

**Minutes of the Spring 2000 Board of Management Meeting
and
104th Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR
05-06May2000, Maitland, Florida**

The BOM meeting was called to order by President Ron Hamilton at 1:15 p.m.

Chaplain William Towery delivered an invocation.

President Hamilton introduced the following present and former national officers: Chaplain Gen. Carl Nissen.

Compatriots Harry Hollien, Bob Liebler and Douglas Ballantyne from Gainesville, Miami and Brevard Chapters, respectively, were welcomed as a first-time attendees.

QUORUM: Secretary Wilson certified the presence of a quorum for this meeting. The attendance roster indicates 50 compatriots were present. (Appendix A)

MINUTES: Motion from the floor with numerous seconds from the floor to adopt the minutes of the Winter 2000 BOM meeting with the following correction: Page two: Activities of Emerald Coast and Panama City Chapters were juxtaposed and should be reversed. Motion Passed.

NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

NATIONAL TRUSTEE -- Ron Hamilton:

On March 3 and 4, I attended the Trustees Meeting at Louisville, KY. It was noted that \$500,000 is currently available for the new library building which will be located on SAR property across the street from the current headquarters building. Discussions have been held with the Lt. Governor of Kentucky on the possibility of the SAR receiving a \$2,000,000 grant for the new library building. Headquarters is also implementing a program to seek funding from the greater Louisville business community. Plans for the new building will be discussed at the Boston Congress. PG Horne noted he had received a call from the DAR concerning 15,000 to 45,000 books which are in boxes at the DAR. The DAR library has no more room and there are no plans for expansion. The books were offered to the SAR on a permanent loan basis.

The Protocol Committee reported that, to assist the State Societies and Chapters, the NSSAR Protocol had been updated. It had been approved the PG and Executive Committee, and was approved by the Trustees (without detail.)

The new NSSAR Eagle Scout program was discussed. NSSAR Chairman Burt may comment on that, as will FLSSAR Chairman Wallin when he makes his report.

President Hamilton verbally reported on the consequences of the new protocols as they pertain to seating arrangements at FLSSAR and Chapter events.

NSSAR George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest: Co-Chairman Charles S. Wingate

1999-2000 Contest Summary:

- a. Over 26,000 visits were made to the Knight Contest web page.
- b. The National Committee received 38 entries from states and the "at-large" entry division.
- c. Five entries were disqualified because they were not documented IAW the contest rules.
- d. Two entries were disqualified for exceeding or insufficient words.
- e. The FLSSAR is commended for the society web page design. The design made it easy for interested students to locate responsible people in each participating chapter.

2000-2001 Contest

- a. The contest has received approval for listing by the National Assn. of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). This action should help in obtaining better access to schools.

- b. The contest topic will be more definitive.
- c. Documentation requirements will be more specific.
- d. National Committee is seeking additional sponsors in an effort to raise the amount awarded in prizes.
- e. Contest packages will be mailed to Society Knight Essay Contest Chairmen by mid-August, 2000.
- f. The NASSP approval should result in an increased volume in visits to the Knight web page.

REPORTS OF FLSSAR OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT -- Ron Hamilton:

On February 19 I attended the Saramana Chapter George Washington Birthday Luncheon in Sarasota. There were 184 in attendance with five DAR chapters represented. Six SAR and five DAR members were inducted. New members included a brother and sister and a father and son.

On March 2-4, I attended the National Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY. On behalf of the Florida Society, I presented a check for \$500 to PG Horne to be used by the NSSAR JROTC - ROTC Committee. I attended the FSSDAR Annual State Conference in Tampa on March 10-11, and gave greetings on behalf of PG Horne and the FLSSAR. I attended the FSCAR annual state conference in St. Augustine on March 25, accompanied by two of our grandchildren. I presented a check for \$500 to President Merrill on behalf of the FLSSAR and gave greetings from PG Horne and the FLSSAR.

March 31 - April 2, I attended the South Atlantic District and Georgia Society Annual Meetings in Atlanta, GA. I introduced Compatriot Phil Carr as the FLSSAR candidate for VP General. By a unanimous vote, Compatriot Carr was selected as the South Atlantic District candidate for VP General.

I was speaker at the Major John DeVane Chapter luncheon in Plant City on April 8. My wife Jane accompanied me on all these occasions.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT -- John Tinny:

During this past year it has been a pleasure and a challenge to do as much as I could. Here is a brief recapitulation:

The November 1999 request for a census of medal and awards held by members elicited a response from 13 chapters. These reports were forwarded to the President with a copy to the Medals and Awards Chairman, Harry L. Young, Jr.

The January 2000 request for a delineation of chapter districts elicited one response only, that from SWRVP Basil Lancaster.

Repeated emphasis on the Chapter Challenge generated interest in 14 chapters. (I am proposing a Chapter Challenge Committee.)

You will vote on these new or amended committee charters generated by Charter and Bylaws: Archives, Knight Essay Contest, Law Enforcement, Electronic Technology, Newsletters and Periodicals and Genealogy. A new Committee Charters Handbook with a standardized format should be prepared by Charter and Bylaws.

Amendments to the BYLAWS regarding the Ladies Auxiliary and BOM meetings will also be submitted to a vote.

Prospective committee chairmen and members have been proposed for the new committees, if approved. Charter and BYLAWS and Membership committees, chaired by the SVP have been active.

I did as much as I could but couldn't do it all. My capable successor will have to take it from here. Chapters which want me to visit should get requests in as soon as possible. Thank you.

Six newsletters were sent to the Regional VPs for dissemination to their chapters. There were some special problems such as Publicity which were resolved with the help of all concerned. Chairman James R. Holyfield has the situation in hand, and ribbons and prizes will be awarded as expected.

