher Award for her constant and continual support of the Color Guard at local, state, and national meetings. As an aside, the Coral Gables Chapter of the DAR elected her as the incoming Treasurer for the group.

The Ladies Auxiliary conducted a 50/50 drawing which generated proceeds for their upcoming gift to our veterans. They also raised money during a silent auction which added to their coffers.

The highlight of the afternoon luncheon involved the installation of our new Miami Chapter SAR President William Wicks, III, Esq. and a bevy of new officers for the coming year. At this meeting, Delores Wolff turned over the reigns as Ladies Auxiliary President to the new First Lady, Kerry Wicks, spouse of the incoming President.

As the Chair of the FLSSAR Financial Review Committee, I conducted a meeting with committee members to plan our way forward concerning our duties and obligations of our responsibility. The work has been completed as of this report and has been submitted and approved by the FLSSAR President and Excom.

Additionally, I attended the 2019 Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I participated in many meetings, including those for which I hold responsibilities. I also sat in on other meetings concerning genealogy and the Trustees' Meeting, among others.

I attended the 2019 National Congress in Cosa Mesa, California where, among others, felt the ground move under my feet during two earthquakes (6.4 and 7.1). It was a moving experience. More commentary can be read in the Miami Chapter Newsletter.

This month I also was a participant at the Fall Leadership Conference convened in Louisville, Ky. I attended the Excom meeting at HQ, the Strategic Planning Committee where I was assigned to the Education Task Force and the External Relations Taskforce, the Insurance Committee where I am the Chair of a subcommittee, the Color Guard Committee (participated in the flag ceremonies for the weekend), and the Germany Society Meeting.

#### **Veterans Support**

The Ladies Auxiliary have undertaken a project to support our veterans at the Miami VA Hospital Pathways project. This is an outpatient service that supports veterans with coping disabilities. A grant from the Miami SAR assists the Ladies Auxiliary to provide coffee, snacks, art supplies, and a monthly birthday cake for those veteran's being served by this laudable project. Compatriot Bernard Wolff visits the Miami VA Hospital two to three times per month to visit Pathways and bring cheer to all he meets.

#### **Chapter Activity**

Several members of the Miami SAR Chapter attended the final Winter BOM convened in Kissimmee, Florida. A Regional Meeting will replace this annual meeting for a more localized program and, hopefully, a larger turn-out will ensue.

We conducted two Board of Director meetings at the home of the current Miami Chapter President. Additionally, the monthly luncheons have been moved to the third Saturday of the month. Already, we have been addressed by a speaker who related the contribution of Blacks to the Revolutionary War effort and the following month by a Compatriot, adept at financial planning, who, among other items, spoke about financially supporting the SAR in our wills and other financial planning instruments.

President Wicks planned and organized our first Miami Chapter SAR social at John Martin's Irish Pub on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables, Florida. The positive result included new applications and the return of a lapsed member. A future social is planned for late June at Nancy's, a Revolutionary War themed lounge in Miami.

The Miami SAR Chapter entertains an on-going activity of digitizing all our records. The Historian, Compatriot Thomas Jelke, has received a second batch of records to render into electronic format.

#### **Recruitment/Retention**

We added 10 additional members to our rolls this period and recognized two of our members with one supplemental each, authorizing the wear of a star. The Genealogist/Registrar reported at our April BOD that we have 51 applications that are currently being processed. Our membership tally exceeds 100 with a promise of more to come by the publication of this report.

#### **Awards & Recognition**

President Wicks presented the March luncheon speaker with a commemorative coin, depicting the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miami Chapter SAR. Numerous awards, certificates, and decorations were given to many recipients at the annual luncheon. Additional details can be seen in the Chapter Newsletter: The American.

#### **Thomas Paine Brigade Color Guard**

Elements of the Thomas Paine Brigade, Miami SAR Color Guard attended a planning meeting to assist the Coral Gables Parks and Recreation Department who will be including our color guard in the Memorial Day ceremony for 2019. Don Slesnick, past president of the Chapter, chairs the committee and Compatriot Bernard Wolff represented the Color Guard Commander at this important meeting. Local press and television is expected to provide coverage to the area.

The Thomas Paine Brigade also participated in a celebration of life for a deceased member of the SAR. Commander David Mitchell, Compatriot Bernard Wolff, and Compatriot Kiefer Barrett presented the Colors and retired them at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Color Guard also presented the Colors at the Biltmore Hotel, again this year, to the delight of a huge gathering, as always.

#### **Miami SAR Chapter Newsletter**

We continue to publish a monthly newsletter under the editorship of Compatriot Bernard Wolff and began our third volume in January 2019. Additionally, Compatriot Wolff also published a website at miamisar.org. It continues to be under development.

I continued to serve as the chairman for the FLSSAR Financial Review Committee which finished its duties and terminated with the new state administration and continue to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee as its Chair, the Silver Good Citizenship Committee, the 2023 Congress planning committee, among other positions. I also continue to work with the NSSAR Strategic Planning Committee, the Internal and Independent Audit Committee, the Eagle Scout Committee, the Newspaper/Publication Committee, the

Color Guard Committee, the American History Teacher of the Year Award, the Germany Society, and have an application pending for the France Society, etc. Before this report, I have also been named Chair of an insurance subcommittee at the national level.

## **Palm Beach Chapter**

### **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 11 applicants approved at Nationals. The Chapter has an additional 19 applications and prospects actively in process for 2019. During 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting 11 new compatriots were inducted into the Chapter.

The Chapter delivered a special SAR Memorial Services in honor of Kenneth Ray La Voy Jr during its February 2019 meeting and William Arthur Adams Jr during the March meeting.

A primary Chapter goal in the coming year will once again be membership development and the mentoring of new members. Our Officers and compatriots are encouraged to help grow membership by recruiting civic-minded individuals interested in honoring our patriot ancestors and enjoying good fellowship.

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

Chapter Officers and Compatriots participated in numerous local & state activities including, The Last Naval Battle ceremony and the 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek, county & state DAR meetings, and events, and Genealogical Society membership recruiting events. Former Presidents Donald Lanman, Gary Green and Benjamin F. Tidwell, along with Chapter President Robert Boggs attended 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.

Our January meeting featured the induction of 2019 Officers including, President Robert Boggs, Vice President Thomas Hayes, Secretary Gary Green, Treasurer Peter Johnston, Registrar Peter Miller, Chaplain Father Sanford Sears, Historian Samuel “Buddy” Miller, Sgt. @ Arms Greg Parkinson.

The February meeting included a visit from President Thomas Jefferson, (a.k.a. compatriot John Stewart) who presented a wonderful presentation on the Louisiana Purchase. Additionally, the Chapter conducted its first Interstate Compatriot Induction using Facetime. The March meeting was highlighted by Dr. Donald Gladney’s, Dean Palm Beach State College – Cyber Security Department, presentation “Cyber Security & You”. President Robert Boggs presented Dr. Gladney a Certificate of Appreciation and a Chapter Scholarship for \$1,000 to support students of this great College.

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.

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The Chapter did not hold meetings during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. However, officers and members continued supporting Chapter goals by encouraging potential members to join SAR and our Chapter.

Additionally, over the summer the Chapter participated in multiple events. The events included: Memorial Day observances, DAR Flag Retirements, Gold Star Family fundraiser, MIA Veterans Funeral, Palm Beach County Teacher’s Constitutional awareness fundraiser. The fundraiser supports purchasing books and study guides to teach the importance of understanding and supporting the Constitution of the United States of America.

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

Don Lanman, former Chapter president was presented with the State Society, Sons of the American Revolution Veteran Service Medal at the February SAR State Board of Management meeting.

During our January meeting President Ben Tidwell presented the Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Service Metal to Robert Boggs.

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Also, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter the Palm Beach Chapter held a memorial for Compatriot William Arthur Adams Jr. who had served as Chapter Chaplin.

Our **April** meeting featured the induction of three New Compatriots, and the celebration Law Enforcement Organization in Palm Beach County. During the celebration Compatriot Greg Parkinson, Law Enforcement-Fire Safety Committee Co-Chairman, awarded Law Enforcement Commendations and Medals to: 1. Chief Frank J. Kitzerow, PB County School District; 2. Officer Adrian Rackauskes, Delray Beach Police Department; 3. Officer Elizabeth Waldoetter, Lantana Beach Police Department; 4. Compatriot Jeff Joyner, Special Agent US Department of State.

The **May** meeting began with the Presentation of Colors by the Forest Hill High School Army ROTC Color Guard. The March meeting was highlighted by Past Chapter President Buddy Millers presentation on three of the Chapter's founders: 1. SAR President General Messmore; 2. Arthur Atwater Kent; 3. Charles Frances Cole. Additionally, Don Lanman, FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Chairman, awarded the War Service Medal to Compatriot Sonny Barber.

Next, Past Chapter President Ben Tidwell, Committee Chairman Youth Awards, presented the Eagle Scout Award to Compatriot, Michael Dupont and the Knights Essay Chapter Award to Charles Drucker.

Also, Compatriots Ben Tidwell and Sonny Barber Co-Chairman of the ROTC Committee awarded more than 10 Commendations.

The meeting concluded with Compatriot Greg Parkinson presenting Fire Safety Commendations and Medals to: 1. Tim Ascherman, Fire Fighter Palm Beach County Fire Department; 2. Thomas R. Wood Chief Boca Raton Fire Department. Greg ended his presentation by awarding Emergency Medical Service Commendations and Medals to: 1. EMS Lt. Keith Miller, Boca Raton Fire Department; 2. EMS Captain Eddie Rivera, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue; 3. LT.EMS/Lifeguard Craig Pollock, Town of Palm Beach.

The Chapter did not meet in **June**, but the Chapter activities continued.

