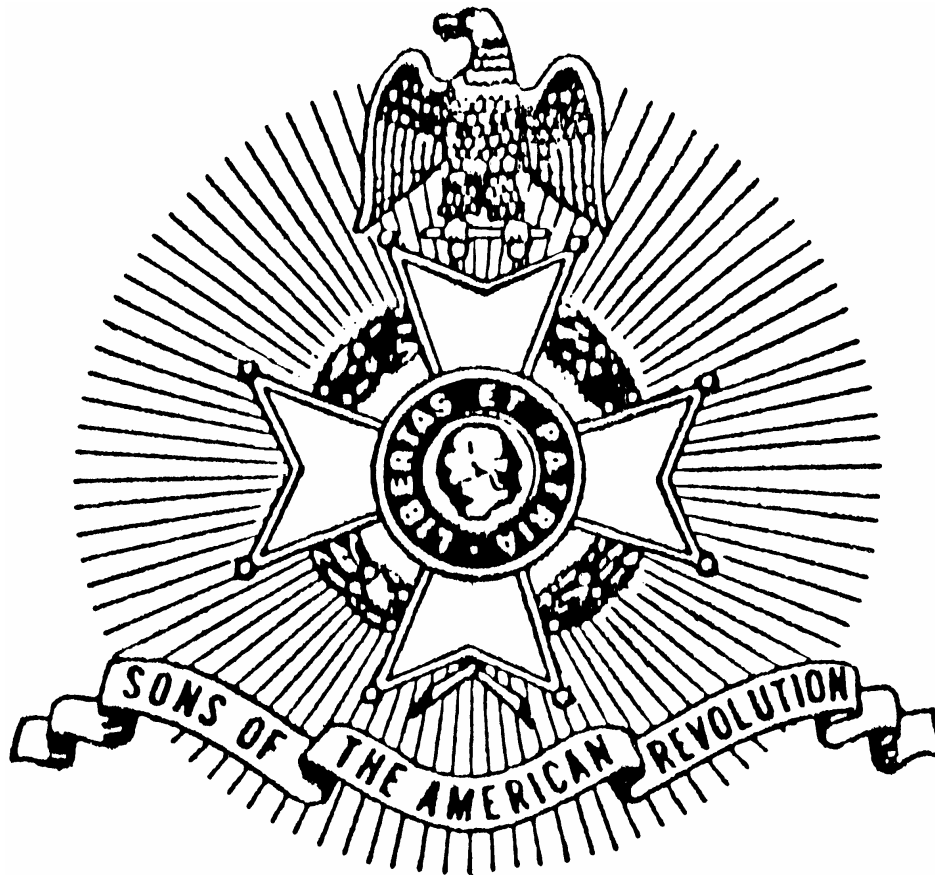


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Spring Board of Management Meeting
Kissimmee, Florida
April 27-29, 2007

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
Date

Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
Pledge to the SAR
The American Creed
Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
Reports of NSSAR Officers- past & present
Reports of NSSAR Committee Chairmen
Report of NSSAR National Trustee
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Unfinished business
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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

Phil Carr

I attended the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, February, 22-25, 2007 during which time I consulted with State President Brock and Senior Vice President Wallin.

I voted against Proposed Bylaw Amendments to provide Charter Review and Recommendation for Small State Societies.

The amendment failed.

I voted for the proposed Bylaw change to change the composition of the Board of Trustees.

The proposal passed.

I voted for the proposed Bylaw change to Bylaw 31.

The proposal passed.

I voted against the proposed Bylaw change to Bylaw 15.

The proposal failed.

I voted against the proposed Bylaw change to Bylaw 16.

The proposal failed.

I voted for the proposed Bylaw Amendment No.30 – Ladies Auxiliary.

The proposal passed.

A copy of these complete proposals for change of the Bylaws at the above meetings are possessed by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted

Phillip B. Carr, National Trustee

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

Lindsey Brock

April 21, 2007

This report covers the time period from January 12, 2007 through April 20, 2007. During this time period I have communicated with many of our FLSSAR officers, chapter officers, committee chairman and various members relating to many topics at both the FLSSAR and NSSAR level. Contact has also been made with State Society Presidents and officers of the NSSAR and Florida Society C.A.R. relating to various issues and topics.

On Sunday January 14th I attended the monthly meeting of the Princess Malee Society's which was held at the Ft. Caroline National Park in Jacksonville, FL. And on Sunday, February 4th it was a pleasure to host a meeting of the Florida Society of C.A.R. here in Jacksonville.

SVP Grant Wallin and I attended the 228th Ceremony of Battle of Kettle Creek on February 9th and 10th in Washington, GA. Secretary General Bruce Wilcox represented National at that commemorative event. And it was my honor to lay a wreath on behalf of the Florida Society.

SVP Grant Wallin and I attended the Spring NSSAR Leadership meeting in Louisville on February 22nd - 25th. There were 11 members of the Florida Society in attendance and among the 11 we were able to attend many of the various NSSAR committee meetings. We will likely have reports at our April BOM meeting relating to some of our compatriots that attended the various committee meetings.

Doug Bridges, President of the Miami Chapter extended an invitation to me to attend their February 18th monthly meeting and I accepted the invitation. I was given the privilege to speak to the members and guest about current

events happening at the NSSAR and FLSSAR level. It was also my privilege to conduct the installation ceremony for the 2007-2008 newly elected officers of the Miami Chapter.

And, on Monday, February 19th it was my pleasure to be the guest speaker for the Gainesville Chapter and it was likewise a pleasure to conduct the installation ceremony for the 2007-2008 newly elected officers of the Gainesville Chapter.

We had a tremendous turn-out for the 224th celebration and unveiling of the State of Florida Historical Marker, and cannon to commemorate the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, FL on March 10, 2007. There were nearly two hundred color guard units in attendance and our total attendance approached 400. There were 35 wreath presenters and we had over 90 in attendance at our Friday, March 9th dinner.

Secretary General Bruce Wilcox and his lady Theresa were present. Also, in attendance were Genealogist General Chuck Bragg, Joe Harris and Sam Powell from NC. There were seven State Society's represented at this event. Additionally, there were three proclamations/resolutions presented. Bob Allen of the Florida House of Representatives, Florida Senator Mike Haridopolos, Chuck Nelson of the Brevard County Board of Commissioners and Mayor Rocky Randels of the City of Cape Canaveral presented the Florida Society with a Key to the City. Stan Payne, CEO of the Canaveral Port Authority was also in attendance. The United States Coast Guard presented and posted the colors and Captain James A. Watson IV, USCG was our guest speaker.

This was truly a historic occasion for the Florida Society and deserving tribute to Captain John Barry and the crew that served aboard the Alliance on March 10, 1783. We were honored to have in attendance two members of the St. Lucie River Chapter, John E. Moore, Sr. and John E. Moore, Jr. whose patriot ancestor, Robert McKnight served aboard the Alliance with Captain Barry. We are already making plans for the 225th commemoration which will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

George Lockhart and I along with several other Florida Society SAR members attended the DAR State Conference in Orlando, FL on March 22-25, 2007. The DAR, as they have in previous years, graciously provided the Florida Society with a table for displaying SAR Membership data.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of my Florida Society compatriots that sent flowers, emails, cards, letters and those who made phone calls during my recent health episode which occurred on March 26, 2007. I also deeply appreciate the prayers that were lifted up on my behalf.

Collectively we, the Florida Society, have had a great year and it has been a great honor to serve as president of this great Society and I shall always cherish the fond memories.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Senior Vice President

Grant Wallin, Jr.

Since our Winter BOM, your Senior Vice President has been on the road. A short synopsis of my journeys started with a rather quiet two weeks when on February 8th, I drove to Jacksonville to meet with President Brock, spent the night at his house and early the next morning, we left for the dedication ceremony of the Battle of Kettle Creek near Washington, Georgia. We arrived in Washington, Georgia at 3:00 p.m. on February 9th and checked into the Bed & Breakfast. At 5:00 p.m., the Georgia Society held a reception at the place where we were staying after which we walked downtown to a restaurant where the Society had arranged for a meal for the SAR participants and their wives. On February 10th, after a nice breakfast, we proceeded to the Washington Library where they had a very well documented video concerning the Battle of Kettle Creek. Immediately after the video, the parade of the color guard and camp followers formed for a parade around the town square where we halted and a series of short speeches concerning the battle were presented. A Bar-B-Que lunch was served to those who purchased tickets, after which we traveled about eight miles out of town to the site of the Battle of Kettle Creek. It was a well organized ceremony complete with the posting of the colors by the color guard, the presentation of wreaths by the various State Societies and other patriotic organizations, and a series of greetings brought by the many dignitaries who were in attendance. Immediately after the ceremonies were concluded, we headed back to the bed and breakfast location, changed out of our colonial uniforms, packed up and headed back to Jacksonville. On the 11th, after spending the night at Lindsey's house, I proceeded to drive back to my home in Seminole.

From the 10th to the 21st, I had a busy time catching up on my emails (173 of them) which had piled up in my absence. My Clearwater chapter meeting was held on February 21st where I had lunch with them and then proceeded to drive back to Jacksonville for another night's stay with the Brocks. Very early on the 22nd, Lindsey and I left for a twelve-hour drive to Louisville to attend the Spring Leadership Conference. We had left Jacksonville at 5:00 a.m. and arrived in Louisville at 5:00 p.m., a distance of 784 miles. Tired, but undaunted, we had dinner with the large Florida Society contingent at Cunningham's restaurant in Louisville. February 23rd marked the beginning of the conference with a scheduled breakfast followed by various committee meetings. I met with the Eagle Scout Committee and helped in the grading of the Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition State winners from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. when I had to leave to attend the National Library Committee meeting of which I am a member. That afternoon was dedicated to a Trustees meeting which was followed by a Dinner Theater show that evening to which we were all bussed out to the site of the theater in Indiana. The next day Lindsey and I had the opportunity to visit the National Headquarters after which there were more committee meetings. I attended the one on the formation of new chapters which was well presented and offered many good suggestions. That night, participating with the color guard, the final banquet was held with all of its pomp and ceremony. The next morning, Lindsey and I left at approximately 7:00 a.m. for Jacksonville, arriving there around 7:00 p.m. that evening. The next day, I drove back to Seminole, tired, but pleased that I had the chance to participate in the conference.

Things remained fairly quiet after that until March 9th when Pat and I picked up Charles Schafer and his wife Beth to trek over to Cape Canaveral for the dedication of the State of Florida Marker honoring the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War. The space here does not allow me to spend the time I would like regarding this event. Lindsey Brock, Ben DuBose and Fred Gaines put on what may have been the biggest and best dedication ceremonies ever held by the SAR. A reception was held at 5:00 p.m. on March 9th which was followed by a supper for over ninety people at the Radisson Hotel. On Saturday morning, we had almost four hundred people in attendance at the dedication. Approximately 200 of these were in the color guard. Proclamations from the City, County and State House and Senate were read and accepted. Thirty-four wreaths were presented and the keynote speech was given by a USCG Captain. It was a grand show with five other state societies having representatives at the event. Two descendants of a crew member of the USS Alliance were also recognized at this event. This ceremony will be conducted every year on the Saturday closest to the 10th of March and we sincerely hope that the crowds will grow even larger as the event becomes better known around the country. Next year will be the 225th Anniversary of the battle and should generate a large crowd on March 8, 2008. Every one should plan now to attend. You will be glad you did.

It has been a good year and I have enjoyed my year as your Senior Vice President. But, I am the first to acknowledge that without the help of all of our Compatriot brothers, the many things that our Society does would not get done. Let's all dedicate ourselves to encourage more of our Compatriots to become active in the many activities that are included, not only in the Florida Society but in our twenty-nine chapters as well.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President

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 and Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee.
- Participated with the Florida Brigade for the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Spring BOM and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting at Kissimmee, FL on 27 – 28 April, 2007.
- Provided a report to the Region Chapter Presidents covering the actions and discussions of the Winter BOM.
- Judged exhibits at the Escambia County History Fair.
- Visited the Tallahassee SAR Chapter at their February meeting.
- Judged exhibits at the Santa Rosa County History Fair.
- Participated at a SAR Information Table at the DAR Lineage Workshop in Pensacola.
- Marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade at the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution.
- Presented the NSSAR ROTC Medal to an outstanding Army ROTC cadet at the University of West Florida,

Emerald Coast Chapter:

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Neighborhood Café in the Sun Plaza Shopping Center in Mary Esther. The chapter received ROTC Medal nominations and/or National Society contest application packets from 1 college and 6 high school ROTC programs. The "Best of the Best" Outstanding JROTC Cadet was selected by the chapter and submitted to the State Society. Medal presentations were conducted April 11 – 26, 2007.

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. The chapter is in full support of the JROTC Program at this time. Medals and certificates have been awarded to cadets in Bay and Gulf Counties. We have other cadets in Bay County along with cadets in Washington and Holmes Counties that will be awarded with in the next several days.

Pensacola Chapter:

The chapter meets monthly at Sonny's Bar-B-Que Restaurant, 630 North Navy Blvd., Pensacola. Timothy H. Fouts was inducted into the Society at the January 13, 2007 meeting. On January 18, 2007, Guardsmen, Kilgore, Lantz, O. Bellamy and Legg Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, Military Officers of America Association Annual Memorial Service. On February 10, 2007, Guardsmen O. Bellamy and Legg marched at the Battle of Kettle Creek commemoration. A. Bellamy also attended. Kilgore and Young judged exhibits at the Escambia County History Fair and Young judged exhibits at the Santa Rosa County History Fair. On February 24, 2007, Lantz, O. Bellamy and Young manned a Recruiting Table at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR Lineage Workshop. Kilgore, Lantz, Legg and Young marched with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Commemoration at Cape Canaveral on March 10, 2007. The chapter received applications for the "Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest" and selected Cadet Major Cherie Kay Jones from Pensacola High School for that honor. The chapter is in the midst of presenting NSSAR JROTC and ROTC Medals and delivering NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificates.

Tallahassee Chapter:

The chapter continues to meet quarterly and last met on February 15, 2007. Our guest speaker was Rebecca O'Dell Townsend who spoke about the Constitution and how it is no longer being followed by our government representatives and judicial branch. We are in the process of awarding ROTC Medals to 4 college and 11 high school units. This activity will be concluded in mid-May.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

North Central Region Ron Toops, Vice President

General: In February I attended the officer induction ceremony with FLSSAR President, Lindsey Brock. I was proud to participate with the Lake Sumter and Withlacoochee chapter Color Guards at the recent ceremony, recognizing the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution." I will in the near future, induct the newly elected Withlacoochee Chapter Officers.