NW VICE-PRESIDENT -- J. Earle Makant:

It was announced that NWRVP Makant passed away. He authored this report prior to his death.

Tallahassee Chapter: Had a combined meeting with the two Tallahassee DAR chapters for a George Washington Birthday celebration on February 19. The NSSAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Sue C. (Mrs. Jimmy Glenn) Bratton of Caroline Brevard Chapter, NSDAR. Our newest transfer member, Marc Bratton, from Louisiana, received his rosette. I was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Pensacola Chapter: Pensacola, which is a very active chapter, submitted no report.

Emerald Coast (Ft. Walton Beach): This chapter had its first meeting in a year on March 20.

Panama City: This was the only chapter to respond to the request for counties that they cover. The counties covered are: Bay, Washington, Jackson, Holmes, Calhoun and Gulf.

NC VICE-PRESIDENT -- Owen Malcolm:

Gainesville Chapter: The chapter has met each month during the quarter. The Chapter has moved to their new meeting place which is now at the Gainesville Sheraton Hotel. Recruitment is an ongoing goal and active participation by all members is encouraged. The Chapter is planning their annual DAR National Defense Awards luncheon on 12April. They present the SAR Bronze and Silver ROTC Medals to deserving cadets at the Air Force JROTC and Navy ROTC units at high schools in Gainesville. Senior ROTC Medals are presented to the units at the University of Florida.

Lake City Chapter: No Report.

Lake Sumter Chapter: The chapter has met each month during the quarter. The chapter currently has no president, but Robert Moody, the immediate past-president, is doing a great job as acting-president. Chapter Secretary William Towery has appeared in uniform on two occasions giving an account of the battles of Trenton and Princeton, NJ (Washington crossing the Delaware.) The chapter one first place in the George Washington Birthday Festival Parade for the best decorated vehicle category. Congratulations!

Ocala Chapter: Attended the three luncheon meetings the chapter held this quarter. The new chapter officers have taken over their respective duties and they are doing a great job. New NCRVP, Dr. Harry Hollien, attended the February meeting and I introduced him to the members. The chapter has several 76'ers whose papers are being worked and has inducted one new member this quarter. They awarded another Flag Certificate in March, making six so far this year.

Withlacoochee Chapter: Two trips made to the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Nursing Home. Chapter participated in St. Patrick's Day parade with members in uniform and Ladies Auxiliary in period dress.

NE VICE-PRESIDENT -- Robert B. Clemens:

During the months of March and April I visited all five of my area chapters. I found all of the presidents to be leaders of fine character and all were capably assisted by experienced SAR chapter members. I find this to be the reason that all five chapters are healthy at this time, as Leon Jordan, Grady Powell, Bob Clemens, Lani Wingate and John Tinny, respectively, ably assist the chapters. I have encouraged all chapters: To add several dollars to the price of their luncheons and perhaps a 50/50 raffle; To invite their ladies (wives etc.) to attend meetings; To Change the dates of election of chapter officers to coincide with the FLSSAR annual year. I also encouraged attendance at the Annual Meeting.

EC VICE-PRESIDENT -- Douglas H. North:

Brevard Chapter: February 19 visit by ECRVP Doug North. Attended two parades. Color guard for two community events. Recruiting tables for four local events. Talks concerning SAR given at two local luncheons.

Central Florida Chapter: March 11 visit by ECRVP Doug North. Flag certificate presented. Law Enforcement and Fire Safety Awards made. Eagle Scout Awards presented. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal presented. Main activity for this chapter has been the ongoing preparation for the annual BOM and 104th Assembly.

St. Lucie River Chapter: Flag Certificate presented to Emerald Nursing Home. National Heroism Medal presented to St. Lucie County Deputy Sheriff Vernetta Lakes. Certificates of Appreciation to Dr. John Patton, Joseph Crankshaw and Mrs. Howard Brenner, speakers. Certificate of appreciation to Compatriot H. Brenner for handling Revolutionary Art picture. Participated in Four Chaplains Memorial Service. Visited veterans in Palm Garden and Chancellor Park nursing homes. Color Guard for ground breaking for Port Salerno Library. Two compatriots were judges at the St. Lucie County History Fair. Bronze Medal presented to Compatriot Basil King for contributions to the community. Four compatriots in uniform marched in St. Patrick's Day Parade. Compatriot Fowler and DAR Martha Clements presented certificates to DAR Essay Contest winners.

Recording Secretary note: The report submitted by ECRVP North indicated that the report continued on the reverse page. This page was not included in the blue book of quarterly reports compiled by Sec. Wilson.

WC VICE-PRESIDENT -- Charles Schafer:

Clearwater Chapter: Is very pleased with the way our sponsored Winter BOM meeting was received. The chapter has had a good spring season with the exception of having to change some of the meeting dates. May will be the last meeting for the summer.

Major Devane Chapter: Celebrated Veterans Day with Jim and Kristine Armitage appearing as George and Martha Washington at their SAR Chapter luncheon.

Lakeland Chapter: Has gained some new members and is working as always to promote the image of the chapter. May will be the last meeting till Fall.

St. Petersburg Chapter: Met in February with members of Hirrihigua Chapter DAR to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

Tampa Chapter: The chapter newsletter is now on the web: www/flssar.org. Give them a holler.

After conferring with all chapter presidents, I do not feel it is necessary to change the West Central boundaries. Clearwater Chapter has absorbed Suncoast Chapter functions in west Pasco and North Pinellas; St. Pete is still doing south Pinellas. Tampa handles west Hillsborough and east Pasco. Devane does east Hillsborough, and Lakeland all of Polk. I have not heard of any encroaching on others territory.

