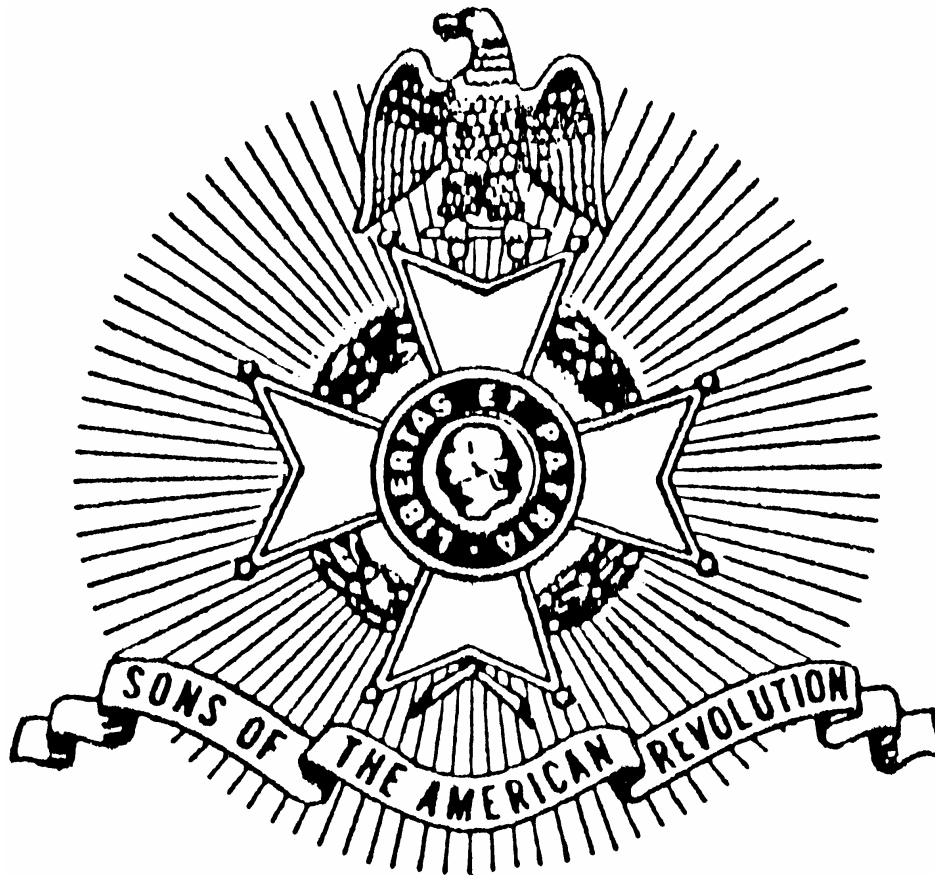


Quarterly Reports  
of  
The Florida Officers  
and Committee Chairmen



Fall Board of Management Meeting  
Kissimmee, Florida  
October 27 & 28, 2007

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

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

## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **The Pledge to the SAR**

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

## **The American Creed**

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

## **Recessional**

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

**FLSSAR**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**October 26 & 27, 2007**

**Agenda**

Call to order  
Invocation  
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Pledge to the SAR  
The American Creed  
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Introduction of first time attendees  
Certification of a quorum  
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# FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

## National Trustee

Lindsey Brock

October 19, 2007

Since our July 2007 BOM meeting I have communicated with many of our FLSSAR officers, chapter officers, committee chairmen and various other compatriots relating to many topics at both the FLSSAR and NSSAR level. Contact has also been made with various officers and members of the NSDAR, NSCAR and Florida Society C.A.R. relating to various issues and topics.

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> I attended the Florida Society CAR's Northeast Packet meeting in Jacksonville, FL and on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the Central Florida Packet meeting in Orlando, FL. President April Pearson and Senior President Dr. Charlene Herreid were in attendance at both meetings and the main purpose of each meeting was to discuss the 2007-2008 Project of our State President April Pearson, which is "**Chart a C.A.R. Course.**"

The Jacksonville Chapter SAR and the Princess Malee C.A.R. Society held its Fifth Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lindsey and Billie Brock. There were 63 in attendance and over 70 U. S. Flags were retired. Also, in attendance were members of the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I had the opportunity to attend the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Princess Malee C.A.R. Society which was held at Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, FL. The members of the society witnessed a morning inspection of the Naval Sea Cadets and were given a chance to see many of the U.S. Navy's aircraft carriers and various other ships while on the Mayport Naval Base.

It was my privilege, on September 11th along with Dick Cardell and David Ramseur to participate in a local television show (Comcast Channel 29) to discuss topics relating the SAR. The TV program/interview generated many phone calls relating to membership, youth activities and various question relating to the organization of SAR. We have been invited to participate on the same TV production again during the first quarter of 2008. The program has been featured on our local TV network (Channel 29) every Wednesday at 8:00PM and will be shown for the next several months.

On September 21-23, the DAR Liaison Committee, Gordon Greenwood Chairman, George Lockhart, Steve Williams, Fred MacLean, Hal Miller and I manned a SAR table at FSSDAR's Fall Forum. There were 121 attendees of Fall Forum that made inquiries about SAR. Having an information table at FSSDAR's Fall Forum has always been well received by the ladies of the DAR and we have been successful in gaining members in many of our chapters throughout the state.

We had 11 members of the Florida Society in attendance at the September 27 – 29<sup>th</sup> Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville. I had the opportunity to attend all of the committee meetings of which I am either Vice Chairman or a committee member. I was recently appointed to the Task force for Public Relations and the NSSAR Nominating Committee by PG Bruce Wilcox. The primary task of Task force for Public Relations is to develop PR material for use by NSSAR, state societies and local chapters. President Grant Wallin and I attended the Metals and Awards Committee and it was my task to get that committee's approval of the metal (large and small) to commemorate the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. I am pleased to report that the committee gave its approval to our design. President Wallin is currently handling with a company in the Clearwater area to manufacture not only that set of metals, but also a 225<sup>th</sup> lapel pin which will be given to those in attendance at the March 8, 2008 celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, which will be held in Cape Canaveral, FL. I am also pleased to report that the GWDF allocated approximately \$1,400.00 to the Florida Society to assist in defraying the cost of our annual celebration in Cape Canaveral, FL. Last year you will recall the GWDF gave us \$1,500. Thus, we have had nearly \$2,900.00 allocated to the Florida Society over the past two years. At the request of NSSAR's Youth Activities Committee, Ron Hamilton and I were given the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute presentation relating to the R.O.T.C. and C.A.R., respectively. PG Bruce Wilcox plans to have seminars relating to various topics at future Leadership Meetings, which are similar to the workshops that the Florida Society conducts at its BOM meetings. Another seminar that was held during the Leadership Conference was the seminar covering the new requirements instituted by the IRS. All IRS 990 returns must be filed electronically and the new requirements apply to all non-profit organizations, regardless of the magnitude of their gross receipts, which affects each and every state and chapter society affiliated with the NSSAR. The law applies to all reporting periods beginning after

December 31, 2006. **The most exciting news announced at the Fall 2007 Leadership Conference was the proposal presented to NSSAR, by the Louis & Henry Group, a Louisville, KY Architecture firm, to sell NSSAR a five story building in downtown Louisville at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets. The October 3, 2007, memorandum is attached to this report since it is addressed to all compatriots. This new opportunity has the potential to accelerate the relocation of our headquarters and CAAH. Hopefully, we can begin relocation efforts by 2008. Please take the time to read the entire memorandum from PG Bruce Wilcox, since it answers practically all of the questions that you may have regarding this important topic.**

The Jacksonville Chapter SAR conducted two monthly meetings during this time period. The first meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup> and our guest speaker was Steve Durden, Professor of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law. Mr. Durden's topic dealt primarily with the U. S. Constitution. And, on October 11<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker was Judge Karen Cole, who discussed a new program recently instituted in our local schools to teach students about the role of the three branches of our government. Genealogist General Chuck Bragg was also in attendance and he gave us an overview of possible relocation of our NSSAR headquarters to a new location at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets in Louisville and he also discuss other topics relating to events happening at the headquarters level.

Lastly, my son, Lindsey C. Brock, III, granddaughter, Caitlin Brock, and I attended the 227<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 5-7. It was my honor to lay a wreath on behalf of the Florida Society SAR and Caitlin laid a wreath on behalf of the Florida Society C.A.R. On Friday evening, October 5, VPG George Thurmond conducted a South Atlantic District meeting and I was given the opportunity to represent the Florida Society at this event. There were representatives from all four (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina) of the state societies in attendance at the South Atlantic District meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENT A TO THE NATIONAL TRUSTEE'S REPORT** **MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COMPATRIOTS**

**From: President General**

**Date: October 3, 2007**

**Subject: Proposed Relocation of NSSAR Headquarters/Center for Advancing America's Heritage**

#### **Compatriots:**

I want to report to you about an exciting opportunity that has developed that potentially would accelerate our outreach education program. At the Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal by the Louis & Henry Group, a Louisville Architecture firm, to sell us a five story building in downtown Louisville, at 8th and Main, for our use as NSSAR Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The total space is equivalent to the combination of our existing building and our proposed new building on the adjacent property. The location is in the center of the rapidly developing "Museum District" of Louisville. As a result, there is great potential for greatly increased visitation compared to our current location. To purchase this property we would sell our existing building and the adjacent property. Because it is in a historic rehabilitation area, purchase of the proposed building would also qualify us for over \$700,000 in tax credits that may be used as cash for this project. In addition, since we would be in sync with development plans by the city and state, this approach might open up new possibilities for additional funding support from the city, state, and federal government. Considering the money we would receive for our property, the tax credits, and funds we have collected for CAAH, we could start this project in 2008.

**The reaction by the Trustees to the proposal was positive and they voted unanimously to support further evaluation.** I have initiated action to examine, in detail, the elements of this proposal and return to the Trustees at the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting with a recommendation. No action will be taken committing us to this proposal without approval of the Trustees. This proposal is multifaceted and too complex to address in detail at this time but I will answer some of the obvious questions here based on the information that I have.

**Question: Why should we consider changing our direction at this time?**

**Answer:**

The focus of the CAAH has evolved over eight years from simply a library to a facility to support outreach education that also includes a library and a museum. That mission can be accomplished more effectively in the downtown location proposed because of the increased traffic and the synergism provided by other educational museums in that area.