It has been a very satisfying experience to serve the four chapters in the North Central Region, for the last two years. As in most regions, we faced some challenges, but I believe we all made a positive effort to address them. Mr. Gordon Greenwood had been nominated to the NC-Regional Vice President position for the 2007-2008 period. I am sure that with his focus on details, he will be a successful RVP for the region.

Gainesville Chapter: This chapter has now successfully defined and inducted a new chapter officer line up. Their new Chapter President, John Coker, recently had major gall bladder surgery and may not be able to assume his active position until the fall. It is clear this chapter is now again on track and has increased their membership, from 38 to 46. They have added the "Associate Class" of membership to their Constitution and By-laws and are proceeding with this new opportunity. The chapter 2nd VP and Registrar are working aggressively on new member recruitment. In the month of April the chapter will be presenting JROTC awards to both Senior and Junior JROTC cadets. I believe another highlight of this chapter, is the re-entry of their fine newsletter, "The Gainesville Broadside". This chapter will settle into a vacation period from June until September, when they will reconvene.

Lake Sumter Chapter: This chapter presented awards to deserving Fire Safety and EMS personnel in January & February. This chapter's color guard participated in the March 10th, "Last Battle of the Revolution". This chapter had a number of meetings with American History teachers at a charter, a private and a public middle school. All of

the NSSAR/FLSSAR youth programs were presented to these teachers. The immediate response has been positive, understanding the tremendous time constraints placed on these teachers. This chapter is attempting to kick off some 8th grade pilot essays (orations) with these three middle schools. They are also kicking off their JROTC program. This chapter's recruitment efforts are starting the year off with great success. They have one approved new member, with four (4) others submitted to national and six (6) in the application process, awaiting their Copy of Record. They report that there are over a dozen individuals in the queue for setting up introductory meetings.

Ocala Chapter: This chapter has elected and installed their officers for the 2007-2008 term. There were several recent presentations made, including one to recognize Past Chapter Presidents with associated certificates. They also presented a "new" pin to the past and present officers. They continue to make the "Boston Massacre" presentation to local middle schools, which is a chapter program highlight. Their Eagle Scout program is still on track and the Area Eagle Scout Coordinator provided a recent chapter meeting presentation.

Withlacoochee Chapter: This chapter had nine (9) participants in the color guard at the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" ceremony on March 10th at the Cape Canaveral Port Authority. Their membership recruitment continues to be effective and they have five (5) newly approved members and four (4) submitted to the national organization. At a local 'Patriotic Night', held at a restaurant noted for this great event, the chapter presented Bronze Good Citizenship medals. This presentation was in front of an audience of approximately 150 people. Recently the chapter had a banquet where they presented the "Outstanding Cadet" Certificate to a deserving JROTC cadet. As I have noted before, this chapter has exhibited a great example, when it comes to the efforts to recognize local veterans. Over the years their approach has been a fine example for the rest of us. John Camillo has been recognized for this great effort, by being nominated to the position as FLSSAR Veteran Affairs Chairman for the 2007-2008 term. He is already developing his committee and creating ideas for this important program. The Lake Sumter Chapter has requested that he speak about his effective veterans programs at their June chapter meeting.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Northeastern Region Tom Beauchamp, Vice President

April 27, 2007

Jacksonville Chapter

The Jacksonville Chapter has been very active with their awards program. First with the youth awards contest, Jacksonville's Rumbaugh Oration candidate won the State contest in January and has now won the State Knight Essay contest. We are now hoping that our candidate Jason Byer will be the winner at National. Our chapter Eagle Scout winner came in third, in state, and we are currently recognizing 22 outstanding cadets at JROTC and ROTC units.

Our chapter is also recognizing Fireman of the year in several counties this quarter and have also recognized 2 outstanding citizens for Heroism. We are also having some interesting speakers and good attendance at our monthly Thursday luncheon meetings.

Chapter member and FLSSAR President Lindsey Brock is currently recovering nicely from serious medical problems and is looking forward to our annual B OM. We are quite proud of his leadership in bringing about the wonderful, and large, celebration on 10 March 2007 of the 224th Anniversary of "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution". Keep Lindsey in your prayers as he continues to recover.

The Chapter Color Guard was invited by the St. Johns Dinner Club to present the Colors at their black tie dinner at the San Jose Country Club. Compatriots Dick Cardell, George Lockhart, Roger Austin and David Ramseur participated.

The Chapter Color Guard also conducted a flag raising ceremony at Lone Star Elementary School with about 800 students, parents and teachers in attendance.

Compatriots Lindsey Brock, Lindsey Brock III, Dick Cardell, George Lockhart and David Ramseur participated in the dedication of the monument commemorating "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution.

St Augustine Chapter

The first Chapter EMS medal was given to Paramedic Chad Hutchinson of the Palatka EMS. Law Enforcement medals were awarded to St Johns County Sheriff Davis Shoar and to Sheriff Deputy Manuel Gonzales. Chairman George McCabe of the Eagle Scout Committee presented a check for \$100.00 and the Eagle Scout Medal to Eagle Scout Alden Chewning.

Chairman of the JROTC Committee William Roberts and President Spink went to Interlachen High School and Presented JROTC Bronze Medal to Cadet Captain Ashley Taylor on 2 March 2007. Later in March they presented another JROTC Bronze Medal, this time to Cadet Captain Matt Rochleau of Bartram High School.

Flagler County Chapter

The Chapter Color Guard performed at a special service honoring the Four Chaplains who gave their lives so that others might live. Their World War II ship, the Dorchester, was hit and sunk while on troop transport duty in the North Atlantic. The four chaplains helped the military passengers into life boats and at the very last they gave their life preservers to those who did not have one. The Chaplains went down with the ship. This memorial service is an annual event in Palm Coast.

The SAR Law Enforcement Medal was presented by committee Chairman, Tom Beauchamp, at the February Chapter meeting to Deputy Sheriff First Class, John Gaspar. Present were Flagler County Sheriff, Don Fleming and Chief Deputy, Ron Look.

The first presentation of the Emergency Medical Services medal was made at the March chapter meeting. Recipient was Lt. John Rothenwander, Firefighter/paramedic of Flagler County Fire Rescue.

The March speaker was Peggy Rae Border, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections. Ms. Border had requested that veterans in our chapter bring in military service photos. She planned to have a collage of photos of Veterans who are voters in Flagler County in the new County administration officers. The building was dedicated on 21 April 2007. One wall in the Board of Elections office is covered with the photos, 5 of which, are members of our SAR chapter.

The April speaker was Bill Delbrugge, Superintendent of Flagler County Schools. The School Board and officers participated in the design and building of the new administration building and occupy it as we visited here on the 21st.

Chapter President David Kelsey will present our Air Force JROTC Award on 30 April 2007 at the Flagler/Palm Coast High School and present the Army JROTC award on 2 May 2007 at the new Matanza High School.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

East Central Regional Vice President

East Central Region Ben DuBose, Vice President

As expected, the entire First Quarter was taken up with the planning and execution of our LAST NAVAL BATTLE ceremonies, along with President Brock and other members. I would like to thank everyone for their participation. See Brevard Chapter Report for details. Plus, once again I worked very closely with Frank Hodalski on the KEYHOLE TO HISTORY Public Service Announcements. I have asked him to give the report on this Committee, since he was more active than I was during this quarter.

Brevard Chapter 1st QUARTER REPORT 2007

1/4 - DuBose in full uniform was interviewed by FLODIA TODAY about upcoming LAST NAVAL BATTLE CEREMONIES (Hereafter LNBC) - Feature article appeared on 1/23.

1/5 - 8 members of the Color Guard in full uniform attended the funeral of past chapter president Jim Lane; G. Darby, B. DuBose, P. Hinman, C. Green, R. Ryan, B. Shapbell & S. Williams.

1/6 - 4 members in full uniform manned a table at a joint SAR/DAR Genealogy Fair in Cocoa FL. G. Darby, C. Green, R. Ryan & S. Williams, plus prospective member K. Shaughnessy.

1/6 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

1/8 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Cape Canaveral Navy League.
 1/10- DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Brevard Veterans Council.
 1/13 - AM - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Rufus Fairbanks DAR.
 1/13 - Chapter Luncheon - 7 members in full uniform assisted in the induction of new member William Fuller: J. Davenport, G. Darby, J. Dibble, B. DuBose, B. Shapbell, R. Ryan & S. Williams.
 1/15 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Abigail W. Chamberlin DAR.
 1/16 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Indian River DAR.
 1/19-20 - 3 members attended the BOM B. DuBose, D. Richardson & S. Williams.
 1/19 - 2 members in full uniform joined the FLSSAR Color Guard, DuBose & Williams.
 1/22 - DuBose & FLSSAR President Brock met with Canaveral Port Authority CEO Payne.
 1/25 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1387.
 1/27 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Philip Perry DAR.
 1/30 - DuBose in full uniform was interviewed by local TV Channel 31 about the LNBC.
 2/1 - DuBose in full uniform was interview again by FLORIDA TODAY about the LNBC - Major article appeared 2/14.
 2/6 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Cape Canaveral DAR.
 2/7 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Cocoa Beach Rotary.
 2/10 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Ancient Order of the Hibernians.
 2/13 - AM - DuBose met with FLSSAR Pres. Brock and members of the Historic Sites Committee (Gaines & Wallin) at LNBC location.
 2/13 - PM - DuBose ordered Brevard Chapter FLAG STREAMES for LNBC.
 2/15 - 11 AM - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Satellite Beach Civic Center. He was assisted by Compatriot H.McClellan.
 2/15 - Noon - 4 members in full uniform attended a Press Conference at the Cove Restaurant. G. Darby, B. DuBose, P. Hinman & R. Ryan. They were joined by Compatriot D. Robertson.
 2/15 - 2 PM - 4 members in full uniform spoke about the LNBC and did recruiting at the Cocoa Library; G. Darby, B. DuBose, P. Hinman & R. Ryan.
 2/15 - 3:30 PM - 2 members in full uniform spoke about the LNBC at Manatee Park in Cape Canaveral B. DuBose & S. Williams.
 2/15 - 5:00 PM - 2 members in full uniform spoke about the LNBC at Nature's Haven in Cocoa Village; B. DuBose & S. Williams.
 2/17 - 5 members in full uniform manned a recruitment booth and gave out info on the LNBC at Valkaria Airport: G. Darby, B. DuBose, P. Hinman, R. Ryan & S. Williams.
 2/21 - AM -DuBose met with Canaveral Port Authority staff members at the LNBC site to discuss event.
 2/21 - Noon - 2 members in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at the Retired Annapolis Graduates Club; G. Darby & B. DuBose.
 2/23 - 6 members attended the funeral of past chapter president Charles Corman's wife: J. Davenport, G. Darby, B. DuBose, J. Malcom, R. Ryan, F. Smith & S. Williams. All wore Tricornes.
 2/24 - Annual Joint SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon. 9 members of the Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors: J. Davenport, G. Darby, J. Dibble, B. DuBose, C. Green, P. Hinman, B. Shapbell, R. Ryan & S. Williams.
 2/26 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at Eau Gallie High School.
 3/2 - DuBose picked up FLAG STREAMERS for LNBC.
 3/3 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting the Melbourne Sea Cadets meeting.
 3/7 - DuBose in full uniform talked about the LNBC, and did recruiting at a joint luncheon of the Daughters of American Colonist and the Daughters of 1812.
 3/10 - 11 members in full uniform attended the LNBC: J. Davenport, G. Darby, J. Dibble, B. DuBose, C. Green, P. Hinman, J. Mustin, R. Ryan & S. Williams. Assisting at booths were Compatriots H. McClellan & D. Spellman.
 3/17 - DuBose in full uniform drive a convertible in the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day parade.
 3/17 - Chapter Luncheon

Central Florida Chapter

February - Eagle Scout recognition. The Eagle Scout award was presented at the February meeting with the recipient, his parents and his scoutmaster in attendance.

March - The program for the March meeting was presented by a member of the OPD's Detectives Division. The subjects included: Identity theft, Airport security/protecting your luggage, and steps to take to protect yourself in general.

The chapter is in the process of presenting ROTC/JROTC Awards to our 28 Junior and 2 Senior Corps. There are many members involved in making these presentations which cover Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties.

The April meeting is our annual Patriots Day dinner and is a formal evening dinner meeting which will be held on the 21st of April this year.

Our May meeting is our annual Chapter awards and installation of new officers.

Keyhole to History - Notification has just been received that WHTQ Classic Rock 96.5 FM is running the program. Will continue to get other stations involved.

St. Lucie River Chapter 1st Quarter Report 2007

Jan 13th regular meeting, presented Outstanding Citizenship Certificates and Pins to Keegan and Zachary Wolfberg presented a Certificate of Appreciation Lt Col Rick Mosby for his insight into the JROTC Program in Martin County.

Jan 19/20 7 members of the SLR Chapter attended the BOM Meeting in Kissimmee, Casey, Fowler, Carr, Schlomberg, the last three participated in the colorguard, North, Wise and Riediger.

Jan 20 Compatriot Oscar Kraehenbuehl participated in a Genealogy Seminar at the LDS Church in Palm City and handed out SAR Materials to prospective members.

Jan 27 Recruiting Booth at the Fort Pierce Green Market 8AM to noon , Compatriots Massey, Wise and Riediger in uniform

Feb 4, 4 Chaplins Service, Jay Wise, Doug North and Rick Diekmann participating

Feb 8 Presented Heroism Medals to Deputies Ed Brochu and Kurt Abbott at the Martin County Sherriff's complex, Compatriots North and Schlomberg attending

Feb 10. regular Meeting, Presented A Certificate of Appreciation and Outstanding Citizenship Pin to Alex Moskovic our guest speaker.

Presented 3 Certificates of Recognition to Eagle Scouts David Edward Ferrell Troop 435 PSL

Shawn Lovely Troop 435 PSL

Jonas Vasquez Troop 823 Stuart

Compatriot Dick Fowler Presented his Benjamin Franklin persona to the Rufus Putnam Chapter of the Ohio SAR on Feb 10, Feb 21 he presented a Franklin Portral at the Pataska, Ohio Library.

Mar 3. presented Law Enforcement Medal to Dect. Brian Hester, St. Lucie Sherriff's Department, Sherriff Ken Mascara attending and speaking at the regular meeting.