SE VICE-PRESIDENT -- James R. Blackburn, Jr.:

The Palm Beach SAR chapter held its annual presentation of awards to Law Enforcement and Fire Safety personnel in the area at the April luncheon meeting. Firefighter John Bartlett was honored, among others, for his discovery and development of an efficient fire-retardant chemical. A \$1,000 scholarship to a student in the History Department of Palm Beach Atlantic College was also presented.

The Ft. Lauderdale SAR chapter had a speaker at the last luncheon who presented the history of the Coral Springs, Florida, area.

The Miami SAR chapter will have the latest winner of the Knight Essay Contest read the essay at the April luncheon meeting. Miami SAR meets at noon on the 4th Friday of each month at the Coral Gables Country Club.

SW VICE-PRESIDENT -- Basil L. Lancaster:

Caloosa Chapter: The year 2000 officers were installed by FLSSAR President Ralph Cramer. New chapter president is Claude "Ike" Hayes. In February, Compatriot Wayne Klingelsworth gave an excellent speech

entitled: Lee County Health System. The following month Don Russell talked about his recent trip to Cuba. In April, our chapter honored the students of the Lee County schools with the Good Citizenship awards.

Charlotte Chapter: New officers were installed by FLSSAR Recording Secretary and Genealogist Frank Hodalski. Frank also brought the membership up to date on the "State of the State Society." Our annual tribute and Birthday Celebration for George Washington was held and led by President Darvin Stover. In March we honored the local School Essay winner James Leone, whose subject was "The Power of Writing." Chairman of this event was President Darvin Stover. Our April meeting honored Fire Fighter Mark Rooney and Deputy First Class Gregory Kalosis.

Naples Chapter: The chapter presented membership certificates to three new members. FLSSAR President Ralph Cramer installed the new officers for year 2000. Our new president this year is James M. McGarity. This years winner of the essay contest was Ms. Amanda Stokes, an 11th grader from Everglades High School. In March, Anthony Berger, South Florida Executive Director of the BSA gave a short talk and report on scouting in Collier County. Our twenty-seventh Charter Day Celebration was held with Secretary Frederick Buckley as chairman. The speaker was John F. Hooley, Naples attorney, who spoke on US Immigration and Naturalization Laws. SWRVP and President Robert C. Grisham received an award for his outstanding service.

Saramana Chapter: The annual Eagle Scout Scholarship Program was conducted by Chairman Eugene Bradley. Medal and Awards were presented to four Compatriots and three Flag Awards were given. In February a joint Geo. Washington Birthday Luncheon was held with five DAR Chapters. The speaker was Treasurer General Larry D. McClanahan. His speech on Washington was entitled: The Greatest Patriot of All. The chapter was also honored by the attendance of VP General Stan Evans and our FLSSAR President Ron Hamilton and his wife, Jane. President Clay Gardenhire and compatriots Curtis "Hawk" Eskew and Al Abbott conducted an excellent Law Enforcement program. Seven officers were awarded medals and certificates for their outstanding service.

SECRETARY -- James E. Wilson:

The annual report for the year 2000 was completed and forwarded to national on 25March 2000. The membership of the Florida Society is now 1726 as of 31March2000. This count includes all members: Life, Dual etc. The membership for last year as of 31March1999 as counted by national was 1677. However, this count had many errors. The secretary believes that this count of 1726 is accurate as far as the data he received from the chapters. A list of all chapters with their total membership is included. Only the total membership is given because this forms the basis of the year 2000-2001 report. The other columns will be filled in as the reports come in. Membership by chapter:

Brevard 82	Caloosa 41	Central FL 63	Charlotte 37	Clearwater 96	Day/Or 67
Deland 58	Devane 14	Em. Cst. 18	Flagler 30	Ft. Laud. 46	Gainesvle63
Jacksvle 107	Lake City 7	Lakeland 67	Lake Sum 31	Mal 17	Miami 92
Naples 71	Ocala 75	Palm Beach 129	Panama C. 42	Pensacola 28	St. Aug. 20
St. Lucie 78	St. Pete 44	Saramana 137	Tallahasee 66	Tampa 18	Tr. Cst. 48
Withlacoochee 34	TOTAL 1726				

The secretary has started to electronically store all records for the year 1999-2000 on CDs thanks to the donation of a Yamaha 6-4-16 CD Burner by Alvie Davidson. More information on this is given in the Archives Committee Report.

Secretary Wilson verbally indicated a desire to visit chapters this year.

REGISTRAR -- William R. Stevenson:

Activity in evaluation of new member applications and supplementals is picking up, but national is still behind. During this quarter:

New Applications: There were 59 carryover applications. During this quarter I received 39 new applications. Twenty-nine applications were approved. Sixty-nine applications remain pending.

Supplementals: There were 78 carryover applications and 9 new applications. Eleven applications were approved. Seventy-six remain pending.

Annual report: New Member Applications received 01Apr1999 - 31Mar2000: 121
Carried over from previous year: 31 TOTAL 152
Status as of 31March2000: Approved by NSSAR: 83 Carried over: 69 TOTAL 152
Chapters submitting 10 or more applications: Saramana 23

Registrar Stevenson reminded the BOM that communication with national on requests for further documentation or problems with documents be forwarded through him. He stressed the need to keep him informed as to what individual chapter registrars and genealogists are doing in this regard.

CHAPLAIN -- Rev. William M. Towery:

In order to avoid errors in reporting the death of FLSSAR compatriots, it is imperative that the proper form be filled out and submitted to the Chaplain in a timely manner. The triplicate copy gives the information to the chaplain, the state and national. It enables the chaplain to send letters to the surviving family. In addition, it enables the chaplain to include the deceased in quarterly reports.

It was suggested from the floor that the form be increased in size to 5 1/2 x 8 inches.

CHANCELLOR -- Sam W. Boone, Jr.: Nothing to report.
PARLIAMENTARIAN -- R. L. Bauchspies, Jr.: Nothing to report.