A Chapter Board meeting was held on 14 September 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Chapter activities. The meeting included a discussion of the following:

- 2020 SAR dues;
- Potential 2020 Officer slate;
- Potential Florida Atlantic University Liberty Tree;
- Palm Beach Atlantic University scholarship donation;
- Speakers for upcoming monthly meetings.

## **Southwest Regional Vice President**

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May, attended the BOM in Orlando with my wife Jill and participated with the color guard. It was great to have so many representatives of the SW Region in attendance.

Summer is always challenging with so many of our members scattered to the winds. This does not mean that the SW Region has been idle. Chapters up and down the coast (along with many DAR and CAR chapters) have continued to recruit, engage the public, and take part in patriotic events... despite the heat.

My wife Jill and I have tried to participate in as many events as we could. These include: the Honor Flight return with the Caloosa Chapter on May 4th, the Sarasota Memorial Day Parade on May 27th, Law Day Luncheon for the Manatee County Bar Association May 29th, Honor Flight return with the Tampa Chapter at St. Petersburg Airport June 11th, DAR Regent's Council Flag Day Luncheon on June 15th, Allegiance

Sunday to observe Independence Day at First Baptist Church of Sarasota June 30th, DAR Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon Sept. 7th, and the Missing in America Call to Honor, Sarasota National Cemetery Sept. 26th.

I also had the opportunity to attend the FALL Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. If you have never gone, I encourage you to do so. Not only will you get to see HQ, it is a great opportunity to learn more about our society, explore how different committees and boards operate, as well as meeting compatriots from all over the country.

Upcoming events in the SW Region include: the return of Honor Flight Mission #20 to RSW (Ft. Myers) Sept. 28th, funeral for Compatriot John Bitner in Punta Gorda Sept. 28th, the Florida SAR Society Board of Management meeting in Orlando Oct, 4-5th, funeral for Compatriot Billie West Lowe and his wife DAR Lady Juanita Lowe at Sarasota National Cemetery Oct. 24th, return of Honor Flight Mission #21 to RSW (Ft. Myers) Nov 2nd, annual Sarasota Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11th, and Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery Dec. 18th. These events are open for participation by all compatriots regardless of chapter. If you or anyone in your chapter are interested in taking part in any of these events, please contact me.

### **Caloosa Chapter**

No report

### **Charlotte Chapter Report**

No report

### **Naples Chapter**

Second and Third Quarter 2019 Naples Chapter Report (May - September)

On July 4, 2019, Color Guardsman Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl and John McCullough (in uniform) represented the Naples Chapter SAR in convertibles with colors just ahead of the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR in the Annual Naples Independence Day Parade. SAR and NSDAR members joined together for lunch following the parade.

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, President Leonard Crame (in uniform) and Chancellor Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr. attended the Constitutional Luncheon at the Club at Grandezza in Estero, Florida. The program was sponsored by the Barefoot Beach Chapter NSDAR honoring the 232nd Anniversary Week of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. Past Vice-President General (South Atlantic District) Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Sr. delivered the SAR Welcome.

On September 20-21, 2019 President Leonard Crame and Compatriot Rob Withey will attend the Florida State Society DAR Fall Forum in Orlando, Florida.

### **Saramana Chapter Report**

Saramana Chapter has had a very busy summer. Our Registrar, Charles Riegle, has finally gotten some much needed help. We are looking at inducting as many as 10 new members along with seven supplementals early this fall. We have just as many more candidates in the wings waiting for specific approvals. Our Vice President, Preston Adams, has now secured guest speakers all the way to next May. We had tried to move our luncheon meetings to Saturdays to help attendance but it did not turn out as well as expected. A lot of energy has been devoted in getting a variety of speakers was some unusual topics for the upcoming year.

Our Color Guard has been extremely busy this past summer. We've attended as many as 14 events. Two events were for two of our own members at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. Another two events were for Honor Flights and two other events were for DAR Regents Council Luncheons concerning Flag Day and Constitution Day. We have six more events planned before December 15th. Our own Regional Vice President Steve Fields was able to attend each event including the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville Kentucky. We are planning on having six more events for the Color Guard before the middle of December.

We are looking forward to continuing our work with both our Police and Fire Departments which have been outstanding programs. Our JROTC program is one of the best in the state and we are proud to honor and award these youth for all the good works they do in our the community.

## Highlands Chapter

No Report Submitted

### Secretary

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We have sent all the Chapters the information necessary for them to make their annual reports, they have the information on how to make those reports and the current rosters. The rosters are effective as of September 1 so all person listed on the reports owe dues for 2020. Any one who has come into the FLSSAR after 9/1/2019 are not on those reports, so they don't need to be collected. I am hoping that we will be able to get most of the reports in before the end of the year, i.e. December 15th. There is always a few that will be late. I would suggest that we aggressively try and collect the dues well before the first of Dec. because as we get closer to Christmas it becomes harder to get people to pay.

I have included a excel sheet that compares Membership of the Chapters year over year for the last ten years. It shows which chapters have grown, which are slipping, which have failed and those that are stagnant. It is always interesting to see how you compare.

The following numbers are the counts of the size of the FLSSAR as of 9/20/2019, we have 2489 members by FLSSAR count, this includes Youth, Dual, E-2 and E-3 members, if you deduct those then the FLSSAR is 2404 or to put a sharp point on it we are very close to having an additional Patriot Medal. We will have 4 and if we can add 96 members by reinstatement, Transfer In or New before 12/31/2019 then we get 5 medals. If we only get 95 then we get 4.

Overall we are doing very well

IDChapter Membership year over year	Chapter	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
1	Aaron Snowden	22	27	22	15	16	21	19	22	15	12	19	10
2	Brevard	119	117	98	106	105	103	95	103	96	100	78	46
3	Caloosa	99	103	87	72	81	75	69	76	61	57	54	45
4	Central Florida	116	107	96	85	87	94	86	79	72	68	70	63
5	Charlotte	19	20	20	16	19	19	21	22	17	17	20	24
6	Clearwater	159	146	138	133	139	130	125	123	114	105	106	107
7	Daytona-Ormond	43	42	46	49	55	64	62	57	53	57	61	62
8	Deland									11	21	31	32
9	Devane	20	23	22	20	20	21	20	21	22	20	18	18
10	Emerald Coast	32	36	34	28	29	27	25	23	28	26	22	22
11	Flagler	46	44	38	35	36	36	31	29	31	30	22	26
12	Fort Lauderdale	43	43	48	49	66	58	56	51	47	48	49	49
13	Gainesville	65	74	79	78	83	75	73	63	58	52	63	58
14	Highlands	35	36	34	29	36	35	36	34	29	0	0	0
15	Jacksonville	210	183	160	128	136	133	121	116	110	112	123	130
16	Lake City	16	19	14	15	26	26	21	29	36	24	0	0
17	Lakeland	73	70	66	51	51	45	56	55	46	28	49	54
18	Lake-Sumter	106	96	71	88	59	76	74	75	61	54	57	55
19	Miami	110	90	74	72	73	80	72	66	70	64	68	82
20	Naples	131	147	98	99	97	91	75	63	56	56	57	65
21	Ocala	32	20	19	16	28	26	29	27	41	50	42	46

22	Palm Beach	190	184	166	153	155	155	133	113	88	105	101	101
23	Panama City	21	21	16	16	17	20	19	21	22	23	26	34
24	Pensacola	57	49	36	33	39	33	36	39	42	49	51	51
25	St. Augustine	54	61	63	61	62	51	47	37	33	31	27	26
26	St. Lucie River	85	109	74	69	84	65	45	47	44	55	53	53
27	St. Petersburg	56	53	48	50	49	41	33	30	33	36	38	39
28	Saramana	158	165	156	129	145	154	135	137	147	135	121	122
29	South Shore	42	35	30	34	34	30	21					
30	Tallahassee	35	34	32	26	29	29	21	22	27	26	26	33
31	Tampa	76	70	68	67	79	71	58	57	48	40	33	27
32	Treasure Coast			14	19	34	29	31	31	32	42	45	45
33	William Dunaway	26	29	27	23	26	24	28	29	29	27	22	18
34	Withlacoochee	77	78	59	52	51	45	48	45	37	47	44	50
35	The Villages	107	93	73	37	38							
36	Okeechobee	14											

## Treasurer

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Since the Annual Meeting, I have represented the Florida SAR at –

- the annual C.A.R. Summer Seminar and Packet Meeting in Celebration, FL (see the C.A.R. report)
- the SAR information table at the DAR Fall Forum in Kissimmee
- a Missing In America Project Internment Ceremony at Sarasota National Cemetery

I was not able to attend the SAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville. At the Spring BOM I was asked to look into the Florida SAR use of credit cards for collection of BOM fees, maybe even dues and to continue to pursue liability insurance.

I have not had the opportunity to spend the necessary time to research electronic payment options.

As for liability insurance, I did meet with one of the agents who had previously given up on us. He agreed to try again and gave me a couple of applications. I have substantially completed the applications as of this writing and hope to have them submitted before the BOM starts. However, I do not expect a response prior to the BOM.

See the Finance Committee Report for a detailed 2019 Budget Report and a proposed 2020 Budget.

## Registrar

Ray Lantz

### FLSSAR Application Stats 27 Apr 2019 – 26 Sep 2019

	Application Type				Totals
	Regular	Supplemental	CAR Transfer	Junior	
<b>Submitted To NSSAR</b>	107	38	0	3	148
<b>Approved* By NSSAR</b>	106	26	0	12	144
<b>Pended* By NSSAR</b>	11	0	0	0	11
<b>Pended By FSSAR</b>	22	14	0	0	36
<b>DAR Finder Approved Total Year to date</b>			<b>2018 = 52 and 2019 = 15</b>		

\* Approved and Pended by NSSAR stats are generally not related to the Submitted to NSSAR stats, as the majority of the stats apply to applications reported as submitted on the previous report period.