Mar 10. 9 Members of the St. Lucie River Chapter attended the dedication of the Last Naval Battle Monument, 5 members in uniform, 4 participating in the colorguard, Compatriots Carr, Taylor, Moore, Moore, Fowler, North, Massey, Wise and Riediger. John Moore Jr and John Moore Sr. Presented a wreath to their Patriot Robt. McKnight, Hall Riediger presented a wreath to the USS Alliance. Compatriots Wise, North, Massey and Riediger participated in the color guard.

March 17 Compatriot's North , Taylor, Schlomberg, Kreaehenbuehl, Wise and Riediger participated in the St. Lucie County History Fair as judges.

March 27 presented a Bronze ROTC medal to Cadet 1st Lt. Timothy J. Caruso, Martin County H.S.

March 30 presented a Bronze ROTC medal to Cadet Lt Col. Mark Steele, South Fork H.S.

Treasure Coast Chapter 1st Quarter 2007

1/13 - Stevenson in full uniform presented the "TOAST" & "VOICE OF OLD GLORY" for the DAR in Brevard County.

2/14.. Stevenson in full uniform presented the "TOAST" & "VOICE OF OLD GLORY" for the Masonic Lodge in Stewart.

3/10.. Stevenson joined the FLSSAR Color Guard at the LAST NAVAL BATTLE ceremonies in Cape Canaveral.

3/19 & 20 .. Stevenson in full uniform presented the "TOAST" & "VOICE OF OLD GLORY" at the Annual Vero Beach High School Concert

3/21.. Stevenson in full uniform presented the "TOAST" & "VOICE OF OLD GLORY" for the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

West Central Region Nelson Jantzen, Vice President
April 27, 2007

As Reg. V.P. I attended the Adm. Berry celebration of "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" at Cape Canaveral Fl. On March 10th.
On April 14th I attended the St. Petersburg Chapters luncheon & swore in their new slate of officers.
April 17th I attended in uniform, the Navy JROTC Annual Parade & Military Inspection Ceremony at the Ridgewood High School in New Port Richey, FL.

Clearwater:

Chapter Color Guard joined the FLSSAR Brigade in posting the colors at the BOM in Kissimmee, FL January. 2007.
Jan. 27th some of the officers attended the Pinellas County Genealogical Seminar
Feb. 21st luncheon the speaker was G.Wayne Daily who spoke on the subject of Two Great Presidents, Roosevelts.
March 10th the Color Guard had good representation in the parade at the 'Last Battle of the American Revolution' ceremony at Cape Canaveral, Fl.for Adm Berry.
March 21st luncheon Bob Bryan of the Pinellas Genealogical Society spoke. They also welcomed a new Associate Member Victor Warren.
April 18th they had their V.P. James Welsh speak on the "Indentured Servitude in Early America" at the luncheon
The Chapter awarded 1,500 Good Citizens certificates to Pasco & Pinellas county..

St Petersburg:

At the Feb. 17th meeting they joined the ladies of the DAR to commemorate the birth of George Washington.
On April 14th at there luncheon meeting they installed their new officers & also had a speaker Robert Fowler who spoke on tips on genealogical research.

Maj. John DeVane: No recent activities to report at this time.

Lakeland:

Feb. 17th Joseph E. Spann Jr. spoke at their meeting on Patriot John, a man who single-handedly saved the American Rev., but is mostly forgotten today.
On March 10th the guardsmen participated in the Adm Berry ceremony at Cape Canaveral, FL.
March 17th there was a meeting at which time DAR Pauline Brennan spoke on What is an American.
April 21st they had their Law Enforcement & Fire Dept. Awards luncheon.
They reported that they gave out eleven Flag Certificates.

Tampa:

At the Feb. meeting the owner of Head's Flags gave a wonderful talk on the history of many flags related to the revolution and the Tampa Bay area. Rebecca O'Dell spoke at the March meeting on issues surrounding the checks and balance system of the Constitution as it relates to the federal court system.
This past weekend the chapter held its 8th annual ROTC luncheon to honor the cadets chosen by their commanders to receive the SAR award. Eight units sent cadets. The event gave the members a chance to meet the cadets and included a presentation entitled, "Stories from Williamsburg: A Look at Colonial Life". This meeting is one of the highlights of the Tampa Chapter's year. They encourage other chapters to consider a similar event.

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FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southeast Region Gerald Meeks, Vice President

Miami Chapter held meetings in January, February and March.

- Did a ROTC awards presentation in March. Presented 1 ROTC Medal.
- Did a Civil Air Patrol awards presentation in February.
- Presented 1 Good Citizenship Medal and 12 Good Citizenship Certificate.
- Attended 2 CAR Meetings.
- 4 members attended the Winter BOM.
- We had some outstanding speakers. Christopher Eck, "Fort Lauderdale History"...Kingsley Guy, "News paper Publishing in 21 st Century...Colonel Dennis Teitge, "ROTC in Broward High Schools".and Zachary Mann, "Homeland Security Dept. Customs Agents.

Palm Beach Chapter

During the Quarter ended:

30 April the Palm Beach Chapter has three meetings at the Sailfish Club on

Palm Beach. participated in the ceremony at Port Canaveral, honoring the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution.

Awarded six medals to Police and Fire Department Personnel

Awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Palm Beach Atlantic University History Major, Junior Greg Mitchell.

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter participated in the ceremony at Port Canaveral, honoring the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

Southwest Region Don Cahill, Vice President

18 April 2007

CALOOSA CHAPTER: The Chapter is having their Annual Awards Luncheon today April 18 11:30 - 1:30, at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street in the downtown river district of Fort Myers. This is a very big event for this chapter awarding the Good Citizenship and JROTC awards to outstanding students of Lee County's eleven High Schools. This year the keynote speaker will be Dr. James Browder, Lee County Superintendent of Schools.

Caloosa is working on getting members in uniform with an eye toward having a color guard. The Chapter Website is moving to fruition and the Newsletter is available now under www.flssar.org under Chapter Information.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER: Meeting are at the Elks Club in Port Charlotte at noon the second Friday each month. The program this month was Law Enforcement and Fire Safety. President Bradley Lines is to present medals and certificates to deserving recipients.

NAPLES CHAPTER: The Chapter's February meeting recognized the outstanding JROTC cadets from each area High School. This year the cadets were to write an essay to participate in the FLSSAR Cadet of the Year competition and a winner was selected to be the Chapters nomination.

In March the Thirty-Fourth Charter Day Celebration meeting was a gala Saturday evening event attended by about seventy members, spouses, and guests. Many of the guests were members of the area DAR chapters and even SAR members from near (Ft. Myers) and far (Alexandria, VA).

April meeting topic was a Liberty Tree presentation by Dr. James A. Van Fleet. The Chapter is working with the Collier County Commissioners to install thirteen trees in a special patriotic area of its Government Center with a tree to represent each of the original thirteen colonies.

SARAMANA CHAPTER: The George Washington birthday and forty-fourth chapter anniversary meeting was held in February. Guests and members of the five DAR chapters were invited. Basil Lancaster past Southwest RVP received a Special Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to the Saramana Chapter. Mark Pearcy , a teacher from Venice High School was presented the first American History Teacher Award and was the speaker for the luncheon.

March's Law Enforcement meeting honored eight Police and Sheriff officers of the Manatee and Sarasota area. President Phillip Tarpley points out one officer in America die in the line of duty every 60 hours! The last meeting of the quarter is the Fire and Safety Luncheon held the second Friday of this month their usual day at noon at the Sarasota Cay Club. Cedar Hammock Chief Randall Stulee is the guest speaker.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

Kevin Yarnell

The quarter was filled with primarily routine matters for the secretary. At the request of the Executive Committee I had a signature stamp made and sent to the Registrar, William Stevenson. This is enabling him to send applications directly to National thus cutting the approval time for new applications. There were a few small glitches as we implemented the new procedure but it seems to be working fine now. I was able to obtain the President's signature on most of the approved new member certificates during the quarter and mailed them directly to the chapter secretaries. This is adding to our postage expenses but again is helping to speed up the new membership process. Compatriot Wallin lives fairly close to me and so, should we both be elected to our offices for 2007-2008, I should be able to continue this practice.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer

James Holyfield

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (BUDGET AND ACTUAL) 1/1-4-15-07

	<u>2007 ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>2007 YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL</u>
Receipts:		
Dues - net of rebates	\$ 33,000	\$ 24,057
Donations	2,000	1,816
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>104</u>
Total	<u>36,000</u>	<u>25,977</u>
Disbursements:		
State officers	23,500	2,410
Youth programs	8,000	6,515
Committee projects	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,476</u>
Total	<u>35,000</u>	<u>11,401</u>
Receipts over disbursements	\$ <u><u>1,000</u></u>	\$ <u><u>14,576</u></u>

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

APRIL 15, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,603
Investments (restricted)	<u>10,404</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>85,007</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	\$ <u>-</u>
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FUND BALANCES

Unrestricted	\$ 74,603
Restricted	<u>10,404</u>
	<u>85,007</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ <u><u>85,007</u></u>

Submitted by James R. Holyfield,
State Treasurer

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar, William R. Stevenson

Quarterly Report: End of 4th Quarter, April 6, 2007

Chapter	Membership Applications							Supplemental Applications							Remarks
	Received	Carry over from last report	Approval NSSAR			Returned to Chapter		Received	Carry over from last report	Approval NSSAR		Returned to Chapter			
			Pending	Received		State	NSSAR			Pending	Received	State	NSSAR		
Brevard	5	5		7	3				1	5	6				
Caloosa									1	1	2				
Central Florida		1		1					1	4	5				
Charlotte										2	2				
Clearwater	5	4		6	3					4	4				
Daytona-Ormond	2	10		6	6										
Deland		4		2	2				2	2	3	1			
Devane															
Emerald Coast		1		1						1	1				
Flagler									2	5	7				
Ft Lauderdale	2	6		3	5				4	2	2				
Gainesville	2	2		4						2	2				
Jacksonville	2	6		5	3					7	7				
Lakeland	1	8		5	4					4	4				
Lake/Sumter	4	4		6	2				1	6	4	3			
Miami		3			3					3	3				
Naples	2	9		4	7					3	2	1			
Ocala		1		1						2	2				
Palm Beach	2	9		8	3				2	1	3				
Panama City										4	4				
Pensacola	1	10		2	9					6	2	4			
Saramana		7		7						21	21			4 Youth	
St Augustine	1	4		5											
St Lucie River	2	12		3	11					3	2	1			
St Petersburg		5		3	2					3	2	1			
Tallahassee	1	1			2										
Tampa	2	6		4	4				2	4	5	1			
Treasure Coast		3		2	1					1	1				
Withlacoochee	9	5		6	8				11	10	18	3		3 Junior	
At-Large	5	1		6						1	1				
Totals	48	127		97	78				23	110	117	16			

Annual Report: Membership Year 2006

During membership year 2006 (1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007), the Florida Society submitted new applications to the National Society SAR, as follows:

1a. New Membership application received	166
b. Brought Forward from previous year	98

Total 264

2. Status of these 264 applications as of 31 March 2007

a. Approved by NSSAR	156
b. Youth applications approved	9
c. Pending at NSSAR	92
d. Youth applications pending	7

Total 264

During membership year 2006 (1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007), the Florida Society submitted supplemental applications to the National Society SAR, as follows:

1a. New Supplemental application submitted	74
b. Brought Forward from previous year	106

Total 180

2a. Approved by NSSAR	64
b. Pending at NSSAR	116

Total 180

Chapters submitting 10 or more applications:

Pensacola	19
Ft. Lauderdale	17
Jacksonville	16
St. Lucie River	13

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Charles Schafer

The deaths of the following compatriots have been reported since the last BOM.

National#	State#	LastName	FirstName	Date of Death	Chapter
120151	4706	Ware	John	3/19/2007	Jacksonville
161938	8439	Weddle	Robert	3/17/2007	Caloosa
140587	6779	Parker	Andrew	2/10/2007	Charlotte
167529	8837	Stepp	Claude	1/30/2007	Jacksonville
131352	6382	Bross**	Robert	1/25/2007	Jacksonville
166497	8754	Robinson	John	1/8/2007	DeVane

(Not a member at time of death)

(Note: This list has been inserted by the secretary.)

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

Joseph Motes

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chancellor

Carl Hoffmann, PG

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Parliamentarian

Frank Hodalski

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Genealogist

Alvie Davidson

1. It has pleased me in recent months that members and prospective members of FLSSAR have been inquiring about documents and application preparation. Most of these inquiries have come from north central Florida and south east Florida. I am open anytime anyone needs questions answered or help with the "brick wall". My email address is:
floridasearch@tampabay.rr.com.
2. I belong to an organization which is an arm of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies named Records Preservation and Access Committee (RPAC). We concern ourselves with closure of records and limiting access to records. The need to access government records by prospective SAR members brings RPAC into play. Recently we have learned that the National Archives & Records Administration has published in the National Register on 26 Feb 2007 that NARA is going to drastically increase the fees charged to make copies of records such as Civil War military pension files, bounty land warrants, and old military service files. This National Register number is: 36 CFR Part 1258. It is necessary to respond to this increase by April 27, 2007. I know this seems a bit late but I just got information about this. You can do it electronically by visiting the following web site:
<http://regulations.gov> and follow the way to a reply screen.
3. There is a new web site available to find documents from Colonial American, Revolutionary era, and some 17th - 18th century material. These are all digitized original documents.
<http://www.footnote.com>
It is necessary to register (no cost) and then you can view any record from the Pennsylvania Archives Series at no cost. All other information is on a varied fee basis.
4. For those FLSSAR members who are still actively researching their family history I strongly advise you keep an eye on the web site Ancestry.com. It is available free of charge at most public libraries. At this time Ancestry has just gained access to Scottish census records from 1841-1901, Ellis Island Records from 1892-1957, and all Canadian border crossing records from 1895-1956. These all have accompanying digital imaging as well as a full index.
5. More later and more on FLATALK and SARTALK.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Sergeant at Arms

Lonnie Jones

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Historian

John Little

Historians report for period January 18, 2007 thru April 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.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Editor, Florida Patriot

Dick Fowler

The Florida Patriot has been one of the key means of communicating the *Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution* information within the Sons of the American Revolution. Recent editions have featured stories about the Last Naval Battle, and copies have been sent of the *Winter Patriot* to all State Societies.