- We would be able to accommodate our rapidly expanding activities at an earlier date.
- The increased traffic in the proposed location would significantly increase our potential merchandise income.
- The proposal would bring all of our functions: library, museum, outreach education, and office under one roof. A space allocation subcommittee working as part of the Strategic Planning Committee at the Leadership/Trustees Meeting independently came to the conclusion that this was a previously unrecognized requirement.
- This opportunity is available now. A similar opportunity may not be available at some future date. We have a fiduciary responsibility to investigate an opportunity that may be of great benefit to the Society that may not exist at some future date.

**Question: How should this proposed change of direction affect our willingness to contribute to the CAAH? Does this mean that we have achieved our goal?**

**Answer:**

If we take this course of action your contributions will be more important than ever. We have gained considerable momentum in our outreach programs and we will need funding in both the near and far term to continue to expand them. Financial support for our programs by members is still an important factor in obtaining grant aid.

**Question: What about naming opportunities?**

**Answer:**

If we decide to take this action one of the first actions will be to establish the planned space utilization of the new building. At that time new naming opportunities will be developed and offered to those who currently are entitled to them. Additional naming opportunities will then be offered to new contributors.

**Question: Is the building structurally sound?**

**Answer:**

A structural analysis along with other “due diligence” issues will be addressed to our satisfaction before we make a recommendation to accept this proposal.

**Question: When will we know what is going to happen?**

**Answer:**

My goal is to have sufficient information to make a recommendation to proceed or to reject the proposal at the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting. I have discussed this proposal individually with our former Presidents General and the leaders of the Society. Without exception they have supported the idea of investigating this proposal and of taking the actions proposed if approved by the Trustees. Please share this information with all of our compatriots. I appreciate the support I have received and the encouragement to undertake this endeavor and I know you will support me as we proceed. Thank you very much.

**Sincerely,  
Bruce A. Wilcox**

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT**

### **President**

Grant Wallin, Jr.

This summer has been very busy. My summer started with a visit to the Jacksonville chapter in May 17 to install their new officers for the coming year. This was followed by a visit with the catering and service personnel at the Ramada Plaza on June 5<sup>th</sup> which brought about some needed changes in our meal and other items pertaining to our meeting facilities. I have also been working with a potential supplier of our recognition items for the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War regarding design and costs. Hopefully, by the time this appears in print, these items will be finalized and we can proceed with their approval and production.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Pat and I left for the 117<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress at Williamsburg. This was the largest Congress ever held by our Society. To give you some example of the size of this meeting, Pat and I were assigned Table 49 at the Tuesday night banquet. There were eleven people at every table and there were at least fifteen more table numbers higher than ours. There was a three-tier head table with all of the National Officers and their wives. It

was a great Congress and I would hope that every Compatriot would make the attempt to attend at least one National Congress just to see how big and viable our organization really is. The Congress ran from July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup> with meetings relating to every aspect of our organization scheduled around the meetings of the delegates. Florida is eligible to have thirty-some delegates, but we only had nineteen in attendance with many wives in attendance. This is our Florida Society's largest attendance, but still not as large as it should be. I would hope that more of our Compatriots would take the time to attend and represent our great Florida Society. Pat and I left on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July to return to Seminole.

We did not have a lot of time to get ready for our Board of Management meeting on July 27 -28. This was an excellent meeting and Steve Williams and his Brevard Chapter did an excellent job of hosting our meeting. The awards which the Florida Society received at the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress in Williamsburg were presented and a number of our Compatriots were recognized for recruiting at least ten new members during this past year. Dick Fowler and Steve Williams both had great seminars on chapter newsletters and chapter website operation. Also, Genealogy Chair Ted Duay made himself available in the Hospitality Room to answer questions regarding Genealogy. Thanks to all of you. Alan Kay delivered an excellent speech on the importance of History being taught in our schools and he received a standing ovation after his delivery. It was well deserved. Alan teaches history at Dunedin High School and has fought in the trenches to keep history alive for our young people.

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of our Senior Vice President Jim Holyfield. Pat and I drove over to West Palm Beach on August 11<sup>th</sup> to attend Jim's funeral. Gerry Meeks, Fred Gaines, Ron Hamilton and Pat and I were in attendance. I have probably missed one or two more and I apologize for that. It was a lovely service and Jim will be sorely missed.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Pat and I drove over to Crestview, Florida to spend the night prior to going on over to Milton for a preliminary organization meeting of a new SAR chapter in Milton. New Chapter Development Chairman Steve Williams did an excellent job of securing the DAR participation in this meeting and as a result, it looks like this chapter will be up and running within the next six months. Steve, Lindsey Brock and I attended along with a number of the Pensacola Chapter Compatriots headed by Compatriot Ed Young. Everyone left with the feeling that it had been a great meeting and the future of the chapter is in secure hands.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> I left for Louisville and the Fall Leadership Conference. The major item coming from this conference was the announcement of the possibility of the National Society buying a five story building in downtown Louisville for use as NSSAR Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The location is in the center of the rapidly developing "Museum District" of Louisville. A study is being made to determine the feasibility of making this change and will be reported at the Spring Leadership Conference for action by the Trustees. A notice was sent out by the PG on SARTALK outlining the proposal and answering many of the questions which people will ask. This is an exciting development in the expansion program as this could result in the program getting underway in 2008. There will be more information as it develops. Also, sessions were held concerning the electronic filing to the IRS by all chapters annually. The Treasurer, Leon Hammock, will be in touch with all chapter presidents in the very near future to outline what our chapters have to do in order to maintain their not-for-profit status. Also, a very good presentation was given to State Secretaries regarding the new reporting method. In addition, most of the National Committees held meetings during the conference. At the Library committee meeting, an effort is underway to increase the number of our members and chapters who are "Friends of the Library." This should not be confused with the effort to raise money for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The annual cost to be a FOL member is only \$25.00 and this money is used to provide materials, books and equipment for the library. I would encourage every member and chapter to become a FOL member on an annual basis. It is a great investment.

Now we need to get ready for our Fall Board of Management meeting on October 26 -27. I hope to see every chapter represented at this most important meeting. We need every member working to promote our many programs. They are all important. I will see you all in Kissimmee.

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Senior Vice President**

This vacant officer position will be filled during the meeting.

# **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

## **Northwestern Regional Vice President**

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President

Date: October 21, 2007

### Activities This Past Period:

- Attended all meetings of the Pensacola Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee serving as Chapter Secretary.
- Served the Florida Society as the Commander, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee and Advisor to the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee.
- Participated with the Florida Brigade for the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Winter BOM at Kissimmee, FL on 26 – 27 October 2007.
- Provided a report to the Region Chapter Presidents covering the actions and discussions of the FLSSAR Summer BOM.
- Visited the Emerald Coast Chapter on 11 August 2007, presented FLSSAR Certificates to Compatriot John Cahoon and briefed the chapter on the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest.
- Delivered a “Keyhole to History” CD to WCOA, 1370 AM, in Pensacola.
- Researched and purchased a new Memorial Wreath for use by the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.
- Attended the Organizational Meeting of the proposed new SAR Chapter in Milton, FL.
- Commanded the Chapter Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Meeting held aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.
- Arranged for the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade to Present the Colors at the Annual Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando.
- Commanded the Chapter Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the Florida State Conference, United Daughters of the Confederacy held in Pensacola.

### **Emerald Coast Chapter:**

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Two Trees Restaurant, Fort Walton Beach Golf Course. The chapter formed Outpost ‘C’ of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade. A Flag Certificate presentation to Sexton’s Restaurant in Destin is planned for October. A “Keyhole to History” CD was distributed to Radio Station WFTW 1260 AM.

### **Panama City Chapter:**

The chapter continues to meet on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M. at Po Folks restaurant in Panama City throughout the year. There have not been any activities undertaken during this reporting period. President John Carter was hospitalized and has returned home.

### **Pensacola Chapter:**

The chapter meets monthly at 11:15 A.M. on the second Saturday at Sonny’s Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 630 North Navy Blvd. Pensacola. A “Keyhole to History” CD was placed with radio station WCOA, 1370 AM in Pensacola. On 25 August 2007, Color Guard members O. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz and Young in Class ‘B’ uniforms and President Odom hosted the organizational meeting of the proposed SAR Chapter in Milton, FL. Guardsman Kilgore commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard Presentation of the Colors at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Annual Meeting in Orlando on 15 September 2007. Also on September 15 2007, Guardsmen O. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Meeting. President Odom took part in the program. On 4 October 2007, Guardsmen Jones, Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the Annual Florida Conference of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. President Odom also attended.. The chapter made donations towards the purchase of classroom flags for a new elementary school in Santa Rosa County, to the NSSAR Friends of the Library, the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund and the James Ross Memorial Fund. James Ross was an outstanding JROTC Instructor at Northview High School in Escambia County. A NSSAR Flag Certificate was presented to Marie’s Barber Shop in Pensacola in recognition of their exemplary patriotism. Noel Crossley was inducted into membership in the SAR.

### **Tallahassee Chapter:**

The chapter continues to meet quarterly. There have not been any activities undertaken during this reporting period.

# **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

## **North Central Regional Vice President**

North Central Region Gordon Greenwood, Vice President

### **General**

While all four NRC chapters didn't meet during the summer, an RVP visit was made to Ocala on Sept. 19 and a visit is scheduled to the Withlacoochee Chapter on Oct. 13. Three of the four chapters have fully functioning websites and the building of the fourth (Ocala) is in process. Two chapters (Withlacoochee and Lake Sumter) have active Ladies Auxiliaries.

Plans for the reorganization of the Lake City Chapter are in progress under the leadership of the New Chapter Development Comm. chaired by Steve Williams with the help of member Ron Toops. That Committee is primarily working with the Lake City DAR Chapter for purposes of recruitment of members. In addition, since the Gainesville Chapter has Lake City members that may wish to later join the Lake City Chapter, Jim Partin, the Gainesville Registrar/Genealogist, has researched the former membership of the Lake City Chapter and has identified a dozen former members that may be contacted for possible recruitment. One such member, Jim Thrasher, has agreed to serve as 2VP next year in the Gainesville Chapter and hopefully will be prepared to serve as a main organizing officer in the Lake City Chapter when it is formed.

### **Gainesville Chapter**

The membership of the Gainesville Chapter has increased to 51 with the addition of 2 new members with another application pending. In addition it has 5 new interested membership prospects. At its Sept. 17 meeting, a Law Enforcement award was given to a member of the Gainesville Police Dept. and Law Enforcement Certificates were given to 6 members of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, all for heroism.