GENEALOGIST -- Frank X. Hodalski:

I have accepted two speaking engagements in October. Barbara and I will conduct a lineage workshop and I will address the Manatee County Genealogy Society.

SGT. -AT-ARMS -- Warren E. Durry, Jr.: Nothing to report.
HISTORIAN -- Dennis E. Modesitt: Nothing to report.
RECORDING SECRETARY -- Frank X. Hodalski: Nothing to report.

FLORIDA PATRIOT EDITOR -- James E. Wilson:

The Spring Edition of the Patriot went to press on 10February2000. However, the printing was delayed because some vital equipment broke down at the Cocoa plant of the Scott Printing Co. and the 'Camera Ready Copy' of the Patriot had to be sent to a printer in Ocala to copy the entire issue for printing and then sent back to Cocoa for printing. However, the issue was well received and the editor has received many e-mails and letters of praise.

I also received a letter inquiring whether the Patriot would accept paid advertisement. To me this is the highest praise that an Editor can receive because it means that he must be putting out a "quality magazine" if someone wants to pay to advertise in it. The editor has made arrangements for three color pages of pictures of the annual meeting and BOM in the next issue. Members taking pictures at the meetings should send copies to the editor of the Patriot.

REPORTS OF STATUTORY AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ARCHIVES -- James E. Wilson:

There was no meeting of the members this quarter. However, the chairman has been working electronically copying important files and documents for storage in the Archives.

Compatriot Alvie Davidson indicated at the January BOM meeting that he might donate a CD Burner to copy important files for storage. Alvie purchased a Yamaha 6-4-16 Recordable Rewriteable CD Burner for \$375 and donated it to the Florida Society. The chairman, Jim Wilson, picked it up at a local dealer and has started burning one CD (680 MB storage) to store the following: Four issues of the Patriot; Unabridged minutes of the four BOM meetings; The annual report for 1999; Complete membership roster for 1999; Names of officers, members of committees and recipients of medals and awards for 1999.

All of this information will be stored on one CD and then be placed in a safety deposit box for safe keeping.

Introduction: President Hamilton announced that Genealogist General and Executive Committee member Compatriot Bob Burt had arrived and was present at the meeting.

AUDIT -- Sam Boone, Jr.: Deferred until Saturday morning.

CAR LIAISON -- Jim Blackburn:

We now have a new President and Senior President of the Florida CAR. The new CAR President is Danny Kopp, and his e-mail address is: dkopp@aol.com The new Florida CAR Senior President is:

Jane Kopp
1368 S.W. 13th St.
Boca Raton, FL 33486-5322
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The outstanding website for our Florida CAR is: <http://www.nscar.org/florida>
This website will aid all Florida SAR chapters in finding their nears CAR Society. These websites are updated regularly and provide a great deal of information on the Florida CAR. Remember! Your children and grandchildren are already qualified to join the CAR. Contact your nearest CAR Society for the application forms.

Both new CAR presidents will be with us at our Annual SAR Meeting in Orlando. You can meet them at the banquet.

CHARTER & BYLAWS -- John D. Tinny:

The proposed committee charters have been disseminated to the membership at the Winter BOM, the Fall BOM, and in the Spring Patriot. To refresh your memory, the committees are: Archives Electronic Technology Genealogy Newsletters and Periodicals Geo. S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Heroism*

*Amended charters

The BYLAW amendments concern the Ladies Auxiliary (LAFLLSSAR) and changes to the number of BOMs annually.

Prospective chairmen and members for both the new and amended committees are in place if the membership approves the committees.

Suggestions for new, amended or revoked committees are welcome. Suggestions should be in writing with a clearly stated purpose and well defined functions.

A Chapter Challenge committee has been proposed to administer the program.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NEW AND AMENDED COMMITTEE CHARTERS: Senior VP Tinny proposed that the new and amended committee charters be accepted and approved. Approved unanimously.

The proposed Bylaw changes will be addressed at the annual meeting.

CREDENTIALS NSSAR CONGRESS -- James E. Wilson:

There is still time for members who are planning to attend the Congress in Boston in June, 2000, to sign in on the sheet provided by the state secretary. If you know of anyone who is planning to attend the Congress but is not attending the BOM, please ask that they contact me so I can place the name on the list of delegates. May I remind you that the number of delegates is limited, so please sign up as soon as you know.

DAR LIAISON -- Col. Earle Makant, Jr.:

I attended the Florida Panhandle Regents' Council in De Funiak Springs on 22Jan00. Seven of the eight chapter regents were present.

Tallahassee Chapter, FLSSAR, invited the two Tallahassee DAR chapters, Caroline Brevard and Fort San Luis, to a George Washington Birthday celebration in February.

I attended the FSSDAR State Conference in Tampa 10-12Mar00. I set up a FLSSAR information table with SAR worksheets and two types of pamphlets. Ron and Jane Hamilton were very helpful in manning the table most all of Saturday.

On 21Mar00 I was awarded the DAR Medal of Honor. The certificate was signed by Georganne Ferguson Love, President General, NSDAR.

Recording Secretary's Note: Compatriot Makant's report is dated 04Apr00 and was submitted prior to his death. His final report is published posthumously for the record.

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE -- Grant R. Wallin, Jr.:

The Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee selected Eagle Scout Mark Alan Mallak from the Brevard Chapter as the 1999-2000 FLSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner. His \$1000 savings bond, an FLSSAR 1st Place Certificate and an attractive Desk Eagle will be presented at the May 5th BOM supper meeting.