The first meeting to celebrate the Last Naval Battle was held on March 10 in Cape Canaveral Florida (see pictures on pages 10 and 11 in the Spring edition). The event was a resounding success and pictures have been published in the NSSAR RSAR web pages as well as the FLSSAR web pages.

In order to publish the recommended Bylaws changes it was necessary to use new (to *The Patriot*) space compression techniques. The result has been to make all of this information available to all members in a legible and understandable manner.

The need to carry this information in the spring edition has not allowed us to publish some materials, and we apologize to those submitting materials that were not in that edition.

Richard Q. Fowler
Editor, *The Florida Patriot*

Statutory Committees

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Audit 2

Audit 3

FLSSAR Committee Report Executive

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Committee Report Finance

Chairman: James Holyfield

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald Meeks

The Committee has had a busy quarter with many certificates and medals being presented to deserving compatriots and others,
At the Festivities at Cape Canaveral that honors the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution a Distinguished Service Certificate was presented to Captain James A. Watson IV, United States Coast Guard.

On March 31, 2007 President Brock presented the following awards:
SAR Medal of Appreciation to Dr. Charlene Herried, Senior President F.S.C.A.R.
Bronze CAR/SAR Medal of Appreciation to Kelly Herreid, President, FLorida Society, C.A.R.

At the annual meeting the following Medals/Certificates will be presented:
10-Meritorious Service Metal with Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
16-Distinguished Certificates.
3- Certificates of Appreciation
2-Daughters of Liberty Medals and Certificates
1-State Medal of Distinguished Service.

The names of the recipients for these awards are being withheld until they are presented at the April 27, 2007 Annual Meeting Evening Dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald E. Meeks, Chairman

FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating

Chairman: Ron Hamilton

(The following was inserted by the secretary for clarity.)
Reprinted here are the nominations made by the committee at the Winter BOM, January 2007

President, Grant Wallin, Jr. (Clearwater)
Sr. Vice President, Jim Holyfield (Palm Beach)
Secretary, Kevin Yarnell (Tampa)
Treasurer, Leon Hammock (Clearwater)
Registrar, William Stevenson (Treasure Coast)
Regional VP NW, Edward Young (Pensacola)
Regional VP NC, Gordon Greenwood (Gainesville)
Regional VP NE, Tom Beauchamp (Flagler)

Regional VP EC, Ben DuBose (Brevard)
Regional VP WC, Nelson Jantzen (Clearwater)
Regional VP SE, Gerald Meeks (Palm Beach)
Regional VP SW, Donald Cahill (Naples)
Chancellor, Carl Hoffmann (Saramana)
Chaplain, Dr. Randy Moody (Withlacoochee)
Recording Secretary, Terry Walton (Caloosa)
Genealogist, Alvie Davidson (Lakeland)
Sergeant-At-Arms, Alvin Bellamy (Pensacola)
Mbr. Exec. Comm. At Large, John Cahoon, Jr. (Emerald Coast)
Historian, John Little (Central Florida)
Parliamentarian, To be appointed by the incoming President
"Florida Patriot" Editor, Richard Fowler (St. Lucie River)

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal

Chairman: John Cahoon, Jr.

Recipients of the Patriot Medal will be honored at the awards banquet.

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

I regret that this last quarter saw little progress in the continuing task of getting our historical records into the membership database. However at this time last year we had 4,234 records in the database. The number currently stands at 7,191 or a 41% increase. We hope to commit time to this project during the summer months.

FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: George Lockhart

Recommended changes to the Chapter Challenge report for 2007 were sent to the committee members. Those responding agreed with the recommended changes. The new criteria have been printed and will be distributed to the Regional Vice Presidents at the Regional VP Meeting to be held at the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting for further distribution to the Chapters. The 2007 report should be completed by the chapters and to the RVP's by 3 March 2008.

Ribbons were ordered by this Chairman in sufficient quantity to handle this year and next. The ribbons were purchased at AAA Trophy Mart, in Jacksonville, FL at a cost of \$1.85 each. Extra ribbons, 2006 Chapter Challenge reports and other information will be turned over to the new Chairman at the Spring BOM.

I wish to thank the committee members and regional vice presidents for their support during the past year. My congratulations to the red, white and blue ribbon recipients whose reports showed that the chapters are active and supporting the objectives of the society.

Of the 29 chapters, 22 completed and returned the form. Some of the activities cited by chapters for 2006 "Other" points include:

Central Florida members attended some National events such as Cow Pens, Kings Mountain, and Fort Fredericka. They also attended in colonial uniform a flag retirement ceremony for the disposal of 5,000 worn/damaged American Flags.

Brevard Chapter distributed the Keyhole to History CD and two radio stations are playing the CD on a daily basis. They also spent much time and energy in preparing for the March 10th, 2007, celebration of the Last Naval

Battle of the American Revolution. Their activities included raising \$6,000 (\$2,000 from the chapter) for a cannon monument and designed and funded a commemorative medal for the occasion.

St. Lucie River Chapter had four members who served as judges for the St. Lucie Co. History Fair.

Gainesville Chapter distributed the "Keyhole to History" CD to the Alachua County School Board for use in all classrooms.

Flagler Chapter had 4 members that spent a total of 750 volunteer hours to organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Flagler Cities Council, COP of Flagler County and Florida Trail Association.

Deland Chapter distributed 2 Keyholes to History CDs to two radio stations, one in Deland and the other in Ormond.

Palm Beach Chapter actively participated in an Armed Forces Memorial Day Program involving 1500 service personnel and Patriotic Organizations. The chapter had 6 men in SAR uniform and they presented a 36-inch memorial wreath in memory of our fallen service personnel. In addition they had 4 men assisting the program activities.

Miami Chapter – While at the NSSAR Congress in Dallas, Texas, in July 2006, the chapter made a donation of \$10,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The money was to be matched with a like amount by an anonymous donor.

Lakeland Chapter held it first memorial service at its September 2005 meeting to honor members that have died in the past year. This service generated enough favorable comment that another service was conducted in September 2006. The surviving family members were invited to attend the service and be a guest for lunch. The chapter honored seven deceased members at this service which was the best attended with 27 members and 19 guests.

Withlacoochee Chapter delivered in excess of \$6,500 in gifts and hosted a pizza party for 115 veterans in Balderomo Lopez Veterans Home.

Lake/Sumter Chapter furnished three Keyholes to History CDs to three radio stations for their use in the Lake-Sumter area. They also donated American Flag stars and cash to the "Shoebox" program in The Villages.

Tallahassee Chapter presented an FLSSAR Award to the State History Fair.

Emerald Coast Chapter presented an SAR wreath during local Memorial Day services, with 2 chapter members in period uniform. They also presented an SAR wreath during a local Veterans Day service with one chapter member in period uniform.

Pensacola Chapter distributed 100 American Heritage CDs to the Escambia County Home Schooling Association. They also had two members that served as judges at the Escambia and Santa Rosa County History Fairs.

Saramana Chapter has donated a large amount of time and incurred a good amount of expense in promoting and distributing the Keyhole to History CD and meeting with members of the press to encourage coverage.

Ranking for Ribbon Awards

RED CHAPTERS

Withlacoochee - 1st, Blue Ribbon
St. Augustine – 2nd, Red Ribbon
Tampa – 3rd, White Ribbon
Flagler – Hon. Mention Yellow Ribbon
Gainesville – Yellow Ribbon
Deland – Yellow Ribbon
Tallahassee – Yellow Ribbon
Emerald Coast – Yellow Ribbon
Major John DeVane – Yellow Ribbon

WHITE CHAPTERS

Pensacola – 1st, Blue Ribbon
Central Florida – 2nd, Red Ribbon
St. Lucie River – 3rd, White Ribbon
Lake/Sumter – Hon. Mention Yellow Ribbon
Brevard – Yellow Ribbon
Fort Lauderdale – Yellow Ribbon
Naples – Yellow Ribbon

BLUE CHAPTERS

Saramana – 1st, Blue Ribbon
Jacksonville – 2nd, Red Ribbon
Palm Beach – 3rd, White Ribbon
Miami – Hon. Mention Yellow Ribbon
Lakeland – Yellow Ribbon
Clearwater – Yellow Ribbon

Respectfully submitted:
George A. Lockhart

FLSSAR Committee Report

Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

Note: The Bylaws Review Committee was appointed by President Lindsey Brock and charged with reviewing the current bylaws of the Florida Society for context, continuity, grammar consistency and completeness. The changes are presented in two parts. Part I contains proposed changes which the committee believes to be administrative in nature, requiring the minimum debate. Part II are changes which appear more substantive and which may generate more debate.

In an effort to contain printing costs, these changes must be read concurrently with a copy of our present bylaws. Those parts which are intended to be added are *italicized*, parts to be removed are underlined in this report.

PART I

Cover Page: Below seal is Bylaws Bylaws. This should be removed. Just above "Florida Society" enter *Bylaws*. Change date to reflect year of adoption.

At Amended: Change to reflect the date of latest amendment.

Article 1 The Society

Section 1, Objects, change to *Objectives*.

Second Line after, "To as the" (add) *FLSSAR*, (remove) Florida Society or by the abbreviation.

Line 4 after "the" (add) *NSSAR*. (Remove) National Society or by the abbreviation.

Line 5 at beginning of line (add) *501.c.(3)*.

Section 2, Chapters and Regions

Line 1 after the 11th word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR*, (remove) Florida Society.

Section 3 Members

First line after first word, "The" (add) *FLSSAR*. (Remove) Florida Society.

Line 2 (add as first phrase) *NSSAR* (remove) National Society.

Last word: (add) *NSSAR* (remove) National Society.

Section 4: Annual Meeting

First line after first word, "The" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida Society.

Line 4 at the eighth word, "annual" (remove) lower case a and replace with capital A. After twelfth word "the" (add) *NSSAR* and (remove) National Society.

Line 5 after the eighth word "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida Society.

Section 5 Special Meeting

First two words, (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) State Society.

Line 2 After the eighth word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida State Society.

Line 3 After the Twelfth word "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 4 After the seventh word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida Society.

Section 6 Ladies Auxiliary (LAFSSAR)

Line 1 After the ninth word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida Society.

Line 2 After the third word "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Society.

Line 3 After the third word "be" (add) *known as* (remove) styled.

Line 6 After the fifth word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Society.

Line 7 After the ninth word, "the" (add) *FLSSAR*, (remove) Society.

Line 8 After the first word, "The" and the tenth word "the" (add) *FLSSAR*, (remove) Society.

Line 9 After the second word "the" (add) *BOM* or *the*, (remove) Board of Management.

Article II The Board of Management

Section 1 Membership

Line 1 After the fourth word "the" (add) *BOM*, (remove) Board of Management.

A.

Line 1 After the seventh word, "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 3 After the fifth word "officer" (add) *of NSSAR* (remove) of the National Society.

B.

Line 1 After the sixth word "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 6 After the last "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

C.

Line 2 After the eighth word "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 4 After the fifth word "the" (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 5 After the last word “the” (add) *BOM*.

Second Paragraph:

Line 1 After the fourth word “the” (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 2 After the eighth word “the” (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Society.

Section 2 Powers

Line 1 Second word (remove) Board.

F.

Line 2 Last word (add) *these* (remove) this.

H.

Line 3 Fourth word (add) *NSSAR* (remove) National Society.

Section 3 Meetings

Line 1 Second word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

D.

Second Paragraph

Line 3 Fourth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Last word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board.

Line 5 First word (remove) mailed.

Sixth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 6 Eighth word (add) *BOM*

Last five words (remove) of the Board of Management.

Section 4 Quorum

First Paragraph

Line 1 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management

Line 3 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Article III Officers

Section 1 Titles

First Paragraph

Line 4 Eleventh word (add) *may be*.

Line 5 Before the title of each officer (remove) the letter A.

Line 6 Before the title of each officer (remove) the letter A and or an.

Section 2 Nominating and Election of Officers

A. Nominations

(1) Nominating Committee

(A) Line 2 and Line 3 First word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 3 Eighth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 9 First word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

B. Line 6 Fourth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

(2) Nominations from the floor

Line 2 Eighth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

B. Qualifications of Nominees

Section 3 Additional Officers

Line 1 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 4 National Trustee

Line 1 After first word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 3 Fifth word (add) *NSSAR* (remove) National Society.

Article IV Duties of Officers

Section 1 President

First paragraph

Line 1 at the end of the line (add) *BOM*.

Line 2 First three words (remove) Board of Management.

Section 2 Senior Vice President

First Paragraph

Line 2 Sixth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 3 Regional Vice President

First paragraph

Line 1 Tenth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of.

Line 2 First word (remove) Management.

Line 7 After first word (add) *and*: eleventh word (add) *and/or*: after the last word I (add) *BOM*.

Line 8 First three words (remove) Board of Management.

Section 4 Secretary

C. Line 2 Seventh word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

F. Line 2 Seventh word (remove) chapter publications.

G. Line 2 Seventh word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Second paragraph

Line 2 Fifth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 6 Treasurer

B. Line 3 Third word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 8 Chancellor

Line 1 At the end (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 9 Chaplain

Line 1 After the second word (add) *if present* - after sixth word (add) *all*.

Section 11 Historian

Line 3 Fourth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 12 Sergeant - at - Arms

Last line Fourth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 13 Editor

First paragraph

Line 2 Third word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Article V Committees

Section 1 Executive Committee

Lines 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management where found.

Lines 16 and 17 Replace bold face type with regular type used in this document.

Section 2 Audit Committee

Line 4 Last words (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of.

Line 5 First word (remove) Management.

Section 3 Patriot Medal Committee

Line 4 After first two words "shall be" (add) *conterminous* (remove) coterminal.

Line 6 second word (add) *recipients* (remove) member/s.

Line 8 First word (add) *another* (remove) other.

Line 11 Tenth word (remove) A.

Line 14 Second word (add) *January meeting*

Paragraph 2

Line 1 Twelfth word after "medal" (add) *is*

Line 5 Ninth word (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Society.

Line 6 Twelfth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of.

Line 7 Last word (remove) Management.

Section 4 Medal and Awards Committee

B. (Add) *B*.

Line 2 Ninth word (remove) framed for hanging: and.

E. (Add) *E*.

Section 5 Finance Committee

Line 3 Fifth word (add) *conterminous* (remove) be terminal.

Section 6 Other Committees

First Paragraph

Line 4 Third word: after word "Management" (add) *or any member of*.

Line 8 Tenth word (remove) of - last two words (remove) Committee. Special.