Under the leadership of the 2VP, Bob Reeves, the Eagle Scout Program has been revived with certificates being given to 22 new Eagle Scouts so far. In August, 2 members (Ray Davis & Charles Rinek) of the Chapter distributed Flag Lapel Pins to 50 new citizens at the quarterly naturalization ceremony at the Court House. One member (Ray Davis) gave patriotic presentations in uniform at the Village Retirement Community, the Rotary, and the Masonic Lodge, and was joined by Bob Reeves in uniform at the POW-MIA Ceremony and the Stephen Foster Elementary School and Myra Terwilliger Elementary School Patriot Day Ceremonies in Gainesville. Further, Compatriots Davis & Reeves participated in uniform when the Gainesville City Commission and Alachua County Commission proclaimed Sept. 17-23, 2007, to be Sons of the American Revolution Constitution Week. So while the Gainesville Chapter has only had one regular meeting during the quarter, it has been quite busy.

### **Ocala Chapter**

The Ocala Chapter's first regular meeting since the summer break was on Sept. 19 at the Elk's Club which featured an interesting presentation on the history of Army helicopter aviation. Possibly the most important business that occurred at the meeting was the moving of future meetings to a different time and place and the announcement of a successful search for new officers for next year by Chapter Secretary and former RVP, Owen Malcolm. Future meetings will be moved to the Perkins Restaurant just off I75 at the state highway 200 Exit. Meetings will start at 5:00 PM instead of noon to accommodate professional members who were unable to attend at the old time and place. Owen Malcolm and other long-time members of the Chapter are to be congratulated on their leadership in "keeping the ship afloat". Hopefully next year's officers can focus on publicity and attracting new members. Since the Chapter's genealogist moved away, Jim Partin, the Gainesville Chapter genealogist, has agreed to help with their new member applications until a new genealogist is found.

### **Lake Sumter Chapter**

Although the Lake Sumter Chapter didn't meet during the summer, its Color Guard participated in the July 4 Parade in Tavares and Williard Piper of the Color guard gave talks to DAR chapters in Clermont and Ocala. In addition, Ron Toops is working with three middle schools to include more history in their curriculum.

The Chapter has added four new members, three of which were inducted at the Oct. 6 meeting. In addition, four more applications for new members will be submitted in November.

The President's wife, Joanne Shukis, who is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, gave a presentation on joining the Lake Sumter Ladies Auxiliary and is actively contacting a number of the wives regarding membership. They contributed a raffle basket to the Spring BOM Meeting and will do likewise at the October BOM.

Finally, President Shukis plans to work in the near future with the Puc Puggy DAR Chapter in an effort to recruit new SAR members.

### **Withlacoochee Chapter**

Although the Withlacoochee Chapter did not meet during the summer, Eagle Scout Contest Coordinator, Charlie Day has been working with several candidates. The Chapter will award \$200 for 1st Prize and \$100 for runner up.

Color Guard Commander, Richard Sumner, plans for the Color Guard to participate in the Brooksville Christmas Parade by depicting Washington crossing the Delaware in a boat on a trailer.

The Chapter has attained its goal of 15 new members in 2007 and may have two additional members approved before the end of the year.

A Heroism Medal was presented at the Sept. 8 meeting to Walter Ray Nichols who rescued an elderly woman from a burning building. A newspaper article and picture of the event was featured in the Citrus County Chronicle.

The Withlacoochee Chapter received plenty of publicity during this quarter, including the following. (1) Picture of the Chapter President receiving a \$625 check from Sam's Club in the Tampa Tribune and St. Pete Times. (2) Picture of a medal being presented to a Marine who had served 2 tours in Iraq in the Tampa, St. Pete, and Citrus County papers. (3) Picture of the Chapter presentation of a flag to the Ft. Cooper DAR Chapter in the Citrus County paper. (4) Picture of the Chapter delivering gifts to a veterans nursing home by the Tampa, St. Pete, and Citrus Co. papers.

This Chapter continues to excel under outstanding leadership.

## **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **Northeastern Regional Vice President**

Northeastern Region Tom Beauchamp, Vice President

August, September & October 2007

#### **Flagler County Chapter**

August – No Chapter meeting.

Sept & October

Compatriot Bill Creager has volunteered and developed a Web site for the chapter. Bill will be the Webmaster. The Website is located under FLSSAR Chapter Information/Chapter website/Flagler. The Website is up and running.

After numerous discussions with the personnel of Palm Coast City government a site has been selected for the Liberty Tree. It will be in Heroes Park in Palm Coast. The City has placed an irrigation system for the tree and the chapter plans to plant the tree in the near future and dedicate it this winter.

The SAR Fire Safety Medal was presented on 15 May 2007 to Robert Anderson of the Palm Coast Fire Department. Also present was Capt Gerard Forte the 2005 recipient of the award.

Compatriot Ray Thompson of the Good Citizenship Committee presented 2 SAR Good Citizen Awards in May to 8th grade students at Indian Trails Middle School and Buddy Taylor Middle School. In July Compatriot Frank Pierce presented the Eagle Scout Medal and Certificate and Badge to Scout Colin Hansli.

A fourth of July celebration was held at the City of Palm Coast Heroes Park at 7:00 AM on July 4th. Speakers were the Mayor of Palm Coast and Compatriot, retired Colonel Tom Beauchamp, speaking as President of the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. A driving rain storm complete with thunder and lightning at 7:15 AM provided fireworks for the ceremony.

#### **Jacksonville Chapter**

The chapter held a flag retirement ceremony on 18 August 2007 with the Princess Malee Society, CAR. There were over 63 in the audience with over 70 flags retired. The ceremony was held at the home of Lindsey and Billie Brock on the St. Johns River.

Heroism medals were presented to two members from Clay County and one from, Nassau County. Thanks to the special efforts of Roger Austin, Jr., Chapter Second VP.

The George Washington Camp Jacksonville Chapter, had a very busy summer and participated in a number of patriotic events. Among the events, Dick Cardell and David Ramseur took part in the Memorial Day Services at the Veterans Memorial Wall. It was a very moving experience as ten names were added and dedicated at the Wall. Four members of the George Washington Camp helped greet the arrival of the USS Jacksonville, a nuclear

submarine named for the city on 22 June 2007. State Representative Stan Jordan presented the keys of the City to the Ships Captain.

New member installation took place at the 13 September 2007 Meeting. Those installed were Weymouth W. Reed, James Gray Chandler, Charles Robert Carlson, Daniel Jason Winko, William Donelson Sheppard, Thomas DeVille and David Henderson.

All meetings of the chapter will take place at the San Jose Country Club. The speaker at the September meeting was Steve Burden, Professor off Law at the Florida Coastal School of Law. He was Assistant General Counsel at the City of Jacksonville from 1988-1996. NE Region Vice President, Tom Beauchamp and wife Bobbe of the Old Kings Road Chapter, DAR were in attendance at this meeting.

### **St Augustine Chapter**

At the May meeting the chapter presented the SAR Heroism Medal to Mr. Alexander Glem for saving the life of Ms. Kristine Demato. Compatriot William Roberts presented the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Officers Jeffery Wallace of St Augustine Beach Police Department Presentation was made at the St Augustine Commission meeting.

A Posthumous award of the Emergency Medical Service Medal was made by Chapter President Syd Spink and 1st VP William Roberts to the son and daughter of Putnam County Fire Marshall Joe Guidry. Marshall Guidry lost his life in the line of duty.

The October meeting was the annual commemoration of the Victory at Yorktown. Also to be included with the current emphasis of World War II was the participation of the USS Yorktown in the Battle of Midway in 1942. The special guest speaker was Rear Admiral John D. Gavan, USNR (Retired). Admiral Gavan was a World War II Fighter Pilot who had may firsts which included introducing the Corsair fighter aircraft to the Navy. FLSSAR President and Mrs. Grant Wallin, Jr were in attendance along with FLSSAR Regional VP Tom Beauchamp and wife Bobbe.

### **Deland Chapter**

On 17 September 2007 the chapter held their annual Constitution Day Commemorative Meeting. FLSSAR President Grant Wallin, Jr. was in attendance at this inspiring meeting.

**Daytona – Ormond Chapter** No report submitted.

## **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **East Central Regional Vice President**

East Central Region Ben DuBose, Vice President

July - Sept 2007

#### **Report For St. Luci River Chapter - July To Sept 2007**

9/7.. Held a BOD meeting.

9/11.. One member in uniform accepted a Constitution Week Proclamation from the St. Luci County Board of Commissioners.

9/15.. Held a joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week & Citizenship Day luncheon with 4 local DAR Chapters.

9/17.. One member in uniform accepted a Constitution Week Proclamation from the City of Fort Pierce.

9/17.. Two members in uniform presented The Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Indian River College's Constitution Week program.

#### **Report Treasure Coast Chapter Report - July - Sept. 2007**

9/1.. One member in uniform (Stevenson) presented the Build A Flag program at the District's Grand Master's visit to the AZON Shrine Temple in Melbourne.

9/8.. One member in uniform (Stevenson) presented the Toast To The Flag for the Heroes meeting of the National Sojourners in Merritt Island.

9/15.. One member in uniform (Stevenson) presented the Toast To The Flag and The Voice Of Old Glory at BSA Troop #598 in Sebastian in honor of 2 Eagle Scouts.

9/22.. One member in uniform (Stevenson) presented the Toast To The Flag and The Voice Of Old Glory at the State President's visit to the Elks Lodge in Sebastian.

### **Brevard Chapter Report - July - Sept. 2007**

7/4/07. 4 Compatriots, in uniform, rode in a red convertible for the Honor America 4th of July Parade in Melbourne. (B. DuBose, F. Smith, S. Williams & P. Wright.)

7/27/07. The Brevard Chapter hosted the BOM meeting.

7/27/07. 5 Compatriots, in uniform, joined the FLSSAR Color Guard at the evening ceremonies. (G. Darby, B. DuBose, R. Ryan, S. Williams & S. Wright.)

8/22/07. 3 Compatriots attended the funeral, in uniform, for past member (Richard Bolen. G. Darby, P. Hinman & S. Williams.)

9/6/07. Compatriot S. Williams, in uniform, presented the Colors at the Cocoa Beach City Council Meeting when the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the DAR received a Proclamation for Constitution Week.