Major changes have been made by the national Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee which have a great impact on the local chapter. It is important to point out that the Scouts who earned their Eagle rank between 01Jul99 and 30Jun00 will continue to apply under the existing rules. Following is a brief description of the changes which will take effect on 01Jul00:

The national Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee has decided to eliminate the Eagle Scout Certificate, Eagle Scout patch, the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Medal, the application form, the four-generation chart with theme instructions, the judging and the order sheets from their national inventory. The application and four-generation chart can be downloaded from the SAR web page or copied, as can the judging and order sheets, from the Administration Guide. Chapters will be asked to call on the BSA local council office leaving the newly design brochures with their chapter chairmans address; and mailing a letter of congratulation to all new Eagle Scouts along with the brochure.

American Heritage, Genealogy and Law merit badges will be required. Chapters and states may still present an NSSAR generic certificate or may design their own. Chapters may present an NSSAR bronze good citizenship medal to chapter winners at their own expense.

The national Scholarship Awards have been increased to \$8,000, \$4,000, and \$2,000 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place on the national level. Also, effective 01Jul00, the scholarship contest is open to all Eagle Scouts that are currently registered and a member of an active unit and has not reached his 19th birthday during the year of his application.

I have ordered some of the new brochures hoping that they will arrive in time for the May BOM so each chapter may have a few samples. I am sure that this report will generate more discussion on a state level and I would encourage everyone to make their feelings known.

Chairman Wallin distributed new Eagle Scout kits to chapters represented at the BOM. National Chairman Burt reported that the new Eagle Scout program has received national acclaim.

ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE -- Richard Q. Fowler:

Six chapter newsletters were added to bring the total of 10 chapters who are currently posted on the flssar.org web site. They can be accessed from the home page at <http://www.flssar.org> or from the individual chapter pages. All chapters are encouraged to include their newsletter on our web site.

The number of "hits" (times the flssar.org home page was accessed) per quarter are as follow: 1st quarter 1999 - 1590 hits; 2nd quarter - 1308; 3rd quarter - 1294; 4th quarter - 1551; 1st quarter 2000 - 2916.

The significant increase in hits during the first quarter of this year is largely attributed to the new chapter newsletters added during this time.

The home page at <http://www.flssar.org> was redesigned, using the NSSAR home page format. This significantly reduced the length and size of the home page and made information easier to find. The FLSSAR list is still down. Entreky is trying to fix this problem. Other options are being considered.

Our web site is being used to some extent as a bulletin board to convey current messages to our members. Messages were recently displayed to encourage members to attend the Board of Management meeting.

A photo gallery has been added which links to various pictorial displays of chapter activities. Chapters are being encouraged to submit suitable photos for inclusion in this gallery.

ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENT -- Rev. George A. Burns: Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- Ron Hamilton:

On 31Jan00, Secretary/Editor Wilson advised that he would need between \$250 - 500 for supplies to process the Florida Patriot for the year 2000 - 2001 since no supply money for the Patriot was included in the budget. Treasurer Carter was out of the country and could not be consulted on this matter. I polled the Executive Committee by e-mail and requested approval of a \$250 expenditure for Secretary/Editor Wilson. The expenditure of \$250 was approved by a 4-0 vote. Compatriots Sullivan and Carter did not vote since they were out of the country.

FINANCE -- John H. Carter: See Treasurers Report delivered by Sam Boone -- Saturday session.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE -- Al Snapp:

Many chapters have taken advantage of this program and have obtained a supply of certificates for distribution.

GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST -- Dar Stover:

The winners of the 1999-2000 contest: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given during the FLSSAR Spring BOM. Sixteen chapters submitted essays for FLSSAR competition. There was also an at-large-entry.

This committee suggests that the budget for the 2000-2001 contest remain \$1500 to support the funding for travel and lodging so the contest winner can be present to receive his/her award at the Spring BOM meeting. This budget also includes mailings, awards, telephone calls, etc.

I wish to thank all who supported me these past two years as state chairman. Good luck to the new chairman and the committee. Chairman Stover then announced the winners and chapters to the BOM.

Compatriot Wingate reported on the Knight Essay Contest from the national perspective. There were 26,000 hits on the website. Florida is to be commended for its Knight information put on the website.

LADIES AUXILIARY LIAISON -- James E. Wilson:

The FLSSAR Chapters that as yet do not have members in the Auxiliary should encourage their ladies to join. The Auxiliary can play a very important supportive role for the FLSSAR.

The slate of new officers proposed by the nominating committee at the January meeting, plus any nominations from the floor, will be voted on in the general membership meeting Saturday afternoon 2:00 - 4:00 pm, May 6. All nominated incoming officers have pledged assistance in the BOM hospitality rooms for any SAR Chapter requesting such assistance. Installation of the Ladies Auxiliary Officers will be at the Saturday evening banquet, 06May00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT -- Ronald A. Herring: Nothing to report.

MEDALS AND AWARDS -- Harry L. Young: Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION AND RETENTION -- John D. Tinny:

The successful 1991 recruitment program was sent to all members (RVPs) in January, 2000, for dissemination. It is, perhaps, too early to see results (Members may report differently.) The full text of the program is available upon request, either to me or to President Stanley Evans.

In the final analysis it is the chapters who are the first line of recruitment. Every chapter news item, however published, should contain the names and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted by prospects - stimulated by the news story. The purpose of publicity is not to get our pretty faces in the newspaper, it is to generate new members. Always list contacts.

Recommendation: Members should meet prior to, or during, every BOM meeting.

Recommendation: Retention. Members would find the work of the society much more exciting if they would volunteer to work on the committee of their choice, as a member or as chairman.

NATIONAL OFFICER DEVELOPMENT -- Rev. Carl Nissen, Jr.:

Chaplain General Nissen issued a verbal challenge to the membership to discuss attendance at state and national meetings as part of the agenda at chapter meetings. Perhaps this will encourage interest in serving.

NOMINATING -- Charles "Lani" Wingate: Report deferred to the Annual Meeting.