Line 9 Fourth word change "committees" to *Committee* and (remove) of.

Committees are Described as Follows:

A. (4) Line 2 (add) *President* (remove) officer.

B. (1) At the end of the sentence (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

(2) At the end of the sentence (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

(5) Line 2 twelfth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

C. (1) Second line (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

(3) Line 3 Second word (add) *is*.

Article VI Financial Matters

Section 1 Reimbursements

First Paragraph

Line 2 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

(4)

Section 2 Expenses of the Secretary

First Paragraph

Line 2 First word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

C. Line 6 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 3 Fidelity Bond

First Paragraph

Line 1 First word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 5 Fifth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 5 Budget

Line 3 Eleventh word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 4 Fifth word (add) */October.*

Line 6 Fifth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 8 Third word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 10 Ninth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 13 Twelfth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 6 Emeritus Program

C. First word (add) paragraph designator C.

Second paragraph before last word "BOM" (add) */October.*

Article VII Chapters

Section 1 Status

Line 3 Second word (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Florida - after third word, "and" (add) *NSSAR* (remove) National.

Section 2 Purpose

Line 1 Last word (add) *FLSSAR* (remove) Society.

Section 3 Formation

Line 3 Last two words (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of.

Line 4 First word (remove) Management. - Seventh word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Line 5 Fourteenth word (add) *A.*

Article VIII Miscellaneous

Section 1 Resolutions

Line 3 Sixth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 2 Authority to Speak for the FLSSAR

Line 3 Eighth word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Section 3 Amendments

A. Line 2 Second word after word "Fall" (add) *October.*

Line 3 First word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

Sixth word after word "winter" (add) */January.*

Section 4 Rules of Order

Line 1 seventh word (add) *BOM* (remove) Board of Management.

The Committee recommends approval of these changes.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE PART II

Part I of the Report of the Bylaws Review Committee dealt entirely with housekeeping. When the term BOM was used, it was explained first that this was the Board of Management and in later references, it would be called *BOM*. The Florida Society, after having been mentioned, was explained that it would read *FLSSAR* in later references, etc.

Part II of the Report dealt with additions and deletions of various parts of the Articles. These are listed below:

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

LINE 7 - at the end of the present line (add) *A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the incumbent president.*

LINE 12 - at the end of the present line (add) *If the committee is elected by acclamation, voting will not be necessary.*

B QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEES

FIRST PARAGRAPH - After the last word (add) *Furthermore, each nominee, for the office of President and Senior Vice President, shall indicate their willingness and advise the Nominating Committee of any hindrance that might prevent them from attending all BOM meetings and all NSSAR meetings during the term of their elected office and to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during each year the office is held.*

SECTION 6 - HOLDING MULTIPLE OFFICES

LINE 3 (Remove) provided however, that the President may be elected to and concurrently hold the office of Editor.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - PRESIDENT

LINE 7 - At the end of the line (add) *He should also attend NSSAR and the South Atlantic District meetings, Commemorative Ceremonies, such as Revolutionary War Battles and he should attend as many of the Society's Chapter meetings as possible during his term of office.*

SECTION 4 - SECRETARY

FIRST PARAGRAPH

F. - Line 2 - seventh word (remove) - Chapter Publications.

H - New Paragraph - (add) - *Record and distribute to the members of the Executive Committee the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings in a timely manner.*

SECTION 6 - TREASURER

A. Line 4, first word (add) - *all* - (remove) - disburse. After the third word - (add) - *make all disbursements,* - Last three words of line - (remove) - the books of account for

From the end of Line 3 the paragraph will read: *"Maintain custody of all accounting records, make all disbursements and report periodically on the status ..."*

SECTION 10 - GENEALOGIST

At the end of the paragraph - (add) - *He shall assist the Registrar when called upon to do so.*

- (remove) - and

FIRST PARAGRAPH

B. Replace the paragraph with - (add) *to disseminate official information, such as minutes, notices and agenda for future meetings, financial, and other reports, announcements and the like; proposed bylaws amendments shall be published in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3BC.*

LAST PARAGRAPH. After the last word in paragraph - (add) *Expenditures which exceed the funding authorized by the current approved budget must be submitted, with rationale, to the Executive Committee before exceeding the current budget are made and not less than thirty days before the next BOM. The decision of the executive Committee is final but may be appealed to the BOM. Unapproved expenditures shall be considered and treated as personal expenses of the Editor.*

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

SECTION 4 - MEDAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

B - LINE 2 - Ninth word - (add) - *as determined by the Chairman and the maker of the request,* - (remove) - for hanging; and

C - LINE 1 - Third word - (add) , *designate the person who will present the medal or award and inform the President the name of the presenter.*

LINE 2 - Sixth word after "Chapters" - (add) - *and request that all chapters to report all medals and awards presented during the past year to the Chairman of the Committee and to the Secretary.*

LINE 8 - Tenth word - (remove) - of

Last two words - (remove) - Committee special

LINE 9 - Fourth word, change "Committees" to "Committee" and - (remove) - of

COMMITTEES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A. (4) Line 2 - (add) - *President* - (remove) - officer

ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL MATTERS

SECTION 1 - REIMBURSEMENTS

First Paragraph

Last line after last word - (add) - *Any expenditures not conforming to these bylaws will be considered and treated as personal expenses of the person so making the expenditure.*

SECTION 6 - EMERITUS PROGRAM

C. Last word - (add) - *Names of Emeritus III members will be kept confidential.*

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTERS

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

Line 3 - First word - (add) - *promote*

Last word - (add) - *for FLSSAR'S* - (remove) - *its*

SECTION 3 - AMENDMENTS

B. Line 2 - After the word "Patriot" - (add) - *and received for review by the membership in advance of the annual meeting.*

Line 3 - (remove) - *issued just*

END

The Committee recommends approval of these changes.

FLSSAR Committee Report

CAR Liaison

Chairman: Doug Bridges

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Fred Gaines, Jr.

Well we did it! The first commemoration of our LAST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was held on Saturday March 10, 2007, on the date 224 years before, at the Port of Canaveral Authority grounds, Port Canaveral. We had a fine day with lot of sun, about 400 people in attendance with a massed color guard of 200 men, women and children passing in review. We started off Friday with a grand reception in the host hotel. We gathered for an hour between 5 and 6 PM. for a time of fellowship and then on to a local restaurant where over 80 of us had dinner together. Saturday was a beautiful day. Ben Dubose and his gang began the set up before 8 AM others joined in as the morning went on. The area was in order by 9 A.M the Color guard gathered and was under the leadership of our own Col. Ed Young. We had 35 wreaths and presenters checked in by 9:55 AM. President Lindsey Brock started us off right on the minute of 10.A.M. We had greetings from several State and Brevard county people and had as our honored guest Secretary General Bruce Wilcox. The Brevard SAR dedicated the replica Cannon which is placed in front of the SAR Historical Marker and then had our unveiling of the state historical marker, which gave the story of this event. A special thanks to "Ben" Fowler and others who took pictures for the record of the day's events. Many people worked long and hard to put this first commemoration together and the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution is to hold our head high for a great event. We are now working for the big 225th celebration to be held in March 2008.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

At this time, the following members have indicated that they will be attending the National Congress to be held in Williamsburg, VA in early July.

Phillip Herbert Tarpley, Charles W. Riegle, John A. Williams, Jr., Harold (Hal) F. Miller, Jr.,
and Frank X. Hodalski

A signup sheet will be circulated during the meeting for others to indicate their intention to attend. Members may also email me.

I will prepare the credentials in early June and send them along with by law proposal information that will be forthcoming from National.

FLSSAR Committee Report

DAR Liaison

Chairman: George Lockhart

The following is a report of activities at the SAR table during the DAR 105th Annual State Conference, March 23rd and 24th, Orlando, Florida

Prior to the conference this Chairman restocked brochures and application worksheets from NSSAR. Enough copies were ordered that should sustain table operations for four future DAR conferences.

The table was manned from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 23 March and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 24 March, by Steve Williams, George Lockhart and Lindsey Brock. On Friday, Steve Williams was in period dress. On Saturday, both George and Lindsey were in Revolutionary War Uniform without weapons. Hal Miller assisted on Saturday for a short time. We maintained a visitor sign in sheet and collected 83 signatures. We would estimate that this represents about 95% of the total number of visitors to the table.

Ranking NSDAR visiting table: Linda Calvin, Recording Secretary General

Ranking FSSDAR visiting table: Rebecca Lockhart, State Regent

Ranking C.A.R. visiting table: Dr. Charlene Herreid, Senior State President, FS C.A.R.

We handed out copies of the application worksheet, and copies of the tri-fold materials and the information sheet regarding the NSSAR's \$500.00 award. There were several DAR daughters that indicated that they had a male family member that was interested in joining the SAR or that they hoped would be interested. We asked them of the location of the prospective SAR member and referred them to the SAR chapter closest to the prospective members if there were further questions or they needed help. We handed out about 25 each of the SAR brochures and about two Heritage CDs.

In our opinion this event was well received by all visitors and those interested in getting applications for family members seemed to appreciate the information and assistance provided. As always the uniforms tend to draw attention to the table.

The FLSSAR flag used at the table and all distribution materials and record keeping and information notebooks will be turned over to the new Chairman at the SAR Annual Meeting and Spring BOM.

Respectfully submitted:
George A. Lockhart

FLSSAR Committee Report

Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: David Ramseur
03/06/07

I want to publicly thank the six chapters which submitted applicants for this year's program. These chapters were St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Withlacoochee and Central Florida. Chapter participation is down from last year, hopefully there will be more participation from more chapters in the future. If your chapter does not have an Eagle Scout Chairman, please appoint someone and have them contact me at 904-737-0590 or email at ramseur@surfbest.net.

Eagle Scout Matthew Authement is our Florida Society State winner this year submitted by President William Scott of the St. Petersburg Chapter. Matthew is a member of Troop (Crew) 219, chartered to the St. Raphael Church, located in St. Petersburg, FL. He will be presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 from our society at our Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday April 28. He has made the Headmaster's list every term, has earned 82 merit badges, served in a number of scouting leadership activities, volunteered on various conservation projects. In one of those projects he has cleared by hand using shovel and hand saw over two acres of Invasive Brazilian Pepper Trees. In another project he directed 15 youth and 18 adults in planting 360 plants in a bird habitat. He has also

collected a \$500 donation and relief supplies for the American Red Cross account of Hurricane Charley's devastation. I could go on and on as Matthew's scholarship application covers 32 pages whereas only most applications are around six pages.

Our first runner up was Eagle Scout Eli Nuzzi from the Withlacoochee Chapter who was last year's winner. He was presented a Florida Society check in the amount of \$500.00 at a recent chapter meeting. Scout Benjamin Weide from the Jacksonville Chapter was judged to be Second Runner-up and will be presented a check of \$250 from our Florida Society.. Both of these two Eagle Scouts had numerous awards as many of the other chapter winning applicants did and I hope to see them all who have not turned 19 in 2007, competing again in next year's scholarship program.

Once again let me stress the importance of the Eagle Scout Program as well as all of our SAR youth programs. Lets all make an effort to support our youth who participate in these programs, who will become the future leaders of this great nation tomorrow.

David H. Ramseur
Chairman,
FLSSAR Eagle Scout Committee

FLSSAR Committee Report Education Committee

Chairman: Harry Hollien
Vice Chair Ronald Toops

In late February and early March we received information that Past Governor Robert Graham and Past Representative Lou Frey were working with Governor Crist and the Florida Senate and House on a bill which would require that Civics be placed into the Sunshine Standards and also the FCAT. Their effort also included the creation of a "Center for Citizenship", which would meet at the Lou Frey or the Robert Graham institutes. This bill became ultimately SB1234 and was sponsored by Senator Don Gaetz.

Members of the FLSSAR Education Committee began discussion this legislation. The basis of this legislation was from Jason Caros and Jack Bovee of the FASSS (Florida Association Social Studies Supervisors), who has hired a new lobbyist and has kept us aware of the progress of the bill. We recently launched an effort to get members to write to their local senators and to the Senate Education Committee to express support.

Since that time, the Florida House has created HB7151, which is much more comprehensive and in principle, meets our objectives. Our objective over the last several years has been to get American History and Government back into importance within our Florida Public School systems. The house legislation has several key items: 1) Replace the title, "Sunshine Standards" to "World Class Education Standards", 2) Create an Advisory Council made up of outstanding teachers, 3) provide in the standards, a 'complete' education program, which includes social studies, with an emphasis on history, government and civics, 4) require addition of tests (FCAT) to measure student's knowledge of social studies, with an emphasis on history, government and civics. There is much more to this bill, including the addition of requirements for a plan for articulated world-language curriculum. For details go to www.myfloridahouse.com.

Recently, after some discussion within the committee, we again asked Florida Society leaders and members to write to their senators and representatives, expressing their support for SB1234 and HB7151. We are pleased to have evidence that already a number of members have written, emailed and talked to their representatives. The feedback from these legislators has been supportive.

At the time of this report, it appears that HB7151 has moved successfully through all house committees and is awaiting to be scheduled on the house floor for a vote. SB1234, it is believed, is being held up as expected, with an evaluation of the appropriateness of the "Center for Citizenship". I have personally expressed to FASSS personnel and some legislators that we should not allow this bill to die because of this item!

It has been stated by several contacts, that these bills, are strongly supported by Governor Crist and both the Senate and House leadership. The view is that they should easily come to the floor (s) for a vote and will pass.

In anticipation of passing joint legislation, which resembles HB7151, we are attempting to achieve membership on the Sunshine/World Class Education Revision Committee.

We have also requested participation in the Lou Frey and Robert Graham, "Center for Citizenship", if it is incorporated into the legislation. We will be meeting in the near future with the FASSS organization in Orlando. If anyone wishes to join our effort, let us know.

Report on Survey of Membership

Introduction

A survey of the wishes/needs of the FLSSAR membership was proposed in 2005; it was subsequently approved and funded by the BOM. A further purpose was to address a number of grievances that had surfaced during the previous 2-3 years and discover if they simply were isolated complaints or should be of serious concern to our Society. The survey was designed also to assess the efficiency of our programs and provide a conduit for constructive suggestions. The vehicle employed was of the positive type; one that would tap into the percepts and desires of our constituency.