9/15/07 - 6 Compatriots in uniform, B. DuBose, P. Hinman, R. Ryan, S. Williams & P. Wright along with 2 Compatriots from the Jacksonville Chapter, Brock & Cardell, plus Wright's daughter in Colonial dress, joined over 100 marchers at the CAPT. JOHN BARRY CELEBRATION at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral. Capt Barry was the commanding officer of the "ALLIANCE" at the LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

9/20/07. Compatriot B. DuBose present a talk, in uniform, on THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND, to the local Pittsburg Club. He also did recruiting.

9/29/07. 6 Compatriots presented the Colors at our annual joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week luncheon, and they also participated in the induction of our newest member, Bernard Greenwell.(G. Darby, P. Hinman, R. Ryan, F. Smith, S. Williams & P. Wright)

Worked with various other FLSSAR Officers, committee chairmen and committee members on a host of subjects and programs. These are reported under Committee Reports.

Speaking for the Brevard Chapter, let me say it was our privilege to host the last BOM meeting.

Ben DuBose, RVP

### **Central Florida: By Norm Myers, President**

August 1 Contact made with local businesses regarding donation of gift cards for use as door prizes at regular Chapter meetings. To-date 15 gift certificates have been received.

August 2 Application for 2008 Grant delivered to Wal-Mart.

August 10-26 Several communiqués with Kevin Yarnell & Steve Williams concerning the Central Florida Chapter Web Page and suggested reports.

September 8 Norm Myers chaired his first meeting as President of Central Florida Chapter. Major General Craig Whelden spoke to Chapter about National Defense.

September-October Assisted with several drafts of proposed article by Compatriot Dabney Davis for use in the Florida Patriot magazine.

September 9 Letters of thanks and congratulations send to several Chapter members on occasion of their awards for service. Also letter of thanks with photograph to speaker Major General Whelden. Letter of thanks and appreciation to Compatriot Bob Copeland for job well done in preparing the Chapter's yearbook. Several letters of thanks to memorial gift donors.

September 14 A telephone call from Candice Peecher in California concerning a nephew living in Central Florida who is interested in joining the CAR. Also discussed the possibility of her brother Robert who is seeking membership in our Central Florida Chapter. Proper referrals were made to the Senior Advisor Barbara Jones of the Ft. Gatland CAR. Further a referral of her brother's name to Chapter Registrar Cecil Thompson.

September Special memorials sent to Editor, Chapter's Minuteman newsletter regarding the passing of long time members Compatriots Gerard Morgan and Frank Arthur Dwyer. Also met with Gerard's widow GiGi Morgan concerning proper disposition of his SAR medals and awards. I suggested and she liked the idea of preparing a special "Shadow Box" that would encase these medals for wall hanging. Task completed and was well accepted by GiGi.

October 13 Conducted regular monthly meeting of Central Florida Chapter. During this meeting, Women's Auxiliary member Anne Andrews was recognized with the Martha Washington Medal. Along with Anne, other

Auxiliary and Chapter members recognized were: Compatriots Dabney C.T. Davis, Fred D. MacLean, Jr. and Thomas J. McElroy, Sr. received the Liberty Bell Award; Immediate past president Robert G. Murray received the Past President's Pin and the Chapter's Meritorious Service Medal; DAR member and Chapter's Auxiliary member Marjory MacLean the SAR Medal of Appreciation; Auxiliary member Anne Murray received the Daughters of Liberty Medal; and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Chaplain George Andrews and Norman Myers. The Chapter will make every effort to obtain coverage for these awards in the Orlando Sentinel. The meeting's program on John Hancock was presented by member Jeff Sizemore.

Compatriot Fred Gaines and wife Ruth made a contribution to the Chapter's endowment fund in memory of deceased member Frank A. Dwyer.

## **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **West Central Regional Vice President**

West Central Region Nelson Jantzen, Vice President

October 26,, 2007

#### **Clearwater:**

Chapter Color Guard joined the FLSSAR Brigade in posting the colors at the BOM in Kissimmee, FL. August. 2007.

At then 9/19/07 luncheon they had a speaker, Mary Dresser who was a City Editor on a Chicago-suburban newspaper, a public television writer & editor of union newspapers in Wash. D.C.

On 9/23, several of the officers & wives attended the funeral services of one of their Compatriots.

On 10/17 they awarded the Police & Fire certificates.

**St. Petersburg:** The Chapter joined the DAR for their Constitution Day luncheon on September 8:

On 10/20 they presented the Fire Safety award at their luncheon.

**Maj. John DeVane:** No activities to report since the summer BOM.

**Lakeland :**At their luncheon on 9/15/07 they held an annual Memorial Service for their Deceased Compatriots.

They also attended the DAR Constitution week luncheon on 9/5/07.

At the 10/20/07 luncheon they had a speaker on the tragic explosion & triumphant return of the Apollo 13.

**Tampa:** The chapter met in Sept. and Oct and continues to provide excellent programs for their members. The October program featured a local high school government teacher who provided a truly outstanding talk on the Electoral College. A lengthy question and answer session followed the presentation.

## **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **Southeast Regional Vice President**

Southeast Region Gerald Meeks, Vice President

The Palm Beach Chapter held it's first meeting October 18, 2007 at the Sail Fish Club, Palm Beach, Florida. The Guest Speaker was the Public Information Director for SCRIPPS International. She talked about the education program of Scripps and it effects on developing new and better drugs. The Palm Beach chapter is very active in all areas such as the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, The Knight Essay contest, J.R.O.T.C. Program, Veterans programs, and participates, in uniform, at several outings such as Veterans Day, and the 4th of July. Presently 135 members strong, it is continually looking and submitting new applicants for membership.

Miami Chapter--Non Reporting

Fort Lauderdale-Non Reporting



## **FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

### **Southwest Regional Vice President**

Southwest Region Don Cahill, Vice President  
October 21, 2007

**CALOOSA :** This chapter brought the public's attention to Constitution Day September 17 by getting Lee County Commissioners to proclaim this day and the week through September 23, 2007 as Constitution Week. Also many of their members attended the DAR Southwest Board of Regents annual Constitution Week Luncheon. Caloosa is hosting the Fall BOM meeting and has been busy getting attendees registered. Then will check us in and maintain the Hospitality Room at the BOM.

**CHARLOTTE :** Meetings are held at the Port Charlotte Elk's Club at noon the second Friday of the month. Meetings resumed after the summer break and were held in September and October.

**NAPLES:** The first meeting after the summer break was held October 4, 2007 at the Elk's Lodge on Radio Road in Naples. The speaker was Peter Burgeson of Florida Gulf Coast University. A number of the members attended the DAR Southwest Regents Council meeting celebrating Constitution week hosted by the Cape Coral Chapter DAR. September 21, 2007 the Chapter lost a great member Compatriot Horace W. Lanford , who was the original squadron commander of the 741 Bomb Squadron flying 30 combat missions from Italy, during WW II. He was hit over Czechoslovakia walked out and resumed flying B24 missions.

**SARAMANA :** The Chapter had a joint meeting with the DAR as they have every Constitution Day. The Constitution Day Luncheon was Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Sarasota Cay Club. The Chapters Color Guard is very active and participated in ceremonies at the Bradenton American Legion Post 24 on September 21 remembering our POW's/MIA's who have never returned home. The Chapter is trying to establish a youth Fife and Drum Corps.

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Secretary**

Kevin Yarnell

In the time since the Summer BOM the secretary has handled routine duties and several special projects.

In early October I completed an audit of our membership records with those at National in preparation for the upcoming annual report. Only one discrepancy was found.

As requested by the BOM I have endeavored to mail out a significant number of membership and supplemental certificates received from National in the last two months. (Our prior practice had been to hold all certificates to the next BOM.) This process is aided by the fact that President Wallin lives within reasonable driving distance from me. Beginning in January we've initiated several significant steps to increase the speed with which applications get to National and approved certificates get from National to the local chapter. Not all of these changes have been convenient or inexpensive but the result seems to be a clear improvement from the chapter's point of view. We continue to be open to further suggestions in this area.

Annual report information will be mailed to the chapters during the second week in November. The reports and dues should be mailed back by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Local secretaries that would prefer to file their membership electronically will be given the chance to do so this year.

I'm currently working of making the necessary corrections to the National on-line membership directory in order to allow local secretaries to view all their members' information. Many of the members included in the database have incorrect chapter designations. Correcting these is, alas, a time consuming process but I hope to have it finished prior to the time of annual reports.

With the help of Leon Hammock we've been researching the most cost effective method of mailing the *Florida Patriot* magazine. An error by our printing house combined with a change in the postal regulations has resulted in a significant increase to the cost of mailing the magazine. We hope to have this resolved prior to the next mailing of the magazine.

# FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

## Treasurer

Leon Hammock

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVES (BUDGET AND ACTUAL) 9-30-2007

	2007 Annual <u>Budget</u>	2007 <u>Actual</u>
Receipts		
Dues - net of rebates	\$31,000	\$30,841
Donations	2,000	1,841
Other	<u>1,500</u>	<u>575</u>
Total	34,500	33,257
Disbursements		
State Officers	\$19,500	\$14,722
Youth Programs	9,000	\$8,864
Committee Projects	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,248</u>
Total	33,500	27,834
Receipts over Disbursements	\$1,000	\$5,423

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

#### ASSETS

Checking	30,611.34
Wachovia CD's	32,970.00
Money Market Account	<u>4,919.50</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	68,096.59

Investments (restricted) 11,892.00

TOTAL ASSETS 84,196.59

LIABILITIES 0.00

EQUITY 84,196.59

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 84,196.59

**Submitted by Leon R.  
Hammock, State Treasurer**

# FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar, William R. Stevenson Quarterly Report: End of 2nd Quarter, 2007

October 7, 2007

Chapter	Membership Applications						Supplemental Applications						Remarks	
	Received	Carry over	Approval NSSAR			Returned to Chapter		Received	Carry over	Approval		Returned to Chapter		
			Pending	Receive		State	NSSAR			Pending	Receive	State		NSSAR
Brevard		8		2	6			1	6	6	1			
Caloosa		1			1				2	2				
Central Florida	2	1		3				2	4	4	2			
Charlotte									2	2				
Clearwater	2	14		3	13				4	4				
Daytona-Ormond	2	6		5	3									
Deland		2		2					5	1	4			
Devane														
Emerald Coast		1		1					1	1				
Flagler									8	6	2			
Ft. Lauderdale	1	5		2	4			2	2	4				
Gainesville	1	4		3	2				2	2				
Jacksonville	1	10		4	7			1	9	8	2			
Lakeland		6		4	2				4	4				
Lake/Sumter		6		2	4				5	4	1			
Miami	2			2					4	4				
Naples	1	8		3	7				3	3				
Ocala		1		1					2	2				
Palm Beach	3	4		4	3			4	1	3				2 Jr. Mem.
Panama City	1	1		1	1				4	4				
Pensacola	4	2		5	1			2	2	3	1			
Saramana		9		7	2				21	19	2			4 youth
St. Augustine		4		3	1									
St. Lucie River	1	4		1	4			2	3	4	1			3 Jr. Mem
St. Petersburg	1	3		4					3	3				
Tallahassee		1			1									
Tampa	2	5		4	3			2	5	5	2			
Treasure Coast		2		2					1	1				
Withlacoochee	3	12		6	9			3	21	12	12			1 Jr. Mem
At-Large	1	5		2	4				1	1				
Totals	28	127		77	78			15	129	111	33			