NSSAR LIBRARY -- John D. Tinny:

This is my last report as chairman of this committee, since 1991, with one brief hiatus. We have not done too badly, compared with other states. For example, using the library's figures, obtained from the registrar who, as you know, missed 43 of our members, we have about half the total membership (1700 compared to 2400) but twice the number of Friends, 16 compared to 7.

HONOR ROLL

INDIVIDUALS: President Ron Hamilton, Donald P. Humphrey, Albert Little, J. Earle Makant, John D. Tinny, Murray Wheeler

CHAPTERS: Clearwater, Deland, Emerald Coast, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Lake Sumter, St. Augustine, St. Lucie River, Saramana, Tallahassee, Florida Society

As of 29Feb00 the Endowment Fund totalled \$73,000 of its goal of \$75,000. Of the \$25 membership fee, \$5 goes to a special purposes fund and \$20 to the Endowment. Only the interest is used.

The new chairman should register with the head librarian, NSSAR Library. I wish him well and hope he gets better results than me.

Chairman Tinny verbally reported receiving a check from the Miami Chapter in the amount of \$1000 for 39 new Friends. This raises our membership to a total of 56.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES -- Albert C. Little: Nothing to report.

PATRIOT MEDAL -- Albert B. Snapp:

The committee feels it has picked a very deserving group of compatriots.
The Chairman sincerely thanks the committee members for their outstanding work this year.

PUBLICITY -- James R. Holyfield: Marlin Awards to be presented at the Saturday session.

R.O.T.C. COMMITTEE -- John E. Cahoon:

The committee selected the following JROTC cadets as 1st, end, and 3rd place winners in the FLSSAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet of the Year Competition:

1st Place -- Cadet Justin Taylor, Crescent City H. S., Crescent City, nominated by St. Augustine Chapter.
2nd Place -- Cadet Erin Bishop, Edgewater H.S., Orlando, nominated by Central Florida Chapter.
3rd Place -- Cadet Kyle Curtis, Choctawhatchee H.S., Fort Walton Beach, nominated by Emerald Coast Chapter.

Cadet Justin Taylor has been nominated to NSSAR for competition in the national contest.

The FLSSAR ROTC Committee has established contact with the "only one of its kind" US Coast Guard JROTC unit in Miami and will support that unit with the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal.

Chairman Cahoon verbally reported on the contributions of JROTC programs to our present day society as stated in a report submitted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

MOTION: Chairman Cahoon moved with a second from the floor: To increase the prize money for JROTC to \$1,000, \$500, and \$300 in cash. Considerable discussion of the motion ensued. Parliamentarian Bauchspies reported that the only source of funds would be from the chapter rebates, as the request would be an unfunded requirement.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded from the floor that the previous motion be tabled. Motion passed and the motion was laid upon the table.

RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST -- Harry L. Young: Contest will be held on Saturday morning.

SONS OF LIBERTY FLORIDA BRIGADE -- Rollin L. Bauchspies, Jr.:

During the period of this report, some Camps were active with activities and others preparing for the Massing of the Colors at the 06May00 Annual Meeting Banquet. In addition, Camps are preparing for participation in Memorial Day observances the end of May. Individual Camp Reports were as follows:

a. George Washington Camp #1 (Jacksonville): Brigade Commander Bauchspies reports that the Color Guard will participate in the Massing of the Colors on 06May at the Annual Meeting. Color Guard plans to participate in Memorial Day services in Jacksonville.

b. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala): Acting Commander Stanley D. Evans, Sr. reports that Color Guard members will participate in Massing of the Colors on 06May at the Annual Meeting. Camp members preparing for its Memorial Day large flag display and participation in the Memorial Day activities at the Marion County Veterans Park.

c. Cape Canaveral Camp #3 (Brevard): Commander Jim French reports that camp members plan to participate in the Massing of the Colors at the Annual Meeting on 06May.

d. Samuel Adams Camp #4 (Clearwater): Commander Parks Honeywell purchased two bayonets for the camp muskets, and white gloves for the Color Guard. On 29Jan00, five camp members, with three in uniform, participated in the Pinellas Genealogical Society Seminar and manned a recruiting table for the SAR. On 13Feb00, eight members of the camp, five in uniform and three in blazers, attended the annual Massing of the Colors at the Clearwater Episcopal Church. Two Flag Certificates were presented by Compatriot Tanner in uniform. On 06May, the camp Color Guard will participate in the Massing of the Colors at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting under the command of Acting Commander Nelson Jantzen.

e. Yorktown Camp #5 (St. Lucie River): Acting Commander Doug North reports that on 06Feb00, two members in uniform participated in the "Four Chaplains Service" at the 1st Congregational Church, Port St. Lucie. On 12Feb00, two members in uniform acted as the Color Guard for the "groundbreaking" for the Port Salerno Public Library. On 19Mar00, five members in uniform participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Port St. Lucie. Camp Color Guard will participate in the Massing of the Colors at the 06May Annual Meeting.

f. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6 (Gainesville): Commander Henry Bariteau has nothing to report.

g. Nathan Hale Camp #7 (Pensacola): Commander Ed Lake has nothing to report.

h. Nathanael Greene Camp #8 (Saramana): Commander John Camden reports that in February the Camp Color Guard presented the Colors at a ceremony of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century for the anniversary of the William Bassett Chapter on 07November, and the Color Guard received a certificate and honorarium for their efforts. At the SAR George Washington Day luncheon, the Color Guard paraded, posted and retired the Colors. SAR Treasurer General Larry McClanahan and FLSSAR President Ron Hamilton were in attendance. On 25Mar00, the Color Guard presented the Colors for the 75th Birthday celebration of the Sara De Soto Chapter of the DAR. The Camp received a certificate of gratitude and a Certificate of DAR Flag Protocol. The Camp Color Guard will participate in the Massing of the Colors at the Annual Meeting on 06May00.