**NSSAR & FLSSAR Pended Reasons:**

- DAR RC referenced on app and no physical copy was submitted.
- 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 a copy 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.
- 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 incorrect 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**

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.

## **Chaplain**

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No Report Submitted

## Recording Secretary

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Spring BOM Minutes presented herein.

## Chancellor

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No report

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No report

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No report

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No report

## Historian

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Several plastic totes of historical records along with artifacts that have been in my custody as Historian are being transferred to the rented storage facility used by FLSSAR for safekeeping this weekend.

## Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

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As a reminder, 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. Since dues will be collected soon, please offer a subscription to your chapter members. For those that have paid, please provide a list of their names and mailing information to our Society Secretary along with a subscription check.

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 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= November 15, 2019
Spring 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= March 10, 2020
Summer 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= June 10, 2020
Fall 2020 Magazine Submittal Cutoff	= August 5, 2020

Be advised that when submittals are sent in late, it delays the publication of this magazine and makes it hard to deliver a good issue to our membership. General and historical articles also are appreciated so that our members get a variety of materials in each issue. 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.

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

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Nothing to report

## Statutory Committee Reports

### Audit

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No report

### Executive

Presented during session

### Finance

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At the end of the BOM Book, you should find a summary of cash receipts and cash disbursements for 2019 through September 30. These schedules also include a Proposed Budget for 2020. As shown on those summaries, at September 30, we had a 2019 year-to-date cash surplus of \$13,681. There are several factors that contribute to this large surplus so late in the year:

- There are no Magazine subscription revenue collections
- The annual donation from the Operating Budget Trust Fund has not yet been received
- The current President and SVP have not yet asked for reimbursement of any personal expenses spent on Florida SAR business
- The Medals & Awards Committee has spent substantially less than budgeted
- There has been no spending on New Chapter Development
- We have not acquired Liability Insurance
- We have not made the budgeted contribution to the Endowment Trust Fund
- We have not made the budgeted transfer to the Meeks Fund

Some of these items are expected to be discussed as possible fund-raising sources for the 2023 Congress. To divert these budget line items will require a 2019 Budget amendment and must be approved by the BOM.

The Proposed 2020 Budget shows a balanced budget; however, this was attained only by increasing budgeted dues collections by \$5,000 and allowing for \$1,000 in Patriot Magazine subscription collections. These revenue items may not be realistic. You will note that the cost of printing and delivering the Patriot Magazine was reduced by nearly 50%, as it is expected that we will print and mail a hard copy of the magazine only to those compatriots who pay the \$12 annual subscription fee, if any. Other items that may come up for discussion will be the expected requests for additional financial support for C.A.R., Outreach Education, Youth Contest Awards, 2023 Congress, 2020 Battle of Pensacola Commemoration (yes- there will be one) as well as the possibility that \$2500 will not buy the liability insurance we want and the inevitable requests for other donations here and there. These items would need to be discussed at the BOM as part of the 2020 Budget approval process.

As always, if there is ever anything I can do to assist any chapter with its chapter finances or required filings, please feel free to call on me at any time.

**ALL CHAPTERS ARE REMINDED TO FILE THEIR APPROPRIATE IRS  
FORM 990 WITH THE IRS – ON TIME.**

## Medals and Awards

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The committee is hereby reminding members and chapters that it is their responsibility to send to the Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee and the FLSSAR Secretary, a list of all chapter awards (medals and certificates) presented to individual compatriots during the past year (BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, ARTICLE V, Section 4- e.). Additionally Chapter Presidents may enter the awards into the individual compatriot's database at FLSSAR.org. Chapter Presidents may request of the FLSSAR.org webmaster (E. Scott Bushnell; sbushnell@usna64.org) that another chapter officer be given administrative privileges for entering chapter awards into the FLSSAR database. Keeping the individual compatriots' awards database current, will help in assuring that deserving compatriots receive appropriate awards.

## Nominating

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The Nominating Committee recommends the following Compatriots for election for the year 2020 – 2021:

President – David Bussone	Editor – Jeffery Sizemore
SVP – Bernard Wolff	Webmaster – Scott Bushnell
Treasurer – W. Richard Young	RVP NE – Jim Gaskins
Secretary – Scott Breckenridge	RVP NW – Earl “Matt” Mathews
Mem. At Large – Scott Bushnell	RVP NC – David Thomas
Recording Sec. – Ronald Grove	RVP EC – Charles Berger
Registrar – Ray Lantz	RVP WC – John B. Goolsby
Sgt at Arms – Claude Farmer	RVP SW – Robert McGuire
Chaplain – Dwight Elam	RVP SE - open
Chancellor – Carl Hoffman	
Genealogist – Richard Cardell	National Trustee – William Lee Popham
Historian – Larry Sturgeon	Alt. Trustee – David Bussone

The committee recommends for nomination to the South Atlantic District for the Vice President General, South Atlantic District for 2020 -2021 Patrick Niemann. The election to be held at the FLSSAR October 2019 BOM.

## Patriot Medal

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No report

## NSSAR Affairs

### SAR Education Center & Museum Committee

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No report

### NSSAR Library

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No report

# FLSSAR Affairs

## Archives

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No report

## Americanism and Chapter Challenge

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Currently the committee has continued to up date the Americanism form so that it does not come all at one time. All new members, reinstatements , and supplementals have been posted ( 6475 points). Also attendance at national events Last Naval Battle and Thomas Creek have been posted (805 points) sections 12 A and 12 B Awards to nonmembers and members have been posted to date (1290 points).

I have heard from the Eagle Scout committee, about their awards (1925 points) but there was no response from the Knight Essay, Rumbaugh, Brochure or Poster Contests, we will have to gather that information before the end of the year.

At the end of the year we will add the entries from the chapters to make up the entire submission, please get your entries together and submit them to the Contest Chair and the National Chairman so you can compete with the others chapter nation wide

## 2023 Orlando Congress Task Force

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Our Proposal to host the 2023 SAR Congress was successful, and we will be hosting the Congress in Orlando. There are lots of preparations to be made, and a meeting of this Task Force will take place during the BOM. All persons interested in participating and supporting our efforts are welcome to attend this organizing meeting. Many thanks to all of our Compatriots for your continuing support! A job like this simply cannot be accomplished without the volunteer help and support of our membership.

This Task Force was formed during the Fall 2018 BOM, to investigate the feasibility of a Florida location being selected for the 2023 National Congress of the NSSAR. During this Fall 2019 BOM, we expect that our Task Force will become a full (sic) Committee.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda for Fall BOM:

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge to SAR

Invocation

Introduction

Who, Where, When (Updates)

Proposed Motion establishing FLSSAR 2023 Congress Planning Committee (presented at BOM)

FLSSAR 2023 Congress Planning Committee Charter

Congress General Schedule (Review handout)

FLSSAR Responsibilities

FLSSAR Expenses

Fundraising (see handout)

Ladies Hospitality Room

Tours and Events

Volunteers (approximately 80)

Recessional

Benediction

We have received information regarding several qualifying hotel facilities in the Orlando area, and site visits for 6 or 7 of these hotel and convention facilities are expected to take place during the last week of October 2019.

**All proposals submitted by the Hotels are either for the 13-20 July 2023 or 20-27 July 2023.** A Church visit is also expected to take place, in order to select an appropriate forum for the annual Memorial Service that takes place – in Colonial uniform and dress – at each Congress.

The full text of our successful Proposal appears below. Several preferences were stated, but are still subject to the approvals of NSSAR and Florida SAR:

Subject: National Congress Hosting Proposal – Florida Society SAR

The 2,500 Compatriots of the Florida Society request the honor of hosting the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2023. The Florida Society last hosted the National Congress in 1995 in Orlando. After more than 25 years, we, of the Florida Society believe it is time to invite the National Society to return to Florida.

We submitted a bid on the 131<sup>st</sup> National Congress in Jacksonville two years ago, and we congratulate the Washington Society for their successful bid. We again submitted a bid on the 132<sup>nd</sup> National Congress in Jacksonville last year, and we congratulate the Georgia Society for their successful bid. We are asking again, but we believe Jacksonville is too close to Savannah – where the 2022 Congress will be held, so we are moving our proposed site to Orlando.

Based on the Orlando area site and hotel surveys conducted in preparation for this 2019 request, we recommend that the host hotel be the Embassy Suites by Hilton Lake Buena Vista South, where our own Florida SAR meetings have been held for the last four years.

From the establishment of the first European settlements in the United States, to the present Space Age, Florida (Land of Flowers) has played an integral role in the history of our nation. Our State's role in our nation's history and Florida's part in that history is our proposed theme of the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Year: 2023

Proposed Host City: Orlando, Florida

Proposed Dates of Congress: 8 - 12 July 2023

Last Year and Location of Hosting: 1995 in Orlando, Florida

**Special Occasion: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of British Conquering East and West Florida, causing only 13 Colonies to Participate in the American Revolution (instead of 14)**

Historical Significance of Florida and the American Revolution:

Florida is the geographical location of three documented Revolutionary War battles; The Battle of Thomas Creek in Jacksonville, The Battle of Pensacola, and The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution off the coast of Cape Canaveral.

During the American Revolution, Florida was actually two separate British Colonies: East Florida had its capital city at St. Augustine; and West Florida's capital city was located at Pensacola.

The fort at St. Augustine, originally built by the Spanish Conquistadors in 1565, served as a British stronghold, and the key location in the supply of goods to England, and throughout the 52 British Colonies in the New World. St. Augustine's garrison was also a war prison for captured American Army and Navy prisoners.

The Spanish Governor of Louisiana, Bernardo de Galvez, recruited and led a successful Spanish militia attack on the British garrison in Pensacola, thus removing a British stronghold in West Florida. General George Washington authorized at least two attempts to attack St. Augustine during the war, both of which ended in failure.