A suggested version of the survey was submitted to the Executive Committee and the BOM. After two revisions it was approved and included in the Spring 2006 edition of *The Patriot*. Other copies were delivered directly to members attending chapter meetings when the undersigned visited them. Unfortunately, however, the announcement of, and explanations about, this program were omitted from *The Patriot*; hence only modest participation resulted. Accordingly, a second distribution of the 2-page survey was made (e-mailed) to chapters. Unfortunately, the explanations of this program's nature and purpose were *again* omitted from *The Patriot*. These two omissions led to the receipt of a large number of letters, e-mails and telephone calls wherein Compatriots asked what the survey was all about and why it was sent out with no explanations. In all, these unfortunate problems led to a response by only a little over 200 members (actually 12.2% of our membership). Since the survey was designed for a 20% or better response (which undoubtedly would have occurred if proper explanations had been permitted), the intended statistical analysis of the obtained data had to be discarded. Nevertheless, a great deal of useful information accrued. Included was intelligence that should provide future FLSSAR leaders with useful insights into ways to upgrade/improve our Society.

The Responses

A number of the communications/responses received were ones that could not be employed in the analyses that follow (they were **not** counted in this review, of course). First, several Compatriots commented -- sometimes at length -- about the critical need for a program of this type. Several others were not so kind. One compatriot simply printed "This is just another attempt to get more money out of me". Three responses contained nothing but a negative statement about the BOM ("an exclusive club" for example), three only complained about the food and its cost at chapter meetings and one did not like the form of the survey. Finally, three of the responses contained an attack on individual Compatriots. This type of response was not judged legitimate and, hence, they were discarded. Indeed, the undersigned would not have liked to have had comments of this type directed at him (had they occurred), hence, he declined to let them be published about others. In short, this report is based only on the responses from 197 Compatriots and does not include the 24 (inappropriate ones) cited above.

The BOM- General Member Contrast

In addition to the overall analysis, certain data breakdowns could be (and some were) carried out. For one thing, a contrasting of the responses made by the BOM members to those submitted by "general membership" Compatriots proved useful. Of the total, 35 respondees were clearly BOM members, 158 were not and 4 were in question. The BOM-nonBOM contrast was between the 35 and 158 with the remaining four members used only in the overall computations. It should be noted that, while there are roughly about 100 BOM members, only 38-50 regularly attend meetings; hence, a representation by 35 individuals from this group reasonably parallels the "active" BOM group. The demographics of the two segments are as follow.

Table 1.

Demographic	BOM Group		General Group	
Provided Name	Yes: 89%	No: 11%	Yes: 70%	No: 30%
Chapter Officer	Yes: 100%	No: 0%	Yes: 58%	No: 42%
FLSSAR Officer	Yes: 95%	No: 5%	Yes: 4%	No: 91%
Years Member SAR	Mean: 24	Range: 7-55	Mean: 11	Range: 1-45
Meeting Attendance	75% up	50-75%	Rarely	Never*
Chapter: BOM	79%	21%	—	—
Non-BOM	52%	14%	22%	12%
FLSSAR: BOM	63%	24%	13%	—
Non-BOM	6%	12%	21%	61%

* No answer was scored under “never”

Note that the BOM members exhibit greater experience with the SAR; they also show better attendance and (by implication) are of a more advanced age. A surprising feature: 11% of the BOM members and a full 30% of the general members chose not to provide their names. Moreover, the fact that 58% of the latter group had held chapter level leadership positions showed that this group was generally more committed than the bulk of the Florida SAR population.

Group Goals

Overall, the two groups listed pretty much the same reasons for being SAR members: patriotism (love of country and need to put it into action), pride in ancestors, fellowship, service to country and community, program support, and need to learn were the primary reasons. So too were the groups similar when rating the “positives” with respect to chapter meetings and the BOM/annual meetings. The SAR programs (especially the youth programs) rated high, as did Speakers and Fellowship. No statistically significant differences between the groups were found regarding these factors.

On the other hand, the desire/need for more and better communication was clearly apparent even before the meetings data were subjected to grading with 76% of the BOM Compatriots aware of the effort to upgrade our society but only 44% of the general members “in the know”. This problem became even more apparent when the grading of meetings was conducted. The **lack of good communication** was rated as the top problem by a majority of *all* FLSSAR members. Of course, only a portion of the general membership group rated the FLSSAR meetings at any level as over half of them have never gone to even a single one of them. Yet, overall, many general members scored poor information and *lack* of welcome as the most serious of problems.

Structure of the SAR

One of the surprising findings was that both 17% of the BOM and 17% of the general members indicated that they believed the SAR to be a **social** organization; in turn, 22% and 40% (respectively) of our respondees suggest that the SAR was a **service** organization only. It is clear that some confusion exists in the minds of a substantial number of our members as to what we are and what we should be. This issue is of great importance and should be addressed in the near future.

The Patriot

It should be remembered that, since this survey was conducted *before* the present editor was elected to that position, it tends to reflect prior issues -- just as some of the cited concerns about our state society would be mitigated as a result of the programs carried out during the past two years. In any event, both groups judged The Patriot to be more of a journal than a newsletter and rated it better in the first role (i.e., journal) even though they *preferred* it to be more of a newsletter. In general, there was some unhappiness with this publication with the BOM members somewhat harsher in their judgments than the other group. That is, the general membership rated The Patriot a little higher than did the BOM members. Moreover, it did not seem to matter whether an arithmetic or geometric scale was applied, all mean ratings scored it above the *inadequate* level (by 11-26 points) but well below the very good level (with scores ranging 10-25 or 4-17 points below it). Thus, the best overall rating that could be mustered for The Patriot (at that time anyway) was between average and a weak good. Further, it was in the actual assessment of The Patriot where its problems were revealed. A majority of the general Compatriot group indicated that it did not include anywhere near enough news about the chapters and their programs nor carry enough general

information or news about individual members. The BOM group concurred adding that the magazine should also be carrying more news about the Ladies Auxiliary. Some of these problems have already been corrected, but a few linger. Nonetheless, it seems that our members desire a publication that leans toward the Newsletter side of the equation.

Electronic Communication

It appears that most members are aware of the FLSSAR website (BOM: 97%; Non-BOM: 67%).

Surprisingly, however, over half of all respondees did not know its address (BOM: 40%; Non-BOM: 58%).

The problem with FLATALK proved very much more serious. Surprisingly only 49% of the BOM group indicated that they were aware of FLATALK and, in turn, only 37% indicated that they had signed up for it. The lack of awareness here was even more striking with respect to our general membership where less than 20% even knew FLATALK existed. "Never heard of it" was the most common response. It appears that a great deal of effort will be required to upgrade the effectiveness of our attempts to reach out to our membership electronically. Moreover, this effort will be hampered to some extent by the lack of computers, and/or their use, by the FLSSAR Compatriots. Indeed, 20% of all respondees volunteered that they either did not have a computer or did not use one. This finding would project to the realization that around a quarter of *all* Florida Compatriots cannot be contacted via the internet.

Comments by Members

Many of the problems we face as a Society have been demonstrated and/or implied by the reports/discussions above. As it turns out, the suggestions by our members are proving to be even more important. A few currently are being addressed but others are not and need to be. While many good suggestions were received, only those which have not been considered above and for which there was some *group* concern are included below.

1. As might be expected (especially from the above), the BOM itself took the most severe hit. A substantial number of the non-BOM members judged it to be a "closed" group which is not interested in the chapters or members. Some respondees hoped that a reduction of the "seeming endless" disputes among the "too few different" officers would lead to a more positive effort toward members and chapters; one of the long-term members indicated that he could not remember when "power-plays" weren't taking place. In any case, these perceptions exist and while they are inaccurate to some extent, they all should be addressed.
2. One of the greatest of our members concerns was with the critical need for both 1) better public relations and 2) a much greater thrust in this area. Of course, most of the questionnaires were completed before The History Fairs program was established and Public Affairs was split off from the Publicity committee. These efforts obviously are steps in the right direction. Nonetheless, calls for more publicity-worthy speakers, and a greater effort to portray our nature, goals, and programs, at both the state and community levels, were numerous. In short, many members felt that the appropriate effort in public relations was lacking.
3. Without a doubt, the desire for better organized links between the BOM (plus its officers) and the chapters/members was a prevailing concern. As a matter-of-fact, many of the concerns/suggestions found below reflect this particular need. Some recommendations about continuing the effort to upgrade the role of the Regional Vice Presidents (that has been going on for the past 2-3 years) were received. However, even more of the nonBOM members requested that a greater number of the FLSSAR officers **interface** with the membership and that the BOM be generally less insular.
4. A general call for the recruiting of new members -- especially *younger* new members -- rippled through the responses. This was to be expected. Yet many of those respondees who could be identified as being in this (younger) category seemed put off by the lack of welcome they had received (they felt like "outsiders" they said). Several indicated that one of the major reasons they had joined the SAR was to learn about Colonial History (two humorously listed some of the programs they actually had heard instead) but had been disappointed; some may not be attending meetings because of a lack in *history* programs at all levels.
5. Expressions of concern about the lack of a useful Procedures Manual were scattered among a number of the respondees. The bulk of their suggestions were for an approach where a hard copy would be sent to the chapters (as well as electronically placed on our website). It was suggested that a package of annual updates (new officers, new deadlines, etc.) be sent in a form wherein it would **not** be necessary to reprint the entire manual.
6. Fiscal responsibility at the state level also took a hit. Three problems were identified as major: 1) the lack of effort to increase the Endowment Trust Fund (ETF), 2) the lack of a reasonable *return* on the money held by the fund and 3) its inability to meet the needs of the chapters. A number of suggestions relative to reorganization and reinvestment were made. Some already have been accomplished during the past two years but more appear needed.

7. Finally, a number of other suggestions (some rather good) were scattered among the respondees. Prominent were ways 1) to speed up applications, 2) to make the BOM meetings more efficient, 3) to improve communication with the chapters (one was that the Executive Committee should prepare **brief** monthly reports and send them to the chapters), 4) to enhance attendance at meetings (one of these was to establish associate membership and/or broadening of the "76'ers" program where it exists), 5) to keep the website up-to-date, 6) to provide stories and information for chapter newsletters. There were others.

As would be expected, the survey provided a vehicle for a number of Compatriots to express their frustrations and disappointments even though most of their suggestions were positive in nature. Anyway, some complaints were trivial, others were only too real -- and important. On the other hand, some of the expressed opinions were simply not fair. Nonetheless, the information provided is useful in a number of ways. Two are of special importance. First, a number of the "hot spots" are identified. While some of them already are known to the BOM and the FLSSAR officers, others were not. Happily, some can be mitigated quite easily (or already are in the process of being addressed). Others will require some effort. The second of the two is almost as important as the first. Specifically, some of the impressions about the activities at the "state level" appear to be distorted. If not corrected, they could become "the reality". In any event, the mechanisms used to improve communication and upgrade the exchanges between the BOM and our members/chapters should contain a healthy public relations component.

It also can be said that most of the over 200 individuals who responded in various and sundry ways showed that they care a great deal about our great country and this fine organization. The best way to thank them for their effort -- and their other accomplishments -- is to make our Society as great a one as we possibly can.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Hollien, Ph.D.
Chairman

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee

Chairman: Dick Fowler

All forms of information available were used to publicize The Last Naval Battle Ceremonies which took place at Cape Canaveral on March 20, and it was a most successful National event. We plan on making this an NSSAR annual event and have developed channels of communication with interested parties that will be helpful in the future.

The FLSSAR web site no longer uses much information that had been available in the past to attract viewers to the Florida Society web pages. Many articles and other information has been removed, resulting in a likely reduction of over seventy-five percent of the hits that we were getting in the past on our web site.

Chapter information remains sketchy, and there are only nine of the twenty-nine chapters listed that have been linked to. Five of these nine state sites have officer listings that conflict with the flssar.org listing of chapter officers.

Netscape viewers still do not get the control bars on the top of the www.flssar.org home page and are not likely to know that information is available. As a result, many of them probably quickly move on to other web sites.

Since the necessary script has been removed from all www.flssar.org web pages, we are no longer able to track activity through our Website Traffic Report; so it has not been possible to offer any statistics in this area.

Richard Q. Fowler
Chairman, Information Technology Committee

FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy

Chairman: Alvie Davidson

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

I'm pleased to report the results of this year's contest.

- 1st Place:** **Jason Byer, Jacksonville**
 "An imaginary letter of historical facts from the Marquis de Lafayette to his wife, Adreinne"
- 2nd Place:** **Jonathan Samuelson, Tarpon Springs**
 "The American Revolution: A Testament to Defiance"
- 3rd Place:** **Jennifer Barrows, Coral Springs**
 "Were the American colonists justified in declaring war with Britain?"

The new format of the contest worked well. On the plus side, we received positive feedback concerning the website and the ease of entry for the contest. There was significantly less confusion for the students from when they had to find a local contest to enter. The students who signed up for our email reminders seemed to like the material we sent and we were able to do a much better job of promoting the SAR to these students. The stability of the website and entry information should be a benefit going forward.

We must report two negative aspects of the new format. The committee intentionally reported to the BOM their consideration to change the contest from local to state level at the Fall 2005 and Winter 2006 BOM's. While we knew the idea had significant merit we thought the change might adversely affect local chapters and solicited input months before proceeding. No chapter responded with any complaints or concerns about the idea. At the Spring 2006 BOM, we asked for a discussion and vote. No opposition was shown so we proceeded with the new plan.

Once put into place however, 3 chapters voiced complaints to the change. Saramana was particularly outspoken in their opposition. Their concerns had merit but we were already committed, by BOM mandate, to proceed. We can only offer our regrets that the objections were not voiced at some point during our 7 month deliberation on the topic. They would have been greatly appreciated at that time.

For the 2007-2008 contest we have slightly altered things to allow chapters to conduct local contests if they choose. There are some drawbacks to this approach but we are hoping that the compromise will assist those chapters who value a local contest.

The second negative for the 2006-2007 contest was the number of entries. We had hoped the new format would work to improve the number of essays submitted. We saw no improvement from prior years. It is difficult to pinpoint a specific cause for the low number of entries for this year's contest as well as contests in past years. We are hoping that ground work laid this year might payoff in next year's contest. If not, we will suggest that the BOM re-examine our commitment to this and the other youth contests to determine if these efforts continue to be the best use of our resources to further our mission.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Good Citizenship

Chairman: Douglas North

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

History Fairs

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Gordon Greenwood

The 2007 Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest was held at the Winter BOM Meeting at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee starting at 1:00 PM on Fri., Jan. 19. Four chapters entered contestants in this year's contest.