Recording Secretary's Note: The Colonial Dames meeting referred to in Commander Camden's report was a meeting of the State Society, and was attended by all state officers and representatives from most chapters within the state.

TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT -- Jack Coleman: Nothing to report.

VETERANS AFFAIRS -- John E. Cahoon:

NO CHAPTERS reported any veterans' activities during the year. There were NO submissions from any chapters for the USS Stark Memorial Award; therefore the Florida Society was unable to compete at the National level for this award. I may be contacted by: e-mail at emeraldcast@aol.com; fax at (850) 862-9707; telephone at (850) 862-5078; mail at 6 Forest Grove Place, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548-6354.

SAR History, Vol. 3: President Hamilton reported that publication of Volume three of the SAR History was nearing publication. He reported that he had received a letter from Historian General Friberg

requesting that the \$500 contribution from the FLSSAR in support of his candidacy for Registrar General be donated to support the publication of Volume 3 of the SAR History.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded from the floor that: A donation be made by the Florida Society in the amount of \$500 to help subsidize publication of Volume 3 of the SAR History.

Motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE: President Hamilton reported that he had informed Secretary General Bruce Butler that a number of Florida compatriots would like to be given national committee assignments. In discussing the matter with the Secretary General, it was noted that some were not given assignments last year and that a different selection process would be employed by Sec. Gen. Butler. He indicated that anyone accepting a committee assignment should be willing to attend the Trustee meetings in Louisville and be active in the affairs of that committee. The desire of Sec. Gen. Butler is to appoint compatriots who will fully participate and actively assist in moving the national society forward. Be part of the solution rather than complain about the problem. If you wish to serve, give your name to Trustee Hamilton or contact national directly.

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE -- John H. Carter

The financial report was presented for Treasurer Carter by Chancellor Boone. He responded to questions from the floor regarding specific line items and percentages.

REGIONAL BOUNDARIES: Senior VP Tinny reported that as there was only one response from all of the chapters in the Florida Society, he concluded that there was no interest in the need for redrawing any boundaries. He drew attention to the fact that there is an ongoing problem with communications. Officers and chairmen cannot function without information. Chapters should try to improve on responding to queries from the state society for needed information. In this case, Saramana was the only chapter to file a written response on the boundary question.

President Hamilton made a plea for cooperation by the chapters in providing communication and information to the state society.

The BOM meeting was recessed by President Hamilton at 3:30 p.m.
The BOM was reconvened by President Hamilton at 8:12 a.m on 06May2000.

NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN -- Chancellor General Rice Aston:

Chancellor General Rice Aston spoke on the reevaluation of the Oath of Citizenship and the entire naturalization process by the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS.) The process may become "politically correct," dumbed down and de-Americanized if proposed changes are implemented.

President Hamilton recommended that the Florida Society support the Texas Society resolution opposing any changes to the oath of allegiance and the current naturalization process. It was moved by Registrar Stevenson, who accepted amendments from Compatriots Boone and Wingate that:

MOTION: The Florida Society endorse the resolutions proposed by the Texas and Georgia Societies opposing proposed INS changes to the oath of allegiance and the naturalization process and give full support to these resolutions at the Annual Congress in Boston and that the Texas resolution be published in the Florida Patriot.
Motion passed unanimously.

R.O.T.C. FUNDING: R.O.T.C. Chairman Cahoon withdrew his motion on increased funding for R.O.T.C. and made it a committee recommendation for possible action by the BOM.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE -- James Holyfield:

Marlin Awards: Tier 4 -- Light Blue Ribbon: Lake Sumter Chapter; Tier 3 -- White Ribbon and \$25: Withlacoochee, St. Augustine, Pensacola, Flagler and Deland Chapters; Tier 2 -- Red Ribbon and \$50: Brevard Chapter; Tier 1 -- Blue Ribbon and \$100: Lakeland*, St. Lucie River, Clearwater and Saramana Chapters. Outstanding Achievement Award -- Orange Ribbon and \$50: Saramana Chapter.

*Lakeland Chapter received an additional \$50 in order to correct an error in the 1999 prize distribution.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE AWARDS -- SrVP John Tinny:

RED DIVISION -- Honorable Mention: Emerald Coast and Tampa Chapters; 4th Place: St. Augustine Chapter; 3rd Place: Lake Sumter Chapter; 2nd Place: Withlacoochee Chapter; 1st Place: Pensacola Chapter.

WHITE DIVISION -- 3rd Place: Tallahassee Chapter; 2nd Place: Panama City Chapter; 1st Place: Central Florida Chapter.

BLUE DIVISION -- Honorable Mention: Lakeland Chapter; 4th Place: Clearwater Chapter; 3rd Place: Brevard Chapter; 2nd Place: St. Lucie River Chapter; 1st Place: Saramana Chapter.

DUES REBATES -- President Ron Hamilton:

President Hamilton announced the following rebates to chapters at the rate of \$4.00 per member:
Brevard - \$292; Caloosa - \$144; Central Florida - \$236; Charlotte - \$140; Clearwater - \$360; Daytona/
Ormand - \$240; Devane - \$56; Emerald Coast - \$68; Flagler - \$112; Ft. Lauderdale - \$156; Jacksonville - \$380;
Lake City - \$32; Lake Sumter - \$116; Lakeland - \$256; Miami - \$332; Naples - \$264; Ocala - \$276; Palm Beach -
\$468; Pensacola - \$88; Saramana - \$464; St. Augustine - \$80; St. Lucie River - \$296; St. Petersburg - \$168;
Tallahassee - \$252; Tampa - \$68; Treasure Coast - \$188; Withlacoochee - \$132.