**Congress Theme: "FLORIDA: THE 14TH COLONY – FROM THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED CITY TO THE LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTION, HISTORY ABOUNDS"**

Hotel Survey:

Helms Briscoe conducted a hotel survey of our first-choice host city – ORLANDO. Attached in the enclosed supporting documentation is the survey for our preferred hotel, the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, located at 4955 Kyngs Heath Road in Kissimmee, Florida, a suburb of Orlando in close proximity to the Orlando International Airport, Disney World, Florida's Ronald Reagan Turnpike leading to I-75, and the I-4 Interstate Highway.

The Florida SAR is very familiar with the rooms, amenities, and staff of this facility, as this hotel has been the home of all Florida Society Board of Managers (BOM) and Annual Meetings for the past four years, and we have contracted for at least two more years – through 2020. The hotel has been hosting a free cocktail hour every evening during our meetings, and the room rates include free buffet cooked breakfasts – with complimentary omelet and cooking stations, - every morning. The hotel rooms are all Suites, and can easily accommodate two couples, if attendees wish to reduce the cost of their Congress attendance. It meets the minimum needs of a hosting facility for a National Congress.

Accessibility:

Orlando is completely accessible by car, train, and air. The city is served by major interstate highways, including: From the North and South by I-95, I-75, I-4, and the Florida (Ronald Reagan) Turnpike. These routes are intersected from the East and West by I-10, I-20, I-26, and I-40. The Orlando area is one of the most popular summer recreation destinations in the United States, and the site will be easily accessible by car for a large majority of our Compatriots living in the Atlantic States, the Midwest States, and the Gulf Coast States. The East Coast Auto-Train terminates in Sanford, Florida, approximately 20 miles from the hotel site. The area is also served by Amtrak on its eastern seaboard and western routes, and there are several RV parks in the immediate area – including Fort Wilderness at Walt Disney World.

The Orlando International Airport is one of the largest airport facilities in the Eastern United States, with enough daily seats to fill Disney World, Universal Studios, and a hundred other vacation destination facilities on a daily basis – and there will probably be enough capacity to accommodate our SAR Compatriots as well.

Memorial Service Venues:

There are several church facilities in close proximity to the proposed host hotel site. See the attached map and church listing in this proposal package.

Ladies Luncheon Sites:

The Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South is a convention/tourist destination hotel and has numerous sites suitable for hosting a Lady’s Luncheon.

Potential Offsite Excursions and Events:

Aside from the famous attractions in the Orlando area – Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, etc., we are in the process of investigating the following:

- Field Trip to Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center
- Daytona Speedway – NASCAR race tickets on Saturday, 8 July 2023 – Color Guard Opportunity on National Television?
- Tampa Bay Rays baseball home game – Color Guard Opportunity?
- Quail Creek Plantation, Okeechobee FL – 14-station Sporting Clays Shotgun Event
- River Ranch Estates, Orlando Area – Saturday Night Rodeo and afternoon airboat rides
- St. Augustine field trip and history tour
- Tour of The Villages, the fastest-growing retirement community in the United States

Significant Reason for Choosing Florida to Host the National Congress:

Florida, in general, is a premiere tourist destination with its world class beaches, Walt Disney World, Busch Gardens, etc. Many of our Compatriots have been looking for a reason to travel to Central Florida for a vacation, and maybe even to investigate a move to Florida for retirement.

The Florida Society is the second largest NSSAR Society. Attendance at a National Congress that is close to home should attract many new “First-Timers,” who will enjoy themselves so much, that they might choose to become regular Congress attendees in future years.

Florida is rich in history. The first established city in America was founded in St. Augustine, approximately a 1.5-hour bus ride from the host hotel. St. Augustine was founded in 1565 by the Spanish conquistadors. Many of the old city’s historical structures and the Castillo de San Marcos are open for touring.

The Orlando site is one hour away from Cape Canaveral; less than one hour from the famous Daytona Speedway, and approximately one hour away from Tropicana Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Rays professional baseball team. Excursions to these facilities should not be out of the question.

Fundraising and Funding of Hosting a National Congress:

The Florida Society currently has cash reserves to totally fund its responsibilities of hosting a Congress; however, we don’t intend to spend ANY of those reserves, and they will only be used as a backstop for funding. There are currently plans in the works to establish the following funding sources:

- Design and sell 2023 Orlando Congress Medals;
- Design and sell a unique 2023 Orlando Congress commemorative coin;
- Design and sell unique Florida Society Medals, which will be available to Florida SAR meeting First-Timers and purchasers after the 2023 Congress;
- Solicitation of voluntary donations from Compatriots
- Grant applications from the Kissimmee and Orlando convention bureaus;
- “Project Sales” and donations of In-Kind goods and services from convention vendors
- Raffles and Drawings for significant eye-catching prizes (e.g., a motorcycle, powerboat, or cruise); a hand-made authentic Colonial Uniform or other appropriate garments; a five-night stay at the host hotel; and, an appropriate replica firearm.
- Anything else we can think of between now and 2023

Summary:

The Florida Society SAR looks forward to hosting the 2023 National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. We have the enthusiastic support of our Compatriots, and we believe that Orlando and its surrounding cities and activities provide a compelling reason for holding a “family vacation Congress” in the Sunshine State. These are two extremely important aspects of a successful Congress. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you award the Florida SAR the opportunity to host the 2023 NSSAR National Congress.

We look forward to our seminars, discussions, workshops, and fellowship at the Fall 2019 BOM in Orlando.

## Documents

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No report

## Ethics Committee

Chairman: Steve Williams      [sarwilliamssa@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamssa@gmail.com)

No actions or submissions from January to arch 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Genealogy

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No report

## Meeting Arrangements-BOM

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No report

## Membership Promotion and Retention

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The committee is continuing the work done by Jerry Hardwich last year, updating and enhancing his Best Practices for Recruiting, Retention, and Reactivation document, and his two power point presentations for use with chapters, DAR, or public relations efforts.

In addition, we are working on an FLSSAR New Member Handbook.

## New Chapter Development

Jeffery Sizemore      swampfoxsar@gmail.com

This past year a new chapter was formed in Okeechobee, Florida. The FLSSAR would like to see another chapter chartered. If you know of an area where they are more than 12 members willing to start a new chapter and have individuals willing to serve as chapter officers and committee men, please let us know.

## Newsletters and Periodicals

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Submissions must be received by December 15<sup>th</sup> or request for extension to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Strategic Planning

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No report

## Technology Advisory Committee

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Nothing to report

## Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade

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W. Richard Young, Commander  
Steven R. Fields, Vice-Commander  
M. Scott Breckenridge, Adjutant

The summer months are behind us. Even though most of our chapters suspend meetings for the summer months, there were multiple opportunities for local Color Guard events over these past 3-4 months with Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Constitution Week all falling on the calendar since the last BOM. And I am sure there were multiple opportunities for other local events. There were also opportunities to serve with the National SAR Color Guard at the Costa Mesa Congress, the recent Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville and several other National Events outside of Florida.

As we move into the Fall months, opportunities are available with Honor Flight, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America, as well as local parades for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Some of the known National Events in the not too distant future are:

October

Point Pleasant Battle Days – Point Pleasant, WV  
Battle of Kings Mountain – Blacksburg, SC  
Yorktown Day Parade – Yorktown, VA

January

Battle of Cowpens – Chesnee, SC

February

Battle of Kettle Creek – Washington, GA  
Crossing of the Dan – South Boston, VA

March

Spring Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY  
Last Naval Battle of the Revolution – Merritt Island, FL  
Battle of Guilford Courthouse – Greensboro, NC

April

Patriots Day

May

Battle of Pensacola (YES – there will be Commemoration in 2020)  
Memorial Day

The Commemoration of the Battle of Thomas Creek, not yet a National Event will be in March in 2020. There will be the occasional Missing in America Project internment, in Florida and other states. I am also sure your local DAR Chapters and C.A.R. Societies will be hosting events and would be delighted at the presence of an SAR Color Guard.

I hope to be able to compile a list of local Chapter and community events at which an SAR Color Guard plans to participate and make that available to all Chapter Color Guard Commanders, if not all Florida SAR Compatriots.

By now, most of you have seen the National Color Guard policy on safety, especially in the use of black power weapons, and local insurance suggestions. This policy will be the primary topic of discussion at the scheduled meeting of the Florida Color Guard on Friday afternoon of this BOM. The only planned Color Guard event for this BOM is the Presentation of Colors prior to the Saturday evening banquet.

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

Our chapter now has eighteen members actively participating in the color guard or have expressed significant interest in the program. Several have functioning firelocks.

This has been an active spring and summer for our Compatriots. We have presented twenty-two ROTC/JROTC awards to cadets at out colleges and high schools this spring, as well as honored five Sea Cadets and Young Marines for superior performance in their respective leadership programs. Thus far our compatriots have

recognized five new Eagle Scouts for their achievement at their Eagle Courts of Honor. We provided a color guard for the award of the Orations Competition medal in Orange Park.

Several of our elected officers participated in the Florida Society SAR color guard at the May 2019 BOM.

Our members were involved in Memorial Day events at the Jacksonville National Cemetery and in the honoring of our war dead at the Jacksonville Veterans Wall and Jacksonville Beaches Veterans Memorial.

Two of our members supported the St. Johns County DAR and St. Augustine SAR chapter Flag Day recognition, in old town St Augustine.

On June 22nd, three of our members attended the interment of Seaman Herbert J. Poindexter at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. He was a victim of the December 7th 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, where he died in USS OKLAHOMA (BB-37).

We had presence at several Naturalization Ceremonies conducted by the Federal Court in Jacksonville, Florida. Our members participated in two Habitat for Humanity events, at the Jacksonville Beaches and in Green Cove Springs.