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Chaplain**

Randy Moody

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

Deaths since the Summer Meeting are:

Gerald J. Morgan III	Central Florida	6/3/2007
Col Frank A. Dwyer	Central Florida	7/2/2007
W. George Keen	Ocala	7/13/2007
James Holyfield	Palm Beach	8/8/2007
Richard Malcolm Bowen	Brevard	8/22/2007
Joseph Burghard Thomas	Palm Beach	8/27/2007
Robert Charles Savacool	Miami	9/7/2007
George Avant	Talahassee	10/1/2007

All chapter chaplains who wish to participate in a "Prayer Circle" may send their email address and request to participate to me at sarrevdoc@comcast.net. Any prayer requests regarding members of your chapter that are sent to me will be forwarded to all participating Florida chapter chaplains so we may support one another in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chaplain Randy D. Moody

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Recording Secretary**

Terence Walton

October 21, 2007

The Minutes of the Summer BOM Meeting, 27 July 2007, were published in **The Florida Patriot**, Vol. 37, No.3, Fall, 2007, pp. 1516.

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Chancellor**

Carl Hoffmann, PG

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Parliamentarian**

Frank Hodalski

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Genealogist**

Alvie Davidson

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Sergeant at Arms**

Alvin Bellamy

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Historian**

John Little

Historians report for period August, 2007 thru October 2007

I am now receiving a few chapter Newsletters. However, I would like to receive a copy of all chapter newsletters so I can include them in the Florida Societies Archives.

I would appreciate each chapter placing me on their Newsletter mailing list. Please send a copy of the newsletter to Compatriot John little 533 Teakwood Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

John Little

Historian

## **FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Editor, Florida Patriot**

Dick Fowler

Unfortunately, the pressman that was the only one able to handle the press used to print *The Patriot* was absent due to a physical problem, and the publisher was not able to get copies to our members on time, despite having received our copy in a timely manner. The publisher wishes to apologize for this delay.

By utilizing all of our capabilities, we were able to add as much color to the Fall 2007 edition of the Patriot as we have ever done before.

Working closely with our publisher we overcame some difficulties with too much red color on the inside cover, and that page came through just fine. The publisher's pre-press department asked for detailed information that we don't normally provide, and they were able to manipulate our images to achieve the desired results.

Your Editor attended the *Battle Days* (first battle of the American Revolution) activities at Point Pleasant, West Virginia on October 5th and 6th, and you will be hearing more about that in the Winter Edition of *The Patriot*. In the meantime, you can see a remarkable collection of pictures taken by a Point Pleasant photographer at [www.looklikeben.com](http://www.looklikeben.com). You can view hundreds of pictures that he took there on the photo gallery pages. I arranged them in thirty slide shows that can be viewed at your leisure in a minimum amount of time.

Because of an early Winter BOM meeting the deadline for adding materials to the Winter Edition of The Patriot has been moved up to December 13.

Richard Q. Fowler, Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

# Statutory Committees

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Audit**

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

Nothing to report at this time.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Executive**

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

This report will be given orally.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Finance**

Chairman: Leon Hammock

It is getting time for the finance committee to start putting together the new budget for 2008. If you would like to have any input regarding the budget for your office or committee I would appreciate having it ASAP. I sent this out by e-mail to officers and committee chairman but for various reasons some didn't get delivered.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Medals and Awards**

Chairman: Gerald Meeks

There have been no requests made or awards presented requiring approval of the Medals and Awards Committee during this reporting period.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating**

Chairman: TBA

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal**

Chairman: John Cahoon, Jr.

Nominations for the Patriot Medal will be accepted until the close of the Winter BOM in January. No submissions can be accepted after that date. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the NSSAR web site at:

<http://www.sar.org/forms/patriot.pdf>

Additional pages may be attached to the form if extra space is needed. Please remember that service at the chapter and state level will be considered in evaluating a Compatriot's service to the SAR. National-level service cannot be used as qualification for the award.

When preparing the nomination form, do not sign the spaces marked for president's and secretary's signature. These entries are to be completed by the FLSSAR President and Secretary respectively.

# Standing Committees

## FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

My thanks to the chapters that recently provided historical information regarding past officers and awards. I continue to find time to add to the society's membership database. We currently have 7,605 of a possible 9,039 members in the system. That's a bit over 84%.

Since the Summer BOM, I devised a method to mass-enter data from previous annual reports. I'm doing this chapter by chapter and began with historically small chapters in order to refine the process. Thus far, I've completed DeVane, Lake City, Ocala, and Tampa. Information from the Lake City work was given to the New Chapter Development committee to aid in possibly reforming that chapter.

## FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Nelson Jantzen

Recommended changes to the Chapter Challenge form for 2008 were sent to the committee members. New criteria will be printed & distributed to the Regional Vice Presidents to be given to the Chapters & returned by March 2008

## FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: TBA

Nothing to report

## FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Doug Bridges

During this year's C.A.R. Packet Meetings members participated in workshops around the state which promoted teamwork, cooperation and support of the **Shake-a-Leg Miami** foundation. Examples of these meetings are extracted from The Orange Blossom and shared with all.

"We had to guide someone who was blindfolded, hunt for treasure, and answer trivia questions. Being blindfolded gave our members feeling of what a handicapped person goes through. The treasure hunt reminded us of this year's theme, "Chart A C.A.R. Course." Lastly, the trivia game consisted of a wide variety of questions such as "What are some good techniques for public relations?" After these workshops, the one who was the most enthusiastic was crowned the Packet Party "First Mate." The "First Mates" this year are Will Glover, Caitlin Brock, Chrissy Herreid, and Tyler Smith. The societies that hosted each of the packet meetings were the Blue Springs Society, Princess Malee Society, Fort Gatlin, Fort Brooke Societies, and Tequesta Society. I would like to give a special thanks to the Parrish family, the Brock family, the Jones family, and the Prahls and Thompson families. April Pearson, F.S.C.A.R. President

The **South Florida** Packet Meeting was held on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the Historic Miami River Inn, in downtown Miami. The meeting was held in the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Room at the Inn. This must be one of the few historic, restored wooden structures in Miami. The meeting was hosted by the Prahls and Thompsons of Tequesta Society. Besides Tequesta Society members, members from Fifer George Weissenfels, Swamp Fox, and Ft. Brooke Societies were also in attendance, for a total of over 30 members, seniors and guests present. A wonderful hot Italian feast was provided. A special treat was a brief talk by Ms. Tracy Towle of **Shake-a-Leg Miami**

who came to tell us in person about their programs. After the meal, attendees participated in the workshop program, including the handicap challenge and trivia contest. The scavenger hunt was delayed while everyone cooled off from being outside for the handicap challenge, but went off great as well! Julia Thompson gave a brief presentation on the historic Miami River. The trivia contest was so hotly contested that members separated into teams to play! Some of the members cooled by with a dip in the Inn's pool, although a summer sprinkle cooled everyone else off! Many thanks to Mrs. Jane, Cecilia and Helen Prah, and Mrs. Thompson as our hostesses and Mrs. Sally Jude, owner of the Inn..

Similar Packet Meetings were held in **Central Florida Orlando** at the very gracious Mrs. Jones' home. Members representing Fort Brooke, Fort Gatlin, Fort Melon, Princess Malee and Fifer George Weissenfels societies enjoyed State President April Pearson's Central State Packet Meeting. Following was a brief introduction and video about and by the **Shake-A-Leg** foundation

**North Florida** Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Brock III were "cool" enough to host the FSSCAR Packet Meeting for attending members. If you couldn't make it, you missed a treasure hunt, lots of cool prizes for the most enthusiastic C.A.R. members, delicious pizza and Mrs. Molly Knight's scrumptious cookies! FSCAR President April Pearson showed a video from **Shake-A-Leg Miami** and members learned a lot about the state project and gained tips on how to promote the State Society

**Panhandle Packet** meeting Summer has been busy for Blue Springs Society. We had a Society workshop/planning meeting held before the C.A.R. Panhandle Packet Workshop hosted by Blue Springs at the Parrish/Croxton home. Swamp Fox Society was represented at the packet workshop by Sheridan, Kendall, Joseph and Mary Miller and Laura Gamble represented Snowden Horne Society. State President April Pearson led the packet meeting and excited the members about the state program and project for the year."

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites**

Chairman: John Little

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials**

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

This committee is active only in the months preceding the National Congress held each July. No work was required in the time since the last BOM.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison**

Chairman: Gordon Greenwood

The DAR Liaison Committee, consisting of Gordon Greenwood, Chairman, Lindsey Brock, George Lockhart, Steve Williams, Fred MacLean, and Hal Miller manned a SAR Information table in the registration area of the DAR Fall Forum on Sept. 21-23 at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Orlando. 121 attendees of the Forum made inquiries about SAR and signed our guest book. Among the highest ranking signees were: (1) Rebecca Lockhart, Reporter General, NSDAR; (2) Sue Bratton, DAR State Regent ; (3) April Pearson, FSCAR State President; and (4) Charlene Heneid, Senior State President, FSCAR.

In addition, the Committee obtained a copy of the DAR state directory which contains contact information on all state DAR officers and Regent Councils' Presidents. While the contact info for Florida Chapter Regents is online at fsdar.org, the info for the state and council level officers is not. At the request of State Regent Bratton, the latter info will be given only to SAR RVPs for their use in contacting their counterparts in DAR.