COST OF OBTAINING RECORDS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES: It was announced that costs of obtaining documents from the national archives will be made cost prohibitive (e.g. \$40 for a pension record) if exorbitant new schedules are implemented. Members are encouraged to write in protest.

AUDIT COMMITTEE -- Sam Boone, Jr.:

The audit committee has had an opportunity to review the fiscal records for this year as presented by the current treasurer and we note a few recommendations. This is the second year that the CPA was unable to get our compilation and review prepared in time for the annual meeting. The audit committee encourages the treasurer to arrange with the CPA firm that the compilation and review be completed and available before the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. We find all the funds to be in order, all expenditures properly authorized and paid and all revenues appear to be properly deposited. In order to enhance our record keeping process, the audit committee would like to recommend:

1. That the CPA compilation/review be completed by the Annual Meeting.
2. That the bank signature card have the signatures of the President, Senior VicePresident, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. That funds in excess of those reasonably anticipated for the annual budget needs of the society be invested in interest bearing instruments of appropriate amounts and terms.
4. That two signatures be required on any check or draft in excess of \$500.
5. That the treasurer and other officers authorized to disperse funds of the FLSSAR be bonded by a fidelity bond in favor of the FLSSAR in an amount initially of \$100,000, with that amount to be adjusted as suggested by the BOM or the Executive Committee to the BOM from time to time. (Original language: "treasurer and audit committee" corrected by Parliamentarian Bauchspies to "BOM or the Executive Committee.")
6. That a record be maintained of the name, location, custodian of and custody receipts for items of furniture, office equipment, flags, amplifying equipment, recording equipment and other personal property owned by the FLSSAR.

7. Establish a "plant property" account and monitor procedures for annual reporting of the inventory, sales and replenishment of stocks of medals, jewelry, insignia and other non-consumable items purchased from NSSAR for use by the FLSSAR or for sale to chapters or members.

The committee would like to put two of the recommendations in the form of motions which were seconded from the floor:

MOTION: That two signatures be required for any check, draft or withdrawal in excess of \$500 and that the Senior VicePresident be added to the list of authorized signators. Motion passed unanimously.

A lengthy discussion on the question of fidelity bonding took place. Parliamentarian Bauchspies read that section of the bylaws which mandates such bonding. As proposed by the audit committee and finally amended by Chairman Boone with seconds from the floor, it was moved that:

MOTION: The treasurer and other officers authorized to disperse funds of the FLSSAR shall be bonded by a fidelity bond in favor of the FLSSAR in the initial amount of \$100,000 said amount shall be adjusted as needed from time to time as determined by the BOM or by the Executive Committee provided, however, that the Executive Committee shall approve the premium for reasonableness as finally determined prior to payment thereof. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee would like to thank Treasurer John Carter for his work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MINUTEMAN AWARD: President Carr explained that it is not unusual for nominees for this award to be proposed twice, as was the case with Vice President General Evans. President Carr moved, seconded by Vice President General Evans that:

MOTION: The name of Lauren Bradley be submitted by the Florida Society to receive the Minuteman Award. Motion passed unanimously.

President Carr announced that the Council of National VicePresidents General will meet in St. Augustine on 04 - 06May2001. He thanked SrVP Tinny for his aggressive promotion of the St. Augustine site.

SrVP Tinny asked for a motion of support for the candidacy of Historian General Dick Friberg for the office of Registrar General. It was moved from the floor with numerous seconds that:

MOTION: The Florida Society support the candidacy of Historian General Dick Friberg for the office of Registrar General. Motion passed unanimously.

JROTC PRIZE AMOUNTS: Chancellor Boone moved with seconds from the floor that:

MOTION: The JROTC Committee budget for 2001 and subsequent years be increased to a maximum of \$2100 beginning next year to provide \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 to the top three cadets.

Discussion followed which pointed out the needs of other programs with similar award structures. Parliamentarian Bauchspies pointed out that the only flexibility available in funding lies in the rebate program. He further stated that identification of the source of funds must be made before funds may be allocated. If increases are given to all programs the rebate would be reduced to \$1.00 or less. This must be understood in advance, because we cannot overspend ourselves back into problems. The treasurer will have to look at this carefully.

Chancellor Boone stated that there were other areas in the budget which could be scrutinized to provide funds for this increase.

Recording Secretary Hodalski pointed out the bloodletting which occurred when it was found necessary to double the dues. He emphasized the fragility of the compromise involving the rebate program and pointed out the goal of the treasurer to achieve a reserve fund of one year's operating expenses. He indicated that we are not there yet.

Chairman Cahoon stated that his chapter could care less about the rebate and that programs were more important.

President Hamilton pointed out that Chancellor Boone is not suggesting that we do away with or reduce the rebate. He is suggesting that there will be a review of the total budget to see if any other items in the budget could be reduced in order to do this. When asked by President Hamilton if this were correct, Chancellor Boone responded in the affirmative.

An amendment to the motion which would have included increases to all of the programs failed when Chancellor Boone, the maker of the motion, declined to accept the amendment. The question was moved and debate was closed.

ACTION ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION: The motion was passed.

President Hamilton expressed the caveat that the BOM will consider the increases in this and all other programs at the Summer BOM.

ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND -- Newell Kellogg:

Chairman Kellogg distributed the reports for the first quarter and indicated that some changes will be reported at the Summer BOM. Chairman Kellogg then announced the resignation of Fr. Burns as Chairman of the Disbursement Fund Committee. There were no questions. Chairman Kellogg then moved, seconded from the floor, that:

MOTION: The reports of the Endowment Trust and the Operating Budget Trust be accepted subject to audit.
Motion passed unanimously.

A benediction was delivered by Chaplain Towery.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

LIST OF APPENDICES: APPENDIX "A" -- Attendance roster
APPENDIX "B" -- Quarterly Budget Report
APPENDIX "C" -- Texas Society Resolution on INS