As our communities did not observe Independence Day this year with a parade or community-wide recognition, several of our color guard members walked the open shopping area of Fernandina Beach, while in Continental Army and era militia garb, wishing visitors and passers-by a Happy Independence Day. Our participants responded to numerous questions on the Revolutionary War and our equipment, plus were featured in about one hundred visitor photographs. We also had an invitation to participate in a community Independence Day celebration at Moosehaven in Orange Park.

Several of our members took part in a mid-May Colonial Days event at St. Michaels Academy in Fernandina Beach with a presentation on the United States flags and our Traveling Trunk. We conducted a similar program the next week at Lindifarne Hall, classical Christian upper school, also in Fernandina Beach. It appears that these will be annual events for both schools. We hope to expand this program to other summer education events within our tri-county area.

We participated in the St. Andrews Society Scottish Heritage Day event in Clay County, recognizing the contributions of Scots and contributions to Independence of the United States and our Nation's development.

Our members supported our DAR sisters through color guard presentations at a George Washington luncheon, a local chapter meeting, and the Constitution Week luncheon., and presence at a marker dedication at Jacksonville Beach. Additionally, our color guard drummer and Chapter President, Scott Breckenridge, provided some tips and training to CAR apprentice drummers of the Vaughn-Latham chapter.

In late September, several of our color guard members completed black powder safety training and were familiarized in the Von Steuben manual of arms for firelocks, through the National Park Service at Kingsley Plantation. We will be training other members at similar events through the National Park Service "Flintlock Friday" local program.

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

Inactive

**3. Cape Canaveral #3** Normand Desmarais, Commander

May 2019

Presented ROTC awards to 1 University and 14 High Schools the following was in period attire. Doug Bisset, Norm Desmarais, Barry Eller, Brian Jensen, Ray Norman

June 2019

Meeting 01 Jun 2019, Brian Jensen in Period Attire, Inducted new member David Newhart

08 Jun 2019, Barry Eller attended Flag Day Luncheon with Brevard DAR

July 2019

04 July 2019, Participated in the Merritt Island 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with Brevard DAR Chapters, our float was published in the Florida Today. Barry Eller, Brian Jensen, Ray Norman

September 2019

Brian Jensen and Ray Norman in period attire: Inducted four new members: Hampton Black, George Bowels, Paul Tilson Jr and Edwin Yates.

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

No Report Submitted.

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

On May 27 the Color Guard Participated in Memorial Day celebrations in both St. Lucie County and Martin County.

Wreaths were presented by Guard members, In Martin County the members marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade along with the Halpatokee Chapter DAR and the Treasure Coast Fife and Drum

On June 15 the Color Guard 8 members along with the Elk's Club of Ft. Pierce, celebrated Flag Day, this is an annual event by the Chapter.

On July 4th the Color Guard, 4 members , along with the Viet Nam Veterans of St Lucie County and the Treasure Coast Fife and Drum presented the colors at the St Lucie Mets Baseball game. The St Lucie Mets is a class A minor league team of the New York Mets.

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

Attended the Independence Day celebration at St Augustine and Patriot Day at Santa Fe College

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

Inactive

**8. Nathaniel Green Camp #8** Saramana Chapter Camp Commander, Vincent Panissidi

May 4, SAT: Honor Flight returns to RSW airport in Ft. Myers, FL (National Event) D. Erb, S. Fields

May 10-11 (Fri-Sat) FLSSAR Board of Management and Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL - (National Event) D. Erb, S. Fields

May 18, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Guest Speaker, Memorial Day Observance, Chapter Awards, S. Fields, D. Erb, C. Paige, V. McMurry, P. Adams

May 27 (Mon) Memorial Day Parade – Sarasota, FL - (National Event) S. Fields, C. Paige, Preston Adams

May 29 (WED) Law Day Luncheon for the Manatee County Bar Association S. Fields, G. Smith, Vic McMurry

June 11, TUE: Honor Flight St. Petersburg Airport S. Fields

June 15, SAT: Manasota Regent’s Council DAR Flag Day Luncheon S. Fields, D. Erb, P. Adams, C. Paige

June 30, SUN: Allegiance Sunday, Sarasota First Baptist Church (National Event) S. Fields, D. Erb, L. Dean

Sep 7, SAT: Manasota Regents Council Constitution Week Luncheon - (National Event) S. Fields, D. Erb, V. McMurry, G. Smith, C. Riegle

**Color Guard Upcoming Events**

Sep 19-21, Thu-Sat: NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference; Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY - (National Event)

Sep 26, THU: Missing in America Call to Honor, Sarasota National Cemetery – (National Event)

October 4-5, FRI-SAT: Florida SAR Society Board of Management - (State Event)

Oct 19, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Guest Speaker,

Oct 24, THU: Funeral for Compatriot Billie West Lowe, Sarasota National Cemetery

Nov 16, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Election 2020 Officers, Rumbaugh Competition

Dec 14, SAT: Saramana Luncheon – Installation 2020 Officers, Chapter Awards, Eagle Scout Essay Contest

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

1. Memorial Day, May 27th, Woodlawn Park Cemetery, Veterans Section, Miami: Color Guard opened the ceremonies by leading the march to the proceedings, posting colors, and remaining for photographs with dignitaries and the public. Approximately 200 in attendance including Lt. Governor Nunez of Florida, Admiral Craig Faller, commander of U.S. Southern Command, and other dignitaries. Photo of the event is featured in the current issue of the SAR national magazine.

2. Fourth of July, Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables: Color Guard opened the event by marching in, presenting colors during the opening ceremonies which featured an orchestral concert and fireworks. Approximately 10,000 in attendance. Many of the families in attendance had photos taken with the Color Guard. The event was televised locally.

3. South Florida Regents Council Annual luncheon, September 14th, Miami Shores Country Club: Color Guard opened the event by marching in and posting colors. Color Guard was joined by Dwight Elam of the Florida SAR Color Guard and chaplain of the State Society. Approximately 100 in attendance.

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

No Report Submitted.

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

May - Sept 2019

a) On May 2nd CG Commander Russell Gibson met with Kemper Willcut, owner of the Cove, to discuss award of certificate and bronze medal.

b) On May 2nd CG member Dave Hitchcock presented a bronze medal at NJROTC, Brooksville HS

c) On May 3rd CG Commander Gibson presented bronze medal at NJROTC Crystal River HS

d) On May 7th CG Cdr Gibson presented two GCC at Crystal River MS

e) On May 10th CG Cdr presented bronze medal and certificate to The Cove in Inverness

f) On May 11th CG Cdr had the colors posted at the general membership meeting

g) On May 18th CG CDr Gibson and member Dave Hitchcock gave a history of the flag presentation at Brooksville Healthcare to 23 residents

h) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented eleven GCC at Central Ridge Elementary

i) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented twelve GCC at Homosassa Elementary

- j) On May 20th CG Cdr Gibson presented three GCC at Floral City Elementary
- k) On May 23rd CG Cdr Gibson presented six GCC at Lecanto Primary
- l) On May 23rd CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Inverness Primary
- m) On May 26th CG Cdr Gibson along with members Echlin, Brock, and Hellem participated in "Flags In" at Bushnell National Cemetery
- n) On 27 May CG Cdr Gibson along with members Sturgeon, Brock, Crawford, Hitchcock and Ferguson participated in Memorial Day Ceremony in Floral City
- o) On May 27th CG Cdr gave keynote speech at Arbor Lakes Community in Hernando
- p) On May 28th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Rock Crusher Elementary
- q) On May 29th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Forest Ridge Elementary
- r) On May 30th CG Cdr Gibson presented five GCC at Crystal River Primary
- s) On June 1st CG Cdr Gibson along with member Brock participated in "Flags Out" at Bushnell Cemetery
- t) On June 9th CG Cdr Gibson participated in a Flag Day ceremony at Inverness Elks
- u) On June 19th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the Ad-Hoc committee planning the Veterans Week in Citrus County in November
- v) On June 29th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the NCCB concert at the Citrus Springs Community Center, leading the Pledge of Allegiance for 350 people
- w) On June 30th CG Cdr Gibson participated in the NCCB concert at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, leading the Pledge of Allegiance for 675 people
- x) On August 2nd CG Cdr and member Dave Hitchcock participated in the "Welcome Back" program for the Citrus County district teachers by presenting the colors to approx. 1300 people
- y) On August 21st CG Cdr Gibson attended the Ad-Hoc planning comm meeting
- z) On August 23rd CG Cdr Gibson gave a flag etiquette presentation to two 8th grade classes at Lecanto MS to a total of 48 students.

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

The Lake-Sumter Color Guard presented and retrieved the colors at two chapter meetings during this period. At the meeting on May 4th, 2019, four color guard members participated. Attendance was 35 members and guests. The chapter color Guard Commander, Glenn Langston, also gave a presentation to the chapter concerning his recent participation in an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Glenn is a veteran of WWII.

The Lake-Sumter chapter Color Guard also presented and retrieved the colors at the last chapter meeting before summer hiatus on June 1, 2019. Four chapter members participated. Total attendance was 36.

On July 4, 2019, eleven Lake-Sumter chapter members participated as a unit in the Fourth of July Parade sponsored by the City of Tavares, FL. Three Color Guard members were present in uniform and carried the colors in the parade.

It should be noted that our Color Guard Commander, Glenn Langston, suffered a debilitating stroke during the summer. He is still undergoing treatment and rehabilitation at a rehabilitation center in Eustis, FL. He is steadily improving but his return is uncertain at this time. Compatriot Scott Bushnell has agreed to serve as color guard commander pending Glenn's return

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

The Camp currently has eight active Color Guard members of which two are only seasonal Naples residents.

On May 9, 2019, Commander Don Cahill presented the colors at the Naples Chapter Luncheon Meeting at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida.

On May 10-11, 2019, Color Guardsmen Leonard Crame and John McCullough participated in the Spring BOM Color Guard in Kissimmee, Florida.