The DAR Liaison Committee also had Secretary Yarnell circulate info and the form involved to RVPs to encourage participation in the DAR/SAR Membership Award Program. Since DAR members are a rich source of new SAR members, an award is given each year to the state DAR society that refers the greatest number of men for SAR membership. The Florida DAR Society has never won the award but consistently places second to the Georgia Society. For the FLDAR to get credit for referring a SAR member, a form needs to be sent in with the application to Registrar Stevenson. The form is a simple one and merely asks for (1) name of the Applicant, (2) name of the DAR member making the referral, (3) name of the DAR Chapter making the referral, and (4) First Line Sponsor. Steve Williams has placed the form online at the flssar.org website. The URL is: <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/Forms/DAR500.pdf>

The DAR Liaison Committee will man a SAR information table the DAR State Conference next March 14-16.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee**

Chairman: David Ramseur

The Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition program will be here before you know it. Last year, we had six chapters present their chapter winners applications out of twenty-nine state chapters for our FLSSAR award program. Hopefully this year we can have more participation for this very worthy cause.

Today after several years of trying, I was finally able to get the names of the scouts in the North Florida Council BSA who have earned the Eagle Award this year. Please note that any Eagle is eligible to participate in the award program as long he has not turned nineteen during the application year which is 2007. Please follow up with your local district scout executive in finding the names of the young men who are eligible to participate in this award.

Also, at the National Congress this year our FLSSAR recognized two compatriots who were awarded the new Robert E. Burt Boy Scout National Volunteer Award. This award was given to of course to our fellow Compatriot Robert E. Burt and our State President Grant Wallin. Both men have served as role models for our youth and have provided service to young men in the BSA. This award consists of a miniature medal with a ribbon, Certificate and a BSA square knot. This award will be given to two outstanding compatriots in each state annually who meet all the requirements for this prestigious award.

In closing let me stress the importance to the Eagle Scout program as well as all our youth programs need our support, as they will be the future leaders of the free world.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Education Committee**

Chairman: Ron Toops

### **Legislative Status: Revision of Florida Sunshine Standards for Social Studies:**

In summary, although the Florida House passed a bill requiring Social Studies to be added to the FCAT measurements, the Florida Senate refused to consider the same legislation; The Florida Social Studies Supervisor (FSSS) Group is again contacting their lobbyist and trying to get legislation, which again addresses our concerns about the inadequate teaching of Colonial and Revolutionary American History in our Florida Public Schools.

Note: A member of this organization, the FSSS, has agreed to speak to the membership at the January BOM. He will express his concerns about this issue and stress the importance for our membership to again, contact their legislators and express their support for this legislation. The FSSS will meet in October, however we cannot attend this meeting.

**Florida Sunshine State Standards Meeting Highlights:** We, the "framers" met in June in order to revise the Florida Sunshine Standards as they may apply to the teaching of Social Studies in Florida Public Schools, which includes, American History, World History, American Government, Civics, Geography and Economics. Because of concerns, a second meeting was held in July.

July: Basically what we had done in the first two days was negated, because of adverse response by some district school superintendents! These negative responses adversely affected the performance of the “framer” membership, but we again began the task of creating basic expectations (benchmarks) for each of the topics (courses) that are in the “Social Studies” category. There were a number of stalemates, again because some teachers had been intimidated by their local school administrators and would not agree to ideas offered by other members. Guidelines that were created, were shared with the next active group, “The Writers”.

The “Benchmarks”, created by these writers, have in general been defined for the various topics/courses within the Social Studies group. From my point of view, the benchmarks for the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are well defined. However, the benchmarks for (1763-1800) American History, for High School, reference the benchmarks for K-8. This implies that a graduating senior should know this material, even though there has been no re-enforcement of knowledge during the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades (Only Civil War – Contemporary History is taught!). ... I believe and many support the thought, that high school students should have an end-of school test which measures their knowledge of the Social Studies Materials.

It is not clear to me, even if we develop a great set of benchmarks/expectations for Colonial/Revolutionary American History, that school officials will change their habits, unless Social Studies Content is on the FCAT. ... Government Intervention!

**George Washington Biography Lesson Package**: Per the request of the FLSSAR President and others, I have made contact with Mount Vernon personnel about this mentioned program. They have agreed to supply me a sample package, when I visit Mount Vernon next week. It is used by the Massachusetts Society, but it appears to be an expensive venture! I will report on the costs and possible support in the future.

**Question Sets for [www.rsar.org](http://www.rsar.org)** (R. Nelson): Ralph placed several questions sets onto this website in the last couple of months and individuals were asked to take the quizzes. Ralph also recently brought the topic up at their committee meeting at the recent Leadership Conference. There was a lot of interest in this approach and a number of ideas were provided, which would lead to alterations to the approach.

**Middle School Essay Contest Proposal**: Frank Hodalski, chairman of the NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee again presented the Middle School Essay Award project to his committee.

As I mentioned last time, three schools (abt. five teachers), agreed to participate in a Middle School Essay Award Pilot project. Together they defined the topic(s), word count, type of essay, due dates and other elements of the essays. We discussed award options and will re-address these approaches, which may differ, depending on each school's restrictions in the future.

The basic content of this pilot project has been shared with Frank Holdalski, who is also evaluating the implementation of a Middle School Contest.

**Americanism Poster Contest**: I believe it is important to mention that Ed Young is working on establishing, within the Florida Society, the NSSAR Americanism Poster Contest. He is in the process of defining the rules, awards and other details so related.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee**

Chairman: Dick Fowler

Due to our publisher's inability to deliver The Florida Patriot on time with the registration forms for the Fall BOM meeting, some extraordinary steps were taken to get that form in to the hands of interested members.

Using an email list that has been developed, we were able to get an E-mail message to over two hundred members with copies of the registration form for the Fall 2007 BOM meeting attached. We also asked members to help other interested members get copies of the registration forms.

By sending just slightly different messages to each of the Regional Vice Presidents, with copies to members of their region, it was possible to get a large volume of emails out within a very short time. Previously large numbers of E-mails were rejected as "Spam."

Many phone calls were made, and we apologize to anyone that we were not able to contact. If you wish to have your name added to the E-mail address list, please send a copy to me at [fowlersar@yahoo.com](mailto:fowlersar@yahoo.com) .

The Florida Patriot has been online in the past, and the Fall edition can be viewed at <http://looklikeben.com/fall2007/> . Future editions can be viewed as they are created by going to similar addresses. The Winter 2008 edition will be posted at <http://looklikeben.com/win2008/> . The Spring 2008 edition will be posted at <http://looklikeben.com/spring2008/> , the Summer 2008 edition will be posted at <http://looklikeben.com/sum2008> and the Fall 2008 edition will be posted at <http://looklikeben.com/fall2008>.

Please be patient as you review these pre-published editions as they will be subject to changes and corrections.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy**

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

At the last BOM, a number of compatriots joined us in the Hospitality Room. We did a number of searches in both the Rootsweb database as well as the DAR Patriot Index database. Those attending were able to see how both genealogical databases worked.

At the October BOM, we will be conducting a workshop on searching for genealogical records prior to the 1850 US census.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest**

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

The contest website ([www.flssar.org/essay](http://www.flssar.org/essay)) has been updated and we've received some requests from students for additional information. Special appreciation is due Hall Riediger's work on the Publicity committee. He recently put out a press release to all the Florida PBS stations and to the 38 major newspapers across the state. Such efforts can only aid us in promoting the contest.

I would like to turn this committee over to new leadership in June and would be grateful for suggestions as to a successor.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Good Citizenship**

The secretary has assumed the job of distributing the blank certificates to local chapters. Please contact Kevin Yarnell if you need certificates in the coming months.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report History Fairs**

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest**

Chairman: Randy Moody

The Rumbaugh Oration Contest will be conducted at the Winter BOM on Friday afternoon. At this meeting, we need volunteers to assist as monitors and/or judges for the contest. The rules used at National will be followed as closely as possible in our state contest.

Chapters may download the entry form for their winner to enter the FLSSAR contest from the National website at <http://www.sar.org/youth/rumbaughchapentry.pdf> and mail them by December 20, 2007. Please send the complete packet to Randy D. Moody, 16986 Oakstead Drive, Alva, FL 33920.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison**

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

October 19, 2007

The FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary had four members that attended the September 20-22, 2007 Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY.

The President of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, Billie Brock, selected many items from the National Society's Merchandise Sales Department, on a consignment basis, which the ladies will be selling at our upcoming BOM meeting. Two hundred and thirty-five dollars worth of the merchandise was sold at the Jacksonville Chapter's October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and it is anticipated that most of the merchandise will be sold at the October BOM meeting. Check FLSSAR's web site to get the latest news about the FLSSAR's Ladies Auxiliary. You may read the message by visiting: [www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org)

Please make plans to attend the upcoming February 21-23, 2008 Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. There are always luncheons and special events for all ladies to attend at each of our Leadership Conferences and at our National meetings.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Last Naval Battle**

Chairman: Ben DuBose

Most of the basic groundwork, as reported in last quarter, has been completed. We are awaiting the Boards decision on financial support before we can start ordering the chairs, PA System, etc. The first of several notifications have been emailed to prospective Color Guard units in Brevard County. On 9/15/07 we had a 8 man Color Guard at the Capt. John Barry Celebration. The organizer, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has contacted me pledging their full support of our upcoming March 8th event. Compatriot Lindsey Brock will be giving a follow-up report on his activities at NSSAR on this topic. Also, Lindsey will be giving a report on the minting of this year's medal and lapel pins.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Liberty Tree**

Chairman: Ben Dubose

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM**

Chairman: Lindsey Brock  
October 19, 2007

The following are the BOM remaining meeting dates that have been established with the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway of Kissimmee, FL for the years 2007-2008:

Winter BOM meeting – January 18-19, 2008  
Annual BOM meeting – May 2-4, 2008

The room rates will remain the same (\$61.00 + taxes) for the year 2007. For the year **2008 the room rates will be increased to (\$63.00 + taxes)**. Plaza tower rooms will also remain at (\$71.00 + taxes) for the year 2007. For the year **2008 Plaza tower rooms will be increase to (\$73.00 + taxes)**. However, Plaza tower one-bedroom suites will remain at (\$99.00 + taxes) during 2007-2008. Meal prices will be essentially in the same price range.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any member of this committee.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention**

Chairman: TBA

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development**

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library**

Chairman: Terence Walton  
October 21, 2007

The Committee received a quarterly statistical report for the period 1/1/07 through 09/30/07 from the NSSAR Library. The report summarized membership data for members of the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) for all state societies. FLSSAR remained in first place with a total of 52 personal and chapter members, the same number as at the beginning of the year. The Florida Society encourages all chapters to become Friends of the Library by sending a \$25 check to: **SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203, Att'n: Friends of the Library.**

80% of FOL membership fees are placed in the Library Endowment Fund, which is the permanent fund for the use of the library. The remaining 20% and income from the Endowment Fund is used to supplement the regular library operational budget, providing new services such as database subscriptions, books, and other materials for the

library collection. Memorial memberships are also an excellent way of benefiting ongoing library activities and the proposed national **Center for Advancing America's Heritage**.