The final results were as follows:

1st Prize (\$1000)- Jason Byer, Jacksonville

2nd prize (\$500)- Ashley Forrest, Naples

3rd Prize (\$250)- Phillip Marino, Saramana

4th Place (\$100)-Arash Nasajpour, Treasure Coast

In addition to the above prizes, Shirley Jones, Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary, awarded additional prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 to the first three finishers.

Jason Byer, the first prize winner, will represent the FLSSAR at the NSSAR national contest at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, VA, on Sunday, July 8."

The following compatriots conducted the contest. The three judges were Lonnie Jones of Pensacola, Randy Moody of Withlacoochee, and Jay Wise of St. Lucie River. David Ramseur of Jacksonville served as timer, Gordon Greenwood of Gainesville was the prompter, and the doormen were Les Matheson of Emerald Coast and Hall Riediger of St. Lucie River.

Special thanks are also extended to the local chapter contest chairmen, Peter Douglas of Saramana, Sam Freas of Treasure Coast, Charles Cortright of Naples, and David Ramseur of Jacksonville.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon Greenwood, Chairman

FLSSAR Committee Report

Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Harry Hollien

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Liberty Tree

Chairman: Gene Brown

Liberty Tree information was recently sent to David Kelsey, President of the Flagler Chapter. In a telephone conversation this past week, he advises that their plans are to plant a tree in Palm Coast on May 01 and dedicate the tree with a ceremony and bronze plaque on July 4th.

This will make a total of 26 trees planted since the program started in 2000.

Packets of information were also sent to the William Henry Harrison Chapter in Monticello, IN and the Cascade Centennial Chapter in Bellevue, Washington. David Kelly of the William Henry Harrison Chapter hopes they will be able to make a planting before the end of this year.

FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman: Lindsey Brock
April 21, 2007

Chairman: Lindsey Brock, Jacksonville Chapter
Committee Members: Frank Hodalski, Saramana Chapter and George Lockhart, Jacksonville Chapter.

BOM meeting dates have been established with the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway of Kissimmee, FL for the years 2007-2008. The dates are as listed below:

Summer BOM meeting – July 26-27, 2007
Fall BOM meeting – October 26-27, 2007
Winter BOM meeting – January 18-19, 2008
Annual BOM meeting – May 2-4, 2008

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.

Please continue to inform the members of this committee about matters which you deem should be directed to the attention of the hotel. If your chapter would like to host one of the above listed BOM meetings, please contact Frank Hodalski, George Lockhart or me.

FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

This committee has met electronically and membership promotion and retention ideas came in from all over the State. Many chapters contributed the following list of suggestions and we thank them for their participation in this most important chapter activity. Not all of these suggestions are right for all chapters, but in the list are items that may help your chapter encourage more eligible men to seek membership and more of your members to renew annually. Please save this list as it is not in print any place else. Remember, a chapter which is not actively recruiting every month will soon be a dying chapter.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CHAPTERS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Following are some suggestions which chapters might use to help recruit and retain chapter membership. Many chapters contributed to this list and we thank them for their contribution. If anyone has other suggestions on how this life blood of our Society can be increased, please pass this information on to the Membership Promotion & Retention Committee. The following are not listed in any order of importance. All are considered good and all came from various chapters and Compatriots in our Florida Society.

1. Contact the National Society and give them the Postal ZIP Codes for the counties served by your chapter. Ask National for a list of any SAR members who have moved into those Zip Code areas. Then make a personal contact with the individual about joining your chapter.
2. In your chapter newsletter, ask you chapter membership to "talk-up" SAR at every opportunity. Don't hide you membership. Make SAR a matter for public discussion.
3. In your chapter, help make SAR, DAR and CAR function as one. If your chapter recruits a new SAR member, ask if he has any children or grandchildren who might become CAR members and a wife who might be interested in DAR
4. Anytime the Color Guard participates in an event, it is an excellent opportunity to give out brochures about membership in SAR.
5. Chapters should participate in Genealogy Seminars by having a recruiting desk complete with members in Colonial Uniform and plenty of SAR literature. Advertise the fact that the chapter will assist prospective members in the application process.

6. History Fairs are an excellent place to talk about SAR membership and to distribute SAR literature.
7. Members of other lineage societies (i.e. The Society of Colonial Wars, Mayflower, Founders and Patriots, etc.) are excellent candidates for membership in SAR.
8. It has been stated that the entire question of attracting members rests on the focus of the chapter. Is the chapter a viable and working chapter in the state society, or is the chapter simply a "meet and eat" chapter? These are the real benchmarks. If there is nothing going on to interest a new member who has just paid hundreds to join and be recognized for his patriot, then that member will drop within one or at the most two years if not given a reason to stay.
9. Initiating new programs, especially programs involving the youth, can involve grass-roots participation of the membership with little or no cost other than the time involved.
10. Request a list of the "dropped" members of your chapter from the State Secretary. A personal call, asking them to renew their membership, might prove successful.
11. Suggested Bylaw if the chapter adopts the idea of Associate Membership. A suggested Bylaw for the Chapter Constitution is available upon request from the Senior Vice President.
12. Contact the dropped members and encourage them to renew their membership.
13. Ask a new member what program he would like the chapter to participate in.
14. Ask the new member what he is interested in doing to promote the SAR objectives.
15. Use provisional membership in case of a natural disaster (hurricane, flood, tornado, etc.).
16. If the member is confined to a nursing home or assisted living facility, forgive State and Chapter dues. Note: This would require State and Chapter agreement.
17. Create a "Helping Hand" Fund in the chapter to take care of dues needs for confined members.
18. On the chapter dues notice, ask for extra dollars to be used to pay the dues for members who for whatever reason can not afford the dues.
19. Hold a retreat of officers and committee chairs to brainstorm ideas on how to retain and attract new members.
20. Work closely with the DAR. Many of the DAR husbands are eligible for SAR membership, but have not been invited or encouraged by their DAR wife.
21. Be sure to recognize the DAR for any prospects they supply who become members of SAR. Remember, there is a medal available for DAR members who provide three SAR members.
22. By sending in the appropriate Zip Codes to National, request a list of any SAR members who have moved into those areas from other State Societies.
23. Use the email to communicate with members between chapter meetings. Keep them informed.
24. Improve communications between the officers and members of the chapter.
25. Provide a written job description for every chapter position, both officer and committeeman.
26. Ask other organizations what they are doing to attract new members. Talk to them about SAR and see if you can recruit from that organization to SAR.
27. Create a membership brochure. Put the brochure in libraries and distribute copies to other organizations.
28. Pay the Life Membership fee for older members who can not afford it.
29. Have joint "business" meetings with DAR chapters to discuss membership recruitment.
30. Advertise SAR! Put the chapter meeting information in as many local newspapers as possible each month.
31. Schedule table set-ups where the chapter can promote the society and the chapter.
32. Make a serious attempt to get the local news media to attend as many of the chapter events as possible.
33. Be sure to "cash in" on the Keynotes to History discs which are available for your local radio stations.
34. Have a chapter color guard and provide it to some other organizations in addition to participating in Veterans Day parades, Christmas parades, etc. Show the colors!
35. Many members will not, or can not, purchase or make a colonial uniform for the color guard. Encourage all of the chapter members to purchase a tricorne hat and wear it with your blazer. It attracts attention and it advertises the SAR.
36. The Daytona-Ormond chapter has a website which advertises "Researching Data for SAR Applications." They state that this can be used by any chapter, but it does have local references that may or may not be available in other locations. Look it up. It may give your chapter some ideas on how your chapter can create its own website.

Many thanks to the many chapters who contributed to the above list of ideas. There are certainly many other innovative ways to promote and retain membership in our chapters and those listed above are only a few. Keep sharing your ideas with your fellow Compatriots. They will thank you!

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Terence Walton

21 April 2007

Members: Donald P. Humphrey; Albert C. Little; John D. Tinney, Grant R. Wallin; Terence M. Walton.

The Committee received a quarterly statistical report for the period 1/1/07 through 03/3/07 from Michael Jones, NSSAR Librarian-General. 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 51 personal and chapter members (down from 53 on 10/31/06), 23% of the national total.

FOL funds are used to supplement the regular library operational budget, providing new services such as database subscriptions, books, and other materials for the library collection. This is quite separate from fund-raising efforts for the proposed **Center for Advancing America's Heritage**, the new building that will house the NSSAR Library. The Committee urges all FLSSAR members and chapters to actively support this crucial building program. More information can be obtained on the NSSAR website (**CAAH**).

During the 1st quarter of 2007, the SAR Library added 87 new books, served 380 in-house users, assisted with 561 in-house research requests, acknowledged 160 letters, responded to 211 research requests by mail, and answered 138 research requests by phone (data reported by Michael Christian, NSSAR Librarian).

The committee wishes Michael Jones, NSSAR Librarian-General, a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

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 . Those newsletters for the year 2006 were judged by an ad hoc committee at the Fall Board of Management Meeting. We wish to thank Compatriots Steve Williams, Alvie Davidson and Harry Hollien for being members of that committee and judging the newsletters. The newsletters were then sent on to the National Newsletter Committee Chairman for consideration for the Carl F. Bessent Award.

The Poor Paul Award for the best newsletter in 2006 will be announced and the cash prize awarded at the Awards Banquet, Friday evening, April 27, 2007.

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.

Date: April 22, 2007

In my last Committee Report of Jan.11, 2007, I stated that "Since October 22nd another 200 emails at a time were sent out on 10 occasions, a total of 35 occasions since May 1, 2006, so that about 7000 emails were received by 200 recipients. Since Jan. 12, 2007, another dozen have been sent out through April 15th, so that another 2400 puts the figure at 8400 emails for the 2006-07 program year.

I mentioned in this last Committee Report that Frank Hodalski, a member of this Committee, in addition to currently acting as State Parliamentarian and Chairman of the State History Committee, also serves as the Sub-Chair of the Flag Program for the FLSSAR. Our Committee Charter includes this program as one of its functions which involves competition for the NSSAR Rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award presented to the State Societies with the best Flag Program and Chapter participation. Frank at his local chapter, Saramana SAR, presented his Chapter Flag Program at our monthly luncheon a few days after my BOM report of Jan. 11th was written. I knew it was going to be good, but not this good.

Here are the results as written in the monthly newsletter "**The Quill and Bugle, Saramana Chapter, FLSSAR, January 26, 2007...** CHAPTER NOTES: FLAG APPRECIATION: Coordinator Frank Hodalski presented an outstanding number of recipients for the Flag Certificate that included seven individuals and groups of which Tervis Tumbler (Earl Shaw), Venice Gondolier (Bob Vedder), LCol. Dorman Graig, Rolph Weiss and John A. Williams Jr. were present to be recognized. Frank delivered her certificate to Dr. Laurie Walmsley, DVM, Ashton Animal Clinic that afternoon, and he and President Phillip (Tarpley) will deliver the certificate to Bay Village on January 25. The remarkable total of seven certificates being presented in one year is, to the best of every ones memory, an all time record. Congratulations to Frank and all who assist."

As To Other Activities:

Feb. 7th-Attended the monthly local Sara De Soto Chapter DAR, Sarasota, along with DAR wife Pru-Ann..

Feb. 11th-Attended, along with Pru-Ann, the Silver Tea Party, a fund raising event held at the new home of Carolyn Van Helden, Regent, Sara De Soto Chapter DAR, Sarasota.

Feb. 15th- Met with Ron Toop, Vice Chairman, FLSSAR Education Committee, at my home to discuss:

1. the upcoming Florida legislative session,
2. the bill drafting deadline having closed late January,
3. the late timing of the joint bipartisan report "Enlisting a New Generation of Florida Citizens" from Lou Frey and Bob Graham which was recently presented to Gov. Charlie Crist, state legislators, Dept.of Education & educational organizations
4. Jack Bovee's "Legislative Alert # 6".- the FCAT of civics this session.

In my humble opinion, without civic literacy ultimately there never will be student literacy..

George Washington had it right in his final State of the Union address in 1796: "A primary object... should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing...than communicating it to those who are Guardians of the liberties of the country ?"

Feb. 17- George Washington Luncheon in uniform-Nick & Jean Catsakis honored for being **great** supporters of SAR though not members..

Feb. 22-24 Leadership (Trustee) Meeting in Louisville; Attended: Finance, GWE Disbursements, ROTC Committee Meetings

March 9- Saramana Chapter SAR-Monthly Luncheon-Law Enforcement Awards- served as Chaplain

March 9-10th - Cape Canaveral-Color Guard - Last Naval Battle-John Barry's victory

March 17th- 9:30AM - Color Guard - raised United States Flag @ 10AM-Manatee Historical Park, Bradenton, FL

March 23-24 Annual DAR State Conference in colonial uniform

April 13th- Saramana Chapter SAR- Fire, Safety, Heroism Awards;

DURING Jan, Feb, March, & April, '07: As a Trustee of FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund & Operating Budget Trust Fund-much communication with Ted Duay by phone & email; Income for ET Fund in 2007 available for distribution to chapters in 2008 is estimated to be well over last year.

Palm Beach Chapter

17 April 2007 the Palm Beach Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 17 April 2007 chapter meeting:

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Timothy Barbusio, Investigator Lake Worth Police Department, Lake Worth, FL
Tristram R. Moore, Sergeant Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Endora Thurmond, Deputy Sheriff Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Jeffrey T. Ryich, Sergeant Palm Beach Police Department, Palm Beach, FL

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Bruce Dash, Battalion Chief Palm Beach Fire/Rescue, Palm Beach, FL
Ryan A. Kissel, EMT West Palm Beach Fire/Rescue, West Palm Beach, FL

No media coverage for these 17 April 2007 presentations.

St. Augustine Chapter

28 December 2006 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at Putnam County Emergency Services, 120 Orié Griffin Blvd., Palatka, FL

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

Chad Hutchinson, Paramedic Putnam County EMS, Palatka, FL

No media coverage for this 28 December 2006 presentation.

24 January 2007 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at St. John's County Commission Auditorium, Administration Bldg. 4020 Lewis Speedway, U. S. 1 North, St. Augustine, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

David B. Shoar, Sheriff St. John's County Sheriff's Department, St. Augustine, FL
Manuel Gonzalez, Deputy St. John's County Sheriff's Department, St. Augustine, FL

No media coverage for these 24 January 2007 presentations.

26 February 2007 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the Palatka Police Department, 110 N. 11th Street, Palatka, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Andrew Snyder, Corporal Palatka Police Department, Palatka, FL

No media coverage for this 26 February 2007 presentation.

FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity

Chairman: Robert Raup

There were seven Chapters entered in the 2006 Earl Marlin Publicity Contest. They were: Lakeland, Lake Sumter, Pensacola, Saramana, St. Augustine, St. Lucie River, and Withlacoochee.

Monetary awards and ribbons will be given following the Friday night dinner on April 27.

Robert A. Raup
Chairman, Publicity Committee, FLSSAR

FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC

Chairman: Mark Kilgore

The Committee is pleased to announce Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Tezdy Hernandez, Fort Walton Beach High School, Emerald Coast Chapter, as the FLSSAR 2006-2007 Outstanding JROTC Cadet. The 1st Runner-up is Cadet 1st Lieutenant Ian Corrigan, Apopka High School, Central Florida Chapter. This year there was no 2nd Runner-up (3rd Place). A total of seven nomination packages were submitted (Central Florida, Clearwater, Emerald Coast, Jacksonville, Naples, Palm Beach, and Withlacoochee), and the final selection was a difficult task for the Committee.

Four of the nominations were disqualified as their essays did not meet the minimum word criteria, and one was disqualified for submitting a Sophomore nominee. This was especially disheartening to the Committee as detailed instructions and criteria were sent directly to the Chapters well in advance (September 12, 2006).

Both of the overseas DOD-sponsored JROTC Units, Alexander M. Patch American High School in Stuttgart, Germany and Antilles Military Academy, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico were mailed the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate were mailed with a cover letter for presentation at their awards ceremonies in May. These were mailed on January 30, 2007 in accordance with the Senior Military Instructors' desires.

Communications is the benchmark for success with any program. Over the past two years extensive effort has been made to "get the word out". The Committee Chairman again directly received numerous requests for Bronze JROTC Medals from the Senior Military Instructors or via the NSSAR National Chairman.

As mentioned in previous reports, this program offers a great venue for public relations and as a conduit for other youth programs such as the Eagle Scout, Rumbaugh Oration, and Knight Essay Contests.

Finally, a BRAVO ZULU to each member of the Committee this year for their diligence, constructive criticism, and most of all their support.

FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs

Chairman: Richard Friberg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report American History Teacher Award

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

In our last report we articulated several ways by which we might proceed with a program to recognize outstanding history teachers in our schools. There has not been much feedback but that which we received has been highly useful. It has also left us without a single way by which to proceed. Each idea offered in our report and several other alternatives have been found to have flaws that would significantly compromise their usefulness.

As an example, we pursued the possibility of running a contest in some similar manner to the way we conduct the youth contests each year. Discussions revealed that our winner might not represent the best or even a quality history teacher. One instructor observed that while they'd be grateful for the honor they would prefer to devote their time to their teaching rather than to filling out forms and writing essays to gain recognition. In fact, they suggested that the type of teacher that would enter such a contest would be one that likely was more interested in the award than their students. We confirmed this thought with other instructors and quickly saw the significance of the observation.

Further, based on the National rules as they stand, there was no way to guarantee the accuracy of any statement made by a teacher regarding their instruction. In other words, they could write of their commitment to teaching the colonial period but we'd have no way of determining if this was in fact done each year.

We then have two core problems. The first is finding the right history teachers to recognize. The second is to determine the best way to accomplish this recognition.

The latter problem is fairly easy to solve. A cash prize, recognition at a dinner, or a continuing education seminar are just some of the possibilities. The former however is the real dilemma and we currently don't have a workable solution.

At this point we are working on a plan by which we would encourage local chapters to do something to recognize outstanding history teaching in their area. This committee would send to the chapters detailed

suggestions of things they might do during the school year and then ask for feedback on the results of their efforts. Our hope is that practical experience on a local level might guide us as we enlarge this program.

Finally, we realize that many chapters do not have the financial resources to take on this program. Yet it is not clear whether the state society views this project as having sufficient priority to warrant offering assistance to the chapters. Perhaps in the future it could be added to the list of items eligible for reimbursement from the Endowment Trust Fund but we think it is premature to do that at this time. Instead we plan to discuss with the Executive Committee the possibility and advisability of creating a budget line item of \$1000 in the 2007-2008 budget for this committee. Our intent would be to divide this money between interested chapters for them to use to finance a history teacher recognition program. If the membership thinks this is an appropriate approach we will develop and provide administrative details for the Summer BOM to approve.

In the interest of full disclosure, the Tampa chapter of which I am an officer will be asking for a portion of these funds to offset the cost of a recognition banquet currently in the planning stages should the state society offer such assistance.

FLSSAR Committee Report Middle School Outreach

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Frank Hodalski
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report New Chapter Development

Chairman: Steve Williams
Communication is continuing with interested parties in the Milton and Marianna areas. Applications have been received from prospective members in Marianna and are being processed. Members of the committee for the next year will be: Chair - Steve Williams, Ed Young, Ted Duay, and William Stevenson.

FLSSAR Committee Report Public Relations

Chairman: Ben DuBose
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report SAR-CAR Aide

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

We continue to contact the young men of the F.S.C.A.R. Societies to line-up their participation at our April 2007 Annual meeting. Thus far, approximately 4-5 have indicated a willingness to participate.

However, only two have sent in the complete data requested. If we have only two, it will be ok since the CAR Aids will only be used during the Youth Awards Luncheon.

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FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Ed Young
April 22, 2007

This report covers the period January 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007. During this period, nine applications for reimbursement grants have been received. Of those, six 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 \$553.30. Two applications are being processed and one application was just received and is waiting processing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

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FLSSAR Report Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young

April 22, 2007

The period of this report is from 21 January 2007 through 29 April 2007. Twenty-four Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Winter BOM on 19 January 2007. On 10 March 2007, 60 – 70 Guardsmen marched in the Captain John Barry Celebration Parade at Cape Canaveral, Florida on the occasion of the recognition of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The State Color Guard will parade, present and post the Colors at the 27 – 29 April 2007 FLSSAR Spring BOM and the Annual Meeting. 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 19 January 2007, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Cardell, Lockhart, Owens and Ramseur raised the flag for the morning assembly at Lone Star Elementary School in Jacksonville on 9 January 2007. On 10 March 2007, at Cape Canaveral, Guardsman FLSSAR President Brock led the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Commemorative Ceremony. Guardsmen Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur marched with the Brigade. Chapter President Puckett attended in "Bravo" uniform. Guardsmen Austin, Bosworth, Cardell and Lockhart Presented and Posted the Colors before 110 guests at a meeting of the St. Johns River Club held at the San Jose Country Club on 21 March 2007. . On 14 April 2007, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur Presented and Posted the Colors at the Rededication Ceremony of the Vaughan-Scott Family Cemetery on Amelia Island. John D. Vaughan was a veteran of both the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Ed Page III, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new commander. No activity during this period.

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen DuBose and S. Williams participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Hinman, Green, Ryan, Shapbell and Williams attended the funeral of Past Chapter President Jim Lane on 5 January 2007. On 6 January 2007, four Guardsmen manned a SAR Information Table at a joint SRA/DAR Genealogy Fair in Cocoa, FL. Guardsmen Davenport, Darby, Dibble, DuBose, Shapbell, Ryan and Williams assisted in the induction

of William Fuller into the Society on 13 January 1997. On February 15, Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Hinman and Ryan attended a Press Conference at the Cove Restaurant. Later that day, the same Guardsmen spoke about The Last Naval Battle Ceremony at the Cocoa Library. Six Chapter members wearing Tricorn hats attended the funeral of Past Chapter President Charles Corman's wife on 23 February 2007. On 24 February 2007, Guardsmen Davenport, Darby, Dibble, DuBose, Green, Hinman, Shapbell and Williams Presented the Colors at the Annual SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon. Guardsmen Davenport, Darby, Dibble, DuBose, Green, Hinman, Mustin, Ryan and Williams attended The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 10 March 2007.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsman Jantzen participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. On 10 March 2007, Guardsmen Jantzen, Wallin, and Kitchen, and Schafer in "Bravo" uniform, marched with the Brigade at the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Guardsmen Jantzen, Wallin and Kitchen attended the Navy JROTC Annual Parade & Military Inspection Ceremony at the Ridgewood High School in New Port Richey on 17 April 2007.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen North, Riediger and Wise participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Two Guardsmen participated in the annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service at the Faith Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie on 4 February 2007. On 10 March 2007, eight Guardsmen marched with the Brigade at Cape Canaveral in remembrance of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. There was no activity during this period.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen O. Bellamy and Legg marched and laid a wreath at the Recognition Ceremony of the Battle of Kettle Creek at Washington, GA on 10 February 2007. On 24 February 2007, Guardsman O. Bellamy and Lantz and Young in "Bravo" uniforms presented a SAR recruiting table at the Pensacola Chapter DAR Lineage Workshop held at the Pensacola Public Library. Guardsmen Kilgore, Legg, Lantz and Young participated with the Brigade at the Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, Florida on 10 March 2007.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen Miller and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen J. Williams, Reigle, Miller and Bradley opened the annual Manatee County Fair and manned a SAR Information Booth on 17 March 2007. On 22 March 2007, Guardsmen Reigle, Tarpley and Ashcraft manned a SAR Information Booth at the Crosley Estate Open House.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) John Thomson, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen Bridges, Miller and Pelton participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Miller, Williams, D. Pelton, C. Pelton and Sovacool Posted the Colors at the John McDonald DAR Chapter Anniversary Luncheon on 10 February 2007. On 28 February 2007, Guardsmen Miller, Williams, D. Pelton and C. Pelton Posted the Colors at the Miami Chapter SAR Annual Officer Installation Luncheon. On 10 March 2007, Guardsmen Bridges, Miller, D. Pelton and C. Pelton marched with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen Gaines and Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Two Guardsmen participated in the Color Guard during ceremonies at the Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration in Georgia on 10 February 2007. On 10 March 2007, three Guardsmen marched with the Brigade at the Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, Florida. One Guardsman presented a wreath for the Florida Society during the Battle of Guilford Courthouse ceremonies on 17 March 2007.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 13 January 2007, Guardsmen Sumner, J. Pardee, Rawson and P. Pardee Presented and Posted the Colors at a chapter meeting Honoring Eagle Scout members. Guardsmen Sumner, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Rawson and P. Moody marched with the Brigade at the Cape Canaveral Dedication to Honor Captain John Barry and the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War on 10 March 2007. On 16 March 2007, Guardsmen Sumner, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Rawson, Townsend, R. Moody and P. Moody marched in The Clover Leaf St. Patrick's Day Parade.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen London, Moody, Piper and Toops marched in the George Washington Memorial Parade in Eustis on 24 February 2007. On 10 March 2007, Guardsmen London, Moody, Piper and Toops marched with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral. Guardsmen Piper and Toops gave a talk about Patriot Daniel Morgan, Revolutionary War uniforms and weapons to over 100 Boy Scouts at their camp.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13 (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 19 January 2007, Guardsmen D. Cahill, S. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Seven Guardsmen Retired the Colors and officiated at the Naples "Patriotic Moment" ceremony on 5 March 2007. On 10 March 2007, Guardsmen and Chapter Officers, Don Cahill, Sam Cahill and John McCullough marched with the Brigade at the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. With the formation of our new camp, and the growing interest in dressing properly for the occasion, each of our monthly meetings now features a uniformed flag presentation. We had a substantial turnout for our Charter Day commemoration in March. The chapter picks up half of the cost of a uniform purchase for those members considering joining our camp.

N. Outpost C (Treasure Coast). On 19 January 2007, Guardsman Stevenson participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast & Voice of Old Glory" for the DAR in Brevard County on 13 January 2007. On 14 February, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast & Voice of Old Glory" for the Masonic Lodge in Stewart. Guardsman Stevenson marched with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony in Cape Canaveral on 10 March 2007. On 19 & 20 March, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast & Voice of Old Glory" at the Annual Vero Beach High School Concert. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast & Voice of Old Glory" for the Vero Beach Masonic Lodge on 21 March 2007.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, April 2006

The Annual Meeting convened following the Youth Awards Luncheon. Chaplain Schafer gave the Invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Vice President Brock. Carl Hoffmann led the SAR Pledge. Newell Kellogg requested the floor. He said that we had received a bill for the accounting work done on the Operating Budget Trust Fund and the Endowment Trust Fund. The bill covers the years from 2002-2005. The total bill was \$1161.55 with \$702.85 for the Endowment Trust Fund and \$458.70 for the Operating Budget Trust Fund. Newell moved and Alvie Davidson seconded that the bill be paid. Discussion followed. President General Roland Downing arrived. Senior VP Brock spoke to the issue recommending that the bill not be paid until the work is completed. Jack Coleman asked if the Society had a bill on letterhead that explained the charges. The answer was yes, the fee was for work performed regarding an accounting preparation through 4/27/06 for both funds. The bill contained the note: "Payments not received within 30 days of the date of this invoice are subject to 1.5% late fee per month". Newell withdrew the motion and Alvie withdrew his second. Carl Hoffmann moved that the action be deferred to the Executive Committee for resolution. Gerald Meeks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Hollien presented the President General Roland Downing who addressed the group. He talked about fund raising for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He provided a handout which discussed the progress toward educational outreach at SAR and showed a graph which showed a \$300,000 donation made in 1999 which started the fund raising activity. They need \$3 million to build the building and \$3 million for operation and maintenance of the building. Given the rate of fundraising it is possible with the cooperation of all members that construction could start in 18 months. Every member needs to contribute \$200. That would mean that the Florida Society's share would be \$320,000. He encouraged each chapter to make a donation. President Hollien distributed the post cards showing support of the National Society and its programs. He asked that the cards be signed and given to President General Downing. President Hollien asked for State Officer Reports and Statutory Committee Reports. Gerald Meeks, Chairman of the Medals & Awards Committee advised that Lonnie Jones had replace Al Snapp on the committee. Dick Fowler, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented his report on page 21 of the Quarterly Reports. President Hollien read the list of candidates and the office for which nominated:

President, Lindsey Brock; Senior Vice President, Grant Wallin, Jr.; Secretary, Kevin Yarnell; Treasurer, James Holyfield; Registrar, William Stevenson; Regional VP NW, Edward Young; Regional VP NC, Ronald Toops; Regional VP NE, Tom Beauchamp; Regional VP EC, Ben DuBose; Regional VP WC, Nelson Jantzen; Regional VP SE, Gerald Meeks; Regional VP SW, Donald Cahill; Chancellor, Carl Hoffmann; Chaplain, Charles Schafer; Recording