On May 27, 2019, Color Guardsmen Leonard Crame, John McCullough and James Meerpohl participated in the All American Wars Color Guard (representing the Revolutionary War) at the Memorial Day Celebration at Hodges Memorial Gardens in Naples, Florida. The annual event was organized by the Collier County Veterans Council.

On July 4, 2019, Color Guardsmen Leonard Crame, James Meerpohl and John McCullough (in uniform) represented the Naples Chapter SAR in convertibles with colors just ahead of the Big Cypress Chapter NSDAR in the Annual Naples Independence Day Parade

**14. Hillsborough River Camp #14** - Dick Young, Commander

The Hillsborough River Camp was busy over the summer, even though the Chapter suspended meetings for the summer months. Led by Commander Alan Bell, the Color Guard participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post #5 USS Tampa. Color Guard members were Compatriots David Bryant, Commander Bell, John Stewart (St. Petersburg), Terry Doan, John Goolsby, Dick Young and John

Sessums. We were joined by the Hillsborough High School JROTC in the presentation of the National Colors.

On June 11, the Tampa Chapter Color Guard, other members of the Tampa Chapter as well as members from the St. Petersburg Chapter, along with the DAR and many other patriotic organizations met the return of Honor Flight Mission #38 at the St Petersburg/ Clearwater Airport.

Sunday evening, June 30 found the Hillsborough River Camp at the Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church of Tampa where they presented the National and Christian Colors for a concert of patriotic music presented by the Brass Ensemble of The Florida Orchestra. Participating in Color Guard were John Goolsby, Dick Young, Terry Doan and Commander Alan Bell. Miss Nyssa Masters (DAR) coordinated the SAR presence at this event with the Church.

This was the last Color Guard event for Commander Bell who retired from a career of coaching and teaching and moved to East Tennessee shortly have this event. Alan served the Tampa Chapter in many different capacities over the past 15 years. His energies and his leadership will be missed.

September 10 the Color Guard was, once again, at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport to meet the return of the Honor Flight Mission #39. Participating in this event were Compatriots David Bryant, Bill Swain, John Stewart (St. Petersburg) and Dick Young. We were joined by the Pithlachascotee DAR Chapter (New Port Richey) and may other patriotic organizations.

On September 14, the Tampa Color Guard presented the Colors at the opening of a joint Constitution Month meeting of the St. Petersburg and Tampa Chapters. The featured speaker was National SAR Library Director Joseph Hardesty. Participating in the Color Guard were David Bryant, Bill Swain, Robert Anderson (Clearwater) and Dick Young.

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

On May 4th, the Caloosa Color Guard participated with members of the Naples and Saramana Chapter color guards in a welcoming event at the Fort Myers Airport (RSW) upon the return of Honor Flight Mission 19. Compatriots Hamp Allen (in uniform) and Bob McGuire participated in the Court of Honor for Compatriot/Eagle Scout David Reid on May 19th. Compatriots Jim Stone, Lewis Elliott, and Hamp Allen participated in flag ceremonies on Memorial Day (May 27th) at Campo Felice Senior Living Center in Fort Myers.

Most of our color guard activities are suspended for the summer hiatus. However, Compatriots McGuire and Elam both participated in several National Color Guard events with the NSSAR Color Guard during the 129th SAR Congress in Costa Mesa CA.

In September the Camp will participate in uniform at the DAR Constitution Day Luncheon on the 14th and at the DAR Fall Forum in Orlando on the 21st. We will also attend the welcome of Honor Flight Mission 20 at RSW on the 28th.

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

**Lake City Chapter Outpost** Williem Pfeil, Commander  
No Report Submitted.

## Liaisons

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

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Your Committee Chair attended the C.A.R. Summer Seminar and Packet Meeting on August 3 in Celebration, Florida. The annual State C.A.R. Packet was distributed and discussed in the morning. There was an afternoon visit to the Orlando Airport USO (Florida State President's Project – see below); however, I was unable to stay long enough to join the group. Each SAR Chapter is encouraged to contact the local C.A.R. Society, attend their meetings, invite them to attend your meetings and include them in your other Chapter activities, including Color Guard events. If there is no C.A.R. Society in your area, please show support for the Florida Society and/or National Society C.A.R. by supporting their respective State and National Projects.

We will again be recognizing those Chapters that submit the C.A.R. Activity Report for the current SAR year, with a flag streamer, or some suitable award, to those Chapters completing five of the ten listed activities. Use the National C.A.R. Activity Report found on the National website.

The C.A.R. needs your help

As part of the morning meeting, Charles Decker, Senior State Treasurer advised that, after several years of declining membership, the Florida Society C.A.R. finds its treasury nearly depleted. At a recent meeting of the Governing Board, the FSCAR eliminated some of its annual expenditures, primarily those used to assist officers and members attend the NSCAR National Conference. This should prevent another deficit year; however, it will not allow a rebuilding of its Treasury. FSCAR is asking their friends in the SAR and DAR for financial support. What, if anything, the Florida Society SAR can do will be discussed at the meeting of the Florida Youth Council and during the budget presentation at the BOM. Regardless, the FSCAR needs your personal help. Any individual member or chapter who wishes to provide financial help can hand me or mail me a check or cash.

#### Understanding Service Opportunities

FSCAR State President Dominic Matthews announced the theme for the 2019-2020 State Project is "Understanding Service Opportunities." This project supports active duty military personnel by providing cash donations to the USO lounge at the Orlando International Airport. The USO was founded in 1941 as a support system for the military and their families. The donations from this Project will allow the USO to purchase the necessary items that keep their lounge operating. Around 300,000 military personnel travel through Orlando International Airport each year. To support this project, pins and bags will be on sale. Any fundraising for the State Project is separate from the request for financial support, above.

#### Youth Members

Each chapter is encouraged to identify its Youth Members and invite them to their meetings, if they live locally, and include them in other Chapter activities, including your Color Guard events. Also, encourage your members to submit applications for their sons, grandsons and other young relatives.

## DAR Liaison

Robert McGuire

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The new FSDAR State Regent, Kay Yarbrough, has appointed a new chair of their SAR-SR Liaison Committee. This is Vanessa Talbott [email: talbott.vanessa@gmail.com; phone: (727) 455-6153]. Vanessa's HODAR is Compatriot Alan Craig, past president of the St. Petersburg Chapter, FLSSAR. The Florida Society DAR has also moved their meeting location for Fall Forum (held in September) and their Spring Conference (held in March) to the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World as they outgrew the Florida Hotel at the Florida Mall as their attendance exceeded 700 members. By the time that this report is published in the Proceedings, their 48th Annual Fall Forum will have been completed September 19-22.

As it turns out, the Fall Forum is on the same dates as NSSAR Leadership in Louisville KY, resulting in many of the usual volunteers who staff our FLSSAR information table at these events being in Louisville. Compatriot Hamp Allen was pressed into service to act in my stead at the DAR event, and a number of volunteers were recruited to represent (mostly in uniform) the Florida Society SAR at one of our premier recruiting opportunities. SAR needs to be cognizant of other event schedules in developing our program calendars if we hope to have support and participation from DAR (and others) in the future. State Regent Yarbrough, and Liaison Chair Vanessa Talbott are both participating in the Fall BOM meeting and compatriots should greet them and thank them for their support.

The NSSAR DAR Liaison Committee has revised the DAR/SAR Membership Award which recognizes the efforts of DAR members in recruiting new SAR members. The award, first authorized in 1990, is made to DAR state societies with the greatest number of referrals. There is now a two-track system: one uses a leveling formula for the highest percentage of applications that include the DAR Finder Form versus the number of applications adjusted for the number of members in the state society; the other uses the highest number of approved SAR members using the Finder Form. There are six total awards totaling \$1,200.00, with competition from January 1 to December 31 annually. The key element is that the DAR Finder Report Form (DAR FF 11-2017) must be completed and submitted with the application. This is an area in which the Florida Society continues to fall short compared with other states. In addition to the national competition, each chapter should be recognizing the contributions of DAR ladies who are making referrals of new members to their chapters. Recognition may include certificates of appreciation and the SAR Medal of Appreciation, depending upon the number of referrals.

## Ladies Auxiliary

Jeffery Sizemore

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

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 Anne McGuire.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also be having a luncheon for all members and potential members at this Board of Management meeting. For Ladies that are interested in joining, see Anne McGuire for a membership application.

## Historic Sites

### Commemorative Historic Sites

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A proposal has been submitted to the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations committee to designate the annual Battle of Thomas Creek celebration as a recognized National Event. A total of five proposals for new national events will be considered by the committee during the upcoming Leadership meeting in Louisville KY September 19-20, 2019. Committee chairman Bill Sharp has forwarded copies of proposals to each committee member for review in advance of the meeting.

Three of the proposals have received support from all members responding (Battle of Red Bank, NJ; Battle of Brooklyn & the Maryland 400; and Battle of Princeton, NJ) with some concerns expressed by two members on our Thomas Creek proposal and substantial concerns about the “Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail Event in 2021” held by many members. Clarification has been provided on what is desired from SAR on the Trail Event (abbreviated W3R-NHT) and support is likely, though not as an annual event but rather as a one-time commemoration of the 240th anniversary of the event. Further information has also been provided regarding the Thomas Creek commemoration’s evolution and present support, and most concerns have been withdrawn.

A brochure has been prepared and is ready for publication announcing the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek on Saturday 10:00 a.m. March 28, 2020 in Jacksonville. An impressive program of speakers and guests are lined up to participate.

The date (March 7, 2020) for the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Merritt Island has been announced by Compatriot Barry Eller who was in Sweden at the time he responded. More details are expected on this event after his return.