The most exciting development this quarter came in the form of a SAR-TALK announcement from President General Bruce Wilcox on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal from a Louisville architecture firm to sell the National Society a five story building in downtown Louisville at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main, in the historic area near the river. This neighborhood on West Main Street is home to a number of museums and cultural institutions, such as the Louisville Slugger Museum and Louisville Science Center (above). PG Wilcox points out that the building is in the center of the rapidly developing Museum District of Louisville and would provide potential for greatly increased exposure and visitor activity compared with our present location.

The space is equivalent to the combination of the existing headquarters and the proposed new building on the adjacent property. The transaction would require selling both properties. Because the proposed building is in an historic rehabilitation area, we would qualify for over \$700,000 in tax credits that may be used as cash for the project. Since the proposed rehabilitation/renovation would meet city and state redevelopment objectives, it would open up possibilities for future city, state, and federal funding support.

The PG is convinced that the project could be started in 2008 based on the money received from the sale of the existing properties, the tax credits, and funds we have collected for the national Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

The Trustees and the Executive Committee have unanimously voted to support further evaluation. The PG has initiated action to examine in detail all elements of the proposal and will report back at the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting.

The reason given for changing direction at this time is because over the past eight years the concept has evolved from being primarily a library to a facility that can support outreach education as well as library/museum functions. That mission can be accomplished more effectively in the downtown area because of the synergism provided by the increased traffic and the other museums in the area. We would be able to accommodate our rapidly expanding activities at a much earlier date.

Other pluses include the fact that all our functions, library, museum, outreach programs, and administrative offices would be brought under one roof; and the potential for increased merchandise income.

The PG emphasizes that the opportunity is available now, and similar opportunities may not be available in the future. There is a fiduciary responsibility to explore options that can be of great benefit to the Society, and that may not exist at some future date.

This should be considered as a major breakthrough for the proposed national **Center for Advancing America's Heritage**. There are many other similar undertakings, including one up the Ohio River from Louisville, the Senator John Heinz **Pittsburgh Regional History Center**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian in Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania's largest history museum ([www.pghhistory.org](http://www.pghhistory.org)). The original structure is the old Chautauqua Lake Ice Company Building in Pittsburgh's Strip District – also on the river.

## **FLSSAR Special Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals**

Chairman Edward "Bud" Casey

This committee continues to receive copies of newsletters and periodicals from many chapters in the Florida Society. Please send hard copies of your Chapter Newsletter to:

Chairman, FLSSAR Newsletters Committee  
348 European Lane  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982-3929

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities**

Chairman: Hal Miller, Jr.  
October 23, 2007

Since my last Committee report of July 20, 2007, through the date of this report (about 3 months), currently 173 e-mails at a time were sent out on 24 occasions, a total of about 4152 e-mails. Therefore, during the first six months of the 2007-2008 program year which began on April 29, 2007, my report of April 22, 2007 through the date of this report, October 23, 2007, (about six months), reveals that 173 emails at a time were sent out on 41 occasions to 173 recipients resulting in about 7093 e-mails.

**If we do as well in the last six months of this program year, our mailings could almost double last year's results when 45 emails were sent out on 45 occasions to 175 recipients resulting in about 7875 emails. My thanks go out to the members of this committee, all SAR's, friends, and recipients who have sent me great patriotic material to work with and forward on. Please keep it coming.**

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Education (Formerly Public Relations)**

Chairman: Ben DuBose  
**Date of Report:** 16 Oct 2007

The newly revised KEYHOLE TO HISTORY CDs should be in your hands by the time you arrive at this meeting, or they will be given to you here. Please try to find radio stations to play them. When you do PLEASE CONTACT me with full information.

We are requesting \$500 from the Board to reproduce these 60 second spots and give them to School Boards throughout Florida for airing in the local schools during their morning announcements..

A new format, for newspapers and assorted print media is being developed. It is a historical column also titled KEYHOLE TO HISTORY. It is aimed at Middle School ages, and relates a short story concerning the Revolutionary era, followed by a quick quiz much like a Jumble that can be solved by finding key words within the text of the story read.

Compatriot Frank Hodalski will be giving a follow-up report on his successful presentation of our samples at NSSAR.

**Report and Recommendations (Supplemental)** The Keyhole to History CD was a featured presentation as part of an NSSAR workshop moderated by Education Director Colleen Wilson. ED Director Wilson reported many favorable comments from state societies. Douglas Wilson, the NSSAR History Teacher of the Year winner was given a copy of the Keyholes for review. On my return from the Trustee Meeting, I received an email with very favorable review of the CD from Mr. Wilson, who told me he listened to the entire CD while driving home from Louisville. His comments included compliments on the quality of the production and narration by the broadcasters. The graphics for the CD were given to NSSAR. and the CD is currently being reproduced in quantity for use by state societies and chapters.

The newest version of the Keyholes is one geared for distribution in the print media, and aimed at elementary school kids. It fits ideally in local area weeklies, but is suitable for the kiddy page in the color funnies of the Sunday paper, if we can reach that far. We hope to have a presentation in time for the Sacramento Congress.

We reported progress on the Middle School Essay Awards program and our hope to pilot it during the 2007-08 academic year. The ED is most interested in following it's progress.

Submitted by Frank X. Hodalski, committee member

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Procedures Manual**

Chairman: Steven Williams

As recently highlighted, contact information for FLSSAR officers, BOM members, and committee members were listed in multiple places within the Manual and on the web. A solution option is to (1) remove from Procedures Manual the listing of the Officers and the listing of the BOM members, (2) remove from the current Officers web page any contact information, (3) remove all contact information from the Committees web page, then (4) create a Contacts web page that will have all contact information for the Officers, BOM members, and Committee members. The amended pages (1), (2), and (3) will only contain a listing of the names and positions.

After consultation within the committee, the above-mentioned solution has a payback, hopefully, with a smaller error rate and faster more efficient work level.

Respectively submitted for your viewing enjoyment – Steve Williams, Chair

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Public Service and Heroism**

Chairman: Daniel Shepherd

21 October 2007

### **Withlacoochee Chapter**

8 September 2007 the Withlacoochee Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, Inverness, Fl:

### **Heroism Medal and Certificate**

Walter Ray Nichols III, (Civilian) from Citrus County, Fl – on 17 July 2007, Mr. Nichols was driving his car back to work from his lunch break, when he saw a home engulfed in flames at Mossy Oak Mobile Home Park in Inverness. He pulled over and was told by another citizen that Sue Abraham, a 63 year old resident, was still inside the home. Disregarding his own safety, Mr. Nichols entered the flaming building and found Ms. Abraham searching for her cats. She refused to accompany him to safety until she found her cats. Mr. Nichols, realizing that both he and Ms. Abraham were about to be trapped by the flames, bodily, carried Ms. Abraham from the burning home; saving her life.

**Media coverage** for this 8 September 2007 presentation was published on 10 September 2007 in the Citrus County Chronicle, Citrus County, Fl.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity**

Chairman: Hermann Riediger

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC**

Chairman: Lonnie Jones

Nothing to report



## **FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs**

Chairman: John Camillo

The U.S.S. Stark Memorial Contest reporting form and contest rules are now available on the FLSSAR website. The score sheet and contest rules can easily be located by clicking NSSAR on the FLSSAR page and then clicking on Forms. Note that the score sheet reflects the year 2005, this must be changed to the current year.

A copy of the score sheet must be sent to the following:

1. Executive Director of the NSSAR
2. NSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Douglas H. Stansbery.

(Addresses for the Executive Director and NSSAR Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman are on the score sheet)

3. A third copy must be sent to:  
John AW Camillo  
3 Salvia Court  
Homosassa, FL 34446-5421  
OR emailed to me  
[Jscam54@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Jscam54@tampabay.rr.com)

I must receive the chapter report no later than January 10, 2008 since I am required to compile all chapter reports and forward a State Report to the Executive Director and National Veterans Affairs Chairman.

Reimbursement to a Chapter up to \$100.00 from the Endowment Trust Fund has been approved by the Board of Management

Chapter participation in the U.S.S. Stark Memorial Contest provides a chapter an opportunity not only to help our veterans but also the chapter benefits by accumulating points for its Chapter Challenge Score Sheet.

## **Ad hoc Committees**

### **FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage**

Chairman: TBA

Nothing to report

### **FLSSAR Committee Report American History Teacher Award**

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

Some background work was accomplished in the time since the last BOM but our intended list of suggestions to the local chapters has not been sent as planned. We hope to make this available in the next few weeks. The document will detail ways the chapters can encourage and recognize outstanding history teachers including participating in the National American History Teacher Award contest.

### **FLSSAR Committee Report Americanism Elementary Poster Contest**

Chairman: Wesley Odom  
October 21, 2007

This is the first report for this new committee. The committee has been formed with the chairman and six committee members representing six of the seven FLSSAR regions. The committee has approved the Guidelines and the chapter's Entry Form for the state contest. These documents were distributed to the chapters through the Regional

Vice Presidents at the Fall FLSSAR Board of Managers Meeting. Chapters may design their own entry form for their contests or modify the "Florida Society Contest Entry Form". The chapter winner's poster must be brought or sent (DO NOT MAIL) to the May 2-4, 2008 FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers Meeting (BOM). The completed "Florida Society Contest Entry Form" must be forwarded to Florida Society Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee Chairman Wesley S. Odom, 52 West Gonzalez Street, Pensacola, FL 32501 by April 1, 2008. The entry form for the National Society Poster Contest will be completed at the BOM for the winning chapter entry. Direct any questions to Wesley S. Odom. E-Mail: [www.wlodom@cox.net](mailto:www.wlodom@cox.net), Home Phone: 850-436-6666, Office Phone: 850-470-8005.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report Middle School Outreach**

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Frank Hodalski

Nothing to report

## **FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Constitution & ByLaws Review**

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

Nothing to report

## **New Chapter Development**

Chairman: Steve Williams

**Milton area** An organizational meeting was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Milton Public Library to meet with interested members of the public. Attendance at the meeting exceeded the committee's expectations – 35 attendees. Supporting this effort were the committee members, Pensacola chapter compatriots, and Three Rivers DAR Chapter members. Attendees came to hear about SAR, the DAR, and to talk to our support staff on genealogy research.