A meeting was held in Pensacola in an effort to get the annual Battle of Pensacola celebration back on track and to reassure NSSAR that this should retain its designation as a “National Event”. The last significant SAR celebration had been held in 2009, and the continued recognition by NSSAR was in jeopardy. Lee Popham and I drove out on August 15th and held a meeting that evening which included NSDAR VPG Ginger Poffenberger, State Regent Kay Yarbrough, Pensacola Chapter Regent Theresa Friday along with PG Lindsey Brock, RVP Matt Mathews, Pensacola Chapter President Chris Washler and other SAR members who had been involved in earlier celebrations. On Saturday, Wesley Odom – past Pensacola member and owner of Go Retro tour company took participants on a tour of areas that are important to the celebration, and reviewed a plan he had developed to restore to event to prominence. While there remains much work to be done, May 9, 2020 has been set for the next celebration of the Battle of Pensacola.

Miami Chapter president Bill Wicks has reported that his chapter is working on dedicating a Liberty Tree in the Miami area. He has been provided some “lessons learned” along with sample proclamations that may be used by City and County governments participating in the celebration. The date and location of this event will be announced.

### Battle of Pensacola

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On August 15, a large group met to discuss the future of the Battle of Pensacola. The meeting included FLSSAR President Lee Popham, past NSSAR PG Lindsey Brock FLSSAR Commemorative Historic Sites Committee Chair, Bob McGuire, NSDAR VPG Ginger Poffenberger, FSDAR Regent Kay Yarbrough, as well as numerous individuals representing the Pensacola SAR and DAR chapters. With the Battle of Pensacola being on probation with NSSAR, a concerted effort is being made to revive the commemoration for 2020. After a presentation by Compatriot Wesley Odom on past Battle of Pensacola events and possibilities for the 2020 event, a lengthy discussion was had on how to proceed.

While plans are still being developed, it has been confirmed that there will be a Battle of Pensacola event on May 9, 2020. The local organizing committee is meeting again on September 27 to begin working with other local organizations including DAR, Granaderos y Damas, and the Pensacola Heritage Foundation to solidify the plans for the event. Information and invitations will be going out soon to Color Guard units around the state and the region.

## Battle of Thomas Creek

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See Flyer in Addenda

## Last Naval Battle

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No report

## Youth Programs

### Americanism Youth Contests

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No Report Submitted

### Eagle Scout

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Stuart Case, The Florida Society winner for 2018 was ineligible to enter the National Competition because he had maxed out in the amount of scholarship funds he could receive from NSSAR. Therefore, Eagle Scout Lane Dixon, submitted by Withlacochee Chapter, was the Florida Society entrant in the National competition for the King Eagle Scout Scholarship Award. Lane was recognized with an Honorable Mention Award and received a cash award from NSSAR. Congratulations to Withlacochee Eagle Chairman Charlie Day and his committee for submitting Lane's application to the Florida Society.

All entries for the 2019 Florida Eagle Scout Contest must be received by the State Chairman no later than January 15, 2020. Prize levels remain the same as last year: First-\$1000, Second-\$500. Third-\$250.

It was announced at the National Eagle Scout Committee at Fall Leadership that any Eagle Scout who expects to win one of the top 10 awards at the National level will need to have completed American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law Merit Badges. These three merit badges are given special consideration based on the rules of the contest. While they are not required, no one has won without having all three of these badges.

Nominations for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award may be submitted to the Committee at any time during the year.

### History Fairs

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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.

John M. Stewart, Chairman; Kevin Yarnell, Member and Past Chairman, Robert Yarnell, Member and Past Chairman; Charles Day, Member; Ronald Grove, Member; David Bussone, Member

## **Good Citizenship**

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No Report

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

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No Report

## **JROTC**

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No report

## **Community Outreach**

### **American History Teacher Award**

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No report

### **Habitat for Humanity**

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It appears that there are only 6 chapters participating in the Habitat for Humanity program; Clearwater, Daytona, Jacksonville, Lake-Sumter, St Lucie, and Withlacoochee.

Number of dedications so far for 2019-2020:

Clearwater – 3

Jacksonville – 3

Lake-Sumter – 1

St Lucie River – 4

Withlacoochee – 2

For those of you unfamiliar with the program, it is very simple, highly rewarding, and provides great publicity for the SAR. When Habitat for Humanity does a home dedication ceremony, we participate (preferably in colonial attire) and present the new home owner with a US flag kit and a copy of the Constitution. The flag kits are 75% reimbursable from the Endowment Trust Fund, and the copies of the Constitution are available at no charge from your local US Representative's office. If your chapter would like to get involved, please let me know and I can provide more details.

### **Operation Ancestor Search**

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No report

## Patriotic Activities

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### *Functions:*

- 1. Through the chapters, to encourage Americanism which is devotion and loyalty to the United States, its traditions, its customs and its institutions.*
- 2. To encourage chapter participation in Allegiance Sunday programs which are held on the Sunday of the 4th of July, or the Sunday immediately prior to the 4th at which allegiance to the United States is reaffirmed.*
- 3. To encourage participation by chapters at the naturalization of new citizens and develop programs which delineate the duties, rights and privileges of all citizens.*
- 4. To develop programs of Patriotic Educational Significance for presentation before school, citizen, fraternal, and civic groups. Programs may be of historical documents, or biographical sketches of individuals or groups who had impact on the establishment and development of the United States.*
- 5. To administer the Flag Program for the Florida Society to include competition for the rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award to the State Society with the best Flag Program, award and present the NSSAR Flag Certificate to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR, encourage FLSSAR chapters to participate in Flag Day, June 14, ceremonies, and promote respect and honor to the Flag of the United States. **Encourage chapters to present the NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate (NEW) to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR.***

Presentations of certificates can be simple or elaborate. Usually they take only a few minutes with a member introducing himself, talking briefly on the importance of or history of the American flag, explaining the award, and presenting it to the group. Certificates can be presented in an SAR folder, in a frame, or mounted to a plaque. If the certificate is mounted or framed, it is more likely to be put on display rather than stuffed in a drawer. Flag Certificates and the new Flag Retirement Certificates are available from the SAR store for only \$4.

In July, 2019 the SAR National Society approved a new award: The U.S. Flag Retirement Award.

*The award is presented to NSSAR state societies by the NSSAR National Society.*

### ***The criteria of the award:***

*To qualify, one-half of its chapter (sic) and the state society must each present at least one U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate within a one-year period. Special recognition will be given if 100% of the chapters and the state each present at least one U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate within a one-year period.*

*Qualification criteria for the award is to be reported, by the state society, to the chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee and the National Society. The Flag Committee Chairman will evaluate the criteria and determine the award to be given.*

### ***The Award:***

*The first time a state society qualifies for the award, a streamer and a U.S. Flag Retirement Award Certificate will be awarded. Thereafter, each time the society qualifies for the award, a white star and a U.S. Flag Retirement Award Certificate will be awarded. If 100% of the chapters and the state each presents at least one certificate in a one-year period a Certificate of Excellence will be awarded, also.*

### ***Report Date:***

*The date that a state society must submit its report for the U.S. Flag Retirement Award is March 1 of each year.*

*James G. Alexander*

*NSSAR Flag Committee Chairman*

Many thanks to Compatriot Steve Williams for getting the committee this information in time for inclusion in the Fall Board of Management proceedings.

Allegiance Sunday is held on the Sunday closest to July 4th. Compatriots are encouraged to contact the head of their congregation or church to see what activities are planned to recognize Independence Day. These observances are opportunities to offer the services of the color guard or to have a member lead worshippers in the pledge of Allegiance. A Flag Certificate could also be presented if appropriate. This year several chapters took part in Allegiance Sunday activities. If yours did, please let the committee know so that we can include that information in our end-of-year report.

For more details or information on any of these activities, please contact one of the committee members listed above.

## Public Service and Heroism

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No report

## Publicity /Earl Marlin

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Earl Marlin Hall Riediger      allriedi42@bellsouth.net

No activity this period

## Veterans Affairs

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### *Functions:*

*The Veterans Affairs Committee has two major areas of responsibility.*

1. *The primary responsibility of the State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen is to encourage, advise, and motivate the various Chapters (primarily through the Chapter Veterans Affairs Chairman) to:*
  - a. *Recognize and present War Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their respective Chapters who have served in the military during a war period.*
  - b. *Recognize and present Military Service Medals and Certificates to veterans within their respective Chapters who served in the military during peace time.*
  - c. *Recognize and present the SAR Purple Heart pin and Wounded Warrior Coin to veterans within the Chapter who received the Military Purple Heart during their military service.*
  - d. *Encourage gifting and visitation to veterans both within the Chapter as well as at local VA Hospitals, clinics, and nursing/private homes.*
  - e. *Participation in military funerals, parades and other veteran functions/activities. (SAR uniforms should be worn when receiving the colors at the funeral of a homeless veteran when no family members are present.)*
  - f. *Participate and conduct such other Veterans Affairs as directed by the President, Florida Society.*
2. *The State Chairman and the Regional Vice-Chairmen should encourage the Chapters to participate in the national USS Stark contest. The Veterans Affairs Committee responsibilities include:*
  - a. *Process and consolidate all applications for the USS Stark Award for entrance into the National Contest.*
  - b. *Summarize the forms for the State of Florida and submit the summary to the NSSAR USS Stark Chairman.*
  - c. *Inform the FLSSAR President of the state winner of the contest at the Spring BOG for the presentation of the SAR Flag streamers. (The National winner is announced by the NSSAR.)*

Compatriots, with nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year gone, now would be a good time to make sure that your records of this year's activities in support of our veterans are up to date. Not only does this ensure that your chapter and the state society accurately report their activities to national, it also helps to identify veterans or activities that we have not yet received the recognition or support that they deserve.

This year the Florida Society has increased its support of the Missing in America Project (MiAP). This organization helps to locate and identify the unclaimed remains of veterans and their spouses. They then coordinate with the VA to ensure proper internment for them. At intervals, they organize ceremonies at national cemeteries where these veterans and spouses can be interred with the honor and respect that they are due.

On September 26th of this year, six compatriots from three SAR chapters joined members of several DAR chapters, the Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion, VFW, other veteran and civic organizations gathered with the Missing in America Project at Sarasota National Cemetery for the internment of 17 veterans and spouses from the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam eras. Honors were rendered by a color guard from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force as well as a firing detachment and bugler. The SAR members participated as pallbearers during the ceremonies and in the procession to the columbarium.

Another program that has seen increased participation is Honor Flight. The Honor Flight program provides trips for groups of older veterans who would not otherwise be able to travel to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. that have been erected in honor of their service. When a flight returns, the SAR joins with hundreds... sometimes thousands... of grateful Americans to welcome these veterans home once more. Events attended by SAR chapters in Florida include May 4th in Ft. Myers and June 11th in St. Petersburg.

Coming up are flights into Ft. Myers on September 28th and November 2nd. These events are not just for the color guard. If you have the chance, please come out to help welcome our heroes home.

Lastly, Veteran's Corps Survey Forms and the appropriate supporting documentation should be forwarded to the state Veterans Recognition Committee Chairman, Don Lanman. Completed surveys that meet the criteria published by the state and national societies will be processed quickly and will generate a Certificate of Patriotism to present to our compatriot veterans. Please report presentation of these certificates (and the corresponding medals) to the committee at year's end.

## Veteran's Recognition

Donald K. Lanman DLanman258@aol.com

1. **Committee Members:** Patrick Niemann, Robert McGuire, Robert Humker, Steven Fields, DeCody Brad Marble
2. **FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Membership grew by 9 to = 605 members:**
  - a. NE=89
  - b. NW=50
  - c. NC=81
  - d. EC=71
  - e. WC=132
  - f. SE=63
  - g. SW=119
  - h. 24% of FLSSAR membership are represented in the Veterans Battalion.
3. **Committee Activity:**
  - a. Veterans Recognition Committee continues to work with Chapters to expand the membership of the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion with Compatriots who served honorably in the armed forces. Chapter Presidents are contacted on a Quarterly basis and encouraged to promote Veterans Battalion recognition within each chapter.
  - b. Veterans Battalion Roster has been updated on the FLSSAR web site listing of all Veterans Battalion members.
  - c. The committee chairman is reviewing all Veterans Battalion requests within 24 hours of receipt of VB application form with DD-214, and mailing the VB letter and Certificate within 48 hours to the Chapter for presentation.
  - d. Chapter Presidents are requested to personally present the Veterans Battalion Certificate along with the authorized Military Service or War Service medal to each approved Compatriot at a chapter meeting. The chapter is encouraged, but not required, to purchase the medal for each compatriot directly from SAR.org.
  - e. Chapter Presidents are reminded that the *SAR War Service Medal* may only be authorized for Compatriot veterans with proof of war service directly within a DOD designated "combat area" as noted on their DD-214. Non-combat related military service qualifies for the *Military Service Medal*.
  - f. The committee continues to work with Chapter Presidents and the NSSAR Veterans Corps committee to help FLSSAR Veteran Battalion members apply for the NSSAR Veterans Corp recognition.

## Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

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In accordance with the Trust document and the policies and procedures of the ETF Distribution Committee, through September 20th 16 chapters have been approved for \$8,430.78. 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, 2019 will be accepted through November 15th.

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

On August 12th the Trustees met with Regions Bank, the investment advisor to the ETF and the OBT. They reported performance for the funds in line with the Investment Policy statement promulgated by the Trustees. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for the job done in a difficult environment.

To date I have received requests totally about \$8,500. There's still about \$16,000 available. The ETF year ends October 31 with the filing deadline being Nov. 15. Last year we had 66 requests for \$15,626. Please look through you activities and see what you have done that could help your treasury. Last year we made a few changes to the rules and this year I am going to request a few more. We want to do all we can to encourage outreach programs. Remember a keep to reimbursement is that these monies are only for non-SAR members. I will be having a meeting of all youth activity chairmen at 9 AM on Saturday at the BOM. Please encourage your chairman to attend.

# Florida SAR Endowment and Operating Budget Trust Funds

Wm Lee Popham

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No report

## Appendix Pages to follow

**243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek**  
**Saturday 10:00 AM, March 28, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida**

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 243rd 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.(3.5 miles west)



We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5 p.m. on March 27th at the Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 13550 Airport Court, Jacksonville, FL 32218 (904-741-8002). Identify yourself with the SAR (discount code SOR) for a discounted rate of \$119 (includes breakfast) or use your Marriott reward 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. We will also have again the Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations bringing greetings. We are especially honored this year to have SAR, South Atlantic District, Vice President General Allen Greenly, attending and bringing greeting. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by March 1, 2020 and forward to:

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

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will present Wreath: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter (s) Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (s) (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members from your group: \_\_\_\_\_ : In Uniform /Militia or  
Colonial Attire \_\_\_\_\_

# Original Motion

Date

Motion by:

I move that:

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## For Secretary use only:

Second by:

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Meeting Name:

Committee/Topic

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SubTopic 1

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## Amendment to Motion

Amendment by:

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Second by:

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Committee/Topic

Endowment Trust Fund Reimbursement Instructions and Guidelines addition in red below.

C. Authorized reimbursement to chapters:

2. Scholarship money for the Rumbaugh, Eagle Scout, JROTC, Knight Essay, **Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure contest, American History Teacher contest** and Americanism School Poster contests. Reimbursement Limits: \$50 (1st), \$25 (2nd), \$15(3rd). **American History Teacher contest limit \$100.**

3. Meals for Enhanced JROTC Program winner, Knight Essay Contest winner, King Eagle Scout winner, Rumbaugh Oration winner, **Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure contest winner, American History Teacher contest winner** and Americanism Poster Contest Winner (Limit \$40.00 per award). Meals are not allowed for Bronze and Silver ROTC/JROTC medal recipients, the Sea Cadet Bronze Good Citizenship medal recipients, or Eagle Scout patch recipients.

**19. The purchase of pamphlets/brochures to promote SAR membership or educate the public on our founding documents. A pamphlet example is "the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States" printed by the SAR. The request should include the cost, the number distributed and the individuals/groups to whom they were presented. Limit: \$50**

**To be effective November 1, 2019**

**Florida Society Budget Comparison**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019**

	2019		2020
	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
NSSAR Dues	63,820	63,000	(820)
Dues Refunds	30		(30)
Reinstatement Dues	1,335	1,500	165
Registrar Stipend	3,600	4,800	1,200
Secretarty Stipend	3,600	4,800	1,200
Exec Admin Stipend	3,600	4,800	1,200
Presidents Expenses	1,776	5,000	3,224
Sr VP Expenses	-	2,500	2,500
Secretary Expenses	893	800	(93)
Treasurer Expenses	119	200	81
Registrar Expenses	635	600	(35)
BOM Expenses	-		-
Hotel (Meals)	15,427	16,000	573
BOM Refunds	-	-	-
Hospitality Room	300	800	500
A/V & Other	131	1,500	1,369
PG Room	278	300	22
Hotel Deposits	1,000	-	(1,000)
Internet/Computer Expense	405	600	195
Technology Comm	-	100	100
Knight Essay Comm	1,845	2,000	155
American His Teacher Comm	500	750	250
Eagle Scout Comm	1,782	2,000	218
JROTC Comm	1,950	2,100	150
Good Citizenship Comm	-	250	250
Patriotic Education	-	250	250
Historical Sites Committee	-	-	-
Rumbaugh Oration Comm	4,436	4,000	(436)
Americanism Poster Contest	250	350	100
Americanism Brochure Contest	150	350	200
FSCAR Donation	1,000	1,000	-
History Fair Comm	475	500	25
SAR Museum & Learning Center	1,000	1,000	-
NSSAR Library	300	250	(50)
Battle of Pensacola	-	250	250
Last Naval Battle	430	500	70
Battle of Thomas Creek	445	500	55
Medals & Awards Comm	556	1,500	944
C.A.R. Committee	114	100	(14)
Patriot Medal Comm	348	500	152
Americanism/Chapter Challenge	-	100	100
Newsletters & Period Comm	475	600	125
Publicity Comm	525	600	75
New Chapter Dev Comm	-	750	750
Veterans Battalion	74	200	126
Other Committee Cost	-	200	200
Bank Charges/Fees	12	100	88
Storage Fees	715	-	(715)
Miscellaneous Costs	263	300	37
D&O/Liability Insurance	-	2,500	2,500
Patriot Mag Cost	5,239	5,600	361
Other Postage/Delivery	-	-	-
ETF Donation	-	2,000	2,000
Meeks Fund Donation (F4F)	2,942	4,942	2,000
Carry Over to Future Years	400	400	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,176</b>	<b>143,742</b>	<b>20,566</b>
			-
<b>Net Cash Surplus</b>	<b>13,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,681)</b>

**Florida Society Budget Comparison**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019**

	2019		Remaining Budget	2020 Proposed Budget
	Actual	Budget		
<b>Cash Receipts</b>				
Annual Dues	103,292	100,000		108,500
Prepaid Dues from December	-		(3,292)	
Patriot Magazine Subscription	-	3,000	3,000	1,000
OTF distribution	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Registrar Receipts	10,725	12,000	1,275	12,000
Secretary Receipts	1,322	1,000	(322)	1,200
Other Income	30		(30)	
BOM Receipts	-		-	
Registration	14,421	17,500	3,079	15,000
50/50	-	200	200	
Hospitality Room	-	-	-	
Donations	-		-	
Meeks Fund	-		-	
LNB Medal Sales	25		(25)	
Patriot Mag Ad Income	-		-	
Carry Over From Prior Year	7,042	7,042	-	400
	-		-	
Total	136,857	143,742	6,885	141,100