From this meeting, 3 prospective members were asked to be a POC group for contacting other prospective members and to work with the committee to continue the chapter formation process. Ray Lantz, Pensacola Chapter Registrar, is processing the applications for this effort. New contacts are continuing to be added from local DAR contacts to the list of prospective members. To date there have been at least 2 approved applications of 7 initial applications and there will be some transfers from the Pensacola chapter for this charter member group. Executive Director Joe E Harris, Jr. at National Headquarters has been notified as required of the effort to create a new chapter in Milton.

Hopefully within the next 2 months we will be able to announce a charter banquet. Stay tuned.

**Lake City Chapter** To support the Lake City Chapter revitalization effort, the following compatriots have been instrumental in starting this process: Ron Toops, Jim Partin, and Gordon Greenwood.

Ron has been in contact with the DAR in Lake City Chapter Regent, Lucy Gafford, to see if the same effort used in Milton can be used in Lake City. Other contacts have been made by Ron with local SAR members who may transfer into a revitalized Lake City chapter and thus provide chapter leadership. Further information may be available at the time of the Fall BOM.

**Other news** Nelson Jantzen has suggested the possibility of starting a chapter in the Wesley Chapel area of Pasco County. Further work on this possibility will begin after the Fall BOM.

The efforts to increase SAR influence and membership in Florida will be successful with the continued support and individual initiatives as demonstrated by those Florida Compatriots mentioned above and others who are helping behind the scenes. I am fortunate to have the assistance and guidance of these compatriots.

If you have knowledge of areas underserved by SAR or friends/family in such areas, please contact any member of this committee.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report**

### **SAR-CAR Aide**

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock, III  
October 19, 2007

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock III  
Committee Members: Doug Bridges, Miami Chapter

Preliminary, we have had 4-5 young men of the F.S.C.A.R. to express an interest in participating as Aides at our Saturday May 3, 2008 Annual Youth Awards Luncheon. We should insure that these young men also participate in our program agenda at the 2008 Youth Awards Luncheon by leading in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the America's Creed.

All participants will be given a small gift and a NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation for serving as Aides at our May 2008 Youth Awards Luncheon. Hopefully, this endeavor will continue to develop a better understanding of SAR's youth programs among the membership of the Florida Society C.A.R. and more importantly enhance relations between the SAR and Florida Society C.A.R..

In fact, the Florida Society has already generated positive PR as a result of our new program from the Florida Society C.A.R. and the NSSAR and other state societies throughout the country.

## **FLSSAR Committee Report**

### **Support the Troops**

Chairman: Frank Hodalski  
16 Oct 2007

**Report and Recommendations:** The Florida Societies of the SAR and DAR were recognized at a regional meeting of the Military Officers Association. Representatives from three counties were there, as was the national president of the MOA. Good food, fellowship and a common interest in patriotism and support of our young servicemen and women.

We received a request and a list of six troopers from one of our CO's. It seems that these kids almost never get any mail, let alone boxes, from home. We got a half-dozen boxes off to them within a couple of days. We have not heard from any of them as of this report. We did get a response from a CO regarding the Beanie Babies: He informed us that they had all been passed out. Since we sent 150 of the dolls to each of the two Army companies and one Marine unit, we assume there are some happy Iraqi little ones running around. Our Navy squadron is so far up river that we figured there would not be a lot of children in their area.

We have exhausted all of our remaining funds as well as the five hundred dollars donated by Judy Hoffman, who surprised us by dropping off a goodly number of her hand knitted sweaters for infants. She is truly a gem. We have over thirty boxes filled and ready to be sent when we have funds available for postage. As people have become aware that we are sending boxes regularly, we have become a drop-off for the whole range of items – sort of like Goodwill. Bless them all.

The FLSSAR Support Our Troops Ad Hoc Committee will go out of business when our troops come home. Until then we need your help in donating the usable and needed items, and above all, funds for the purchase of supplemental items and postage to send our SOT boxes to our servicemen and women stationed in Iraq. Christmas is coming soon, and we need to get the boxes out by the first week in November to be sure they will reach our troops in time for the holidays. Please help us out with a Xmas gift to these brave young men and women.

## Other Reports

### FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Ed Young  
October 21, 2007

This report covers the period January 1, 2007 through October 20, 2007. During this period, Thirty-six applications for reimbursement grants have been received. Of those, thirty-one have completed processing, have been approved for reimbursement and sent to the Trust Fund Treasurer for payment of 50% of the authorized amounts. These payments amount to \$3712.43. Three applications are being processed and two applications are waiting processing.

The current Endowment Trust Fund Grant Request Guidelines and Application Form are on the FLSSAR Web Site ([www.flssar.org](http://www.flssar.org)). They can be located under FORMS. At the top of the Guidelines page are directions on how to complete the application and e-mail one copy to me at [ednoy@earthlink.net](mailto:ednoy@earthlink.net). (Contact Steve Williams at [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com) if you need assistance.) These two pages will be maintained in current status. Please check them from time to time in insure that you are using current information. **Please submit your final ETF Grant Requests for 2007 expenditures to the committee chairman not later than November 15, 2007 to allow sufficient time for processing, check preparation and mailing before the end of the year.**

### FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

This report will be given orally

### FLSSAR Report Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young  
October 21, 2007

The period of this report is from 29 July 2007 through 27 October 2007. Twenty-one Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Summer BOM on 27 - 28 July 2007. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The Brigade Color Guard, commanded by Guardsman Mark Kilgore, accompanied by Guardsmen Lindsey Brock, Harold Crapo and George Lockhart Presented the Colors at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando on 15 September 2007. Welcomed to the Brigade are Hillsborough River Camp #14 (Tampa), Alan Bell, Commander, approved, on 16 August 2007, and Outpost C (Emerald Coast), Terry Doan, Commander, approved on 13 August 2007. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 26 – 27 October 2007 FLSSAR Fall BOM. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform.)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Brock and Lockhart participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Brock and Cardell marched along the "Purple Heart Walk" and participated in a program at the Veteran's Wall in Jacksonville on 7 August 2007. On 18 August 2007, Lindsay Brock hosted a Flag Retirement program at his home. Participating compatriots wore the "Charlie" uniform and Guardsmen Brock, Cardell and Ramseur were taped at the Comcast Cable TV studio during a 15 minute interview regarding the history and activities of SAR and the story behind several U.S flags used as background on the set. Guardsmen Brock and Cardell marched with muskets in a parade at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral honoring Captain John Barry on 15 September 2007. That evening, Guardsmen Brock and Lockhart Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the General Mayflower Society meeting in Orlando.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Ed Page III, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Ryan, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Darby, Hinman and Williams attended the funeral of Compatriot Richard Bolen on 22 August 2007. On 6 September, Guardsman Williams Presented the Colors at the Cocoa Beach City Council meeting when the Cape Canaveral DAR Chapter received a Proclamation for Constitution Week. Guardsmen DuBose, Hinman, Ryan, Williams and Wright and Wright's daughter in colonial dress joined over 100 other marchers for the Captain John Barry Celebration at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral on 15 September 2007. On 20 September 2007, Guardsman DuBose spoke about "The Battle of Long Island" to the local Pittsburg Club and recruited. Guardsmen Darby, Hinman, Ryan, Smith, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Luncheon and participated during the induction of Compatriot Bernard Greenwell into the SAR.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Brown, Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 15 September 2007, three Guardsmen Presented the Colors at the SAR/DAR Constitution Day Luncheon. Two Guardsmen Presented the Colors for the Indian River Community College Constitution Day program in Fort Pierce on 17 September 2007.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Bellamy, Jones, Lantz and Young in "Bravo" uniforms hosted the Organizing Meeting of the proposed chapter in Milton on 25 August 2007. On 15 September 2007, Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors before 106 attendees at the Joint SAR/DAR Constitution Week Luncheon held in the Mustin Beach Officer's Club aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola. Guardsman Mark Kilgore commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando on 15 September 2007. On 4 October 2007, Guardsmen Jones, Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Awards Meeting at the Crown Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Miller and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. On 15 September 2007, Guardsman Crapo Presented the Colors with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the General Mayflower Society Board of Assistants Meeting in Orlando. Guardsmen Crapo, Hodalski, Miller and Tarpley participated in the opening ceremonies of a new CAR Society in Sarasota on 17 September 2007. On 21 September 2007, Guardsmen Bradley, Crapo, Riegle and Tarpley took part in the American Legion POW/MIA Day Memorial ceremonies. Guardsmen Bradley, Crandall, Crapo, Riegle and Tarpley participated in the dedication of the new Sarasota Veterans National Cemetery on 19 October 2007.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) John Thomson, Commander. Guardsmen On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsmen Bridges and Friberg participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen Acton, Bridges, Friberg and Humphries Posted the Colors for the Annual DAR South Florida Regent's Constitution Week Luncheon held at the Signature Gardens in Miami on 15 September 2007. Compatriot David Mitchell gave the keynote speech and Color Guard Commander Jack Thomson also attended.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. The camp did not have any activity during this reporting period.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 28 July 2007, Guardsman Moody participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsmen P. Pardee, S. Pardee, R. Sumner, J. Townsend and J. Tucker Presented the Colors at the Chapter Meeting on 8 September 2007. On 13 October 2007 A. Craig, F. Naldovny P. Pardee, S. Pardee and J. Townsend Presented the Colors at the Chapter Meeting.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 15 September 2007, Guardsman Piper spoke about Benedict Arnold to the Ocala Chapter, DAR with 70 attendees. Guardsman Piper spoke about Daniel Morgan to the Clermont Chapter DAR on 5 October 2007 with 20 attendees.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsman D. Cahill participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. The Camp Color Guard Presented and Retired the Colors at each chapter meeting during this reporting period.

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

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 27-28 July 2007, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Summer BOM. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Build a Flag" program at the District's Grand Master's visit to the AZON Shrine Temple in Melbourne on 1 September 2007. On 8 September 2007, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" for the Heroes meeting of the National Sojourners in Merritt Island. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and "The Voice of Old Glory" at a meeting of The Boy Scouts of America Troop #598 in Sebastian in honor of two Eagle Scouts on 15 September 2007.

On 22 September 2007, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and "The Voice of Old Glory" at the State President's visit to the Elks Lodge in Sebastian.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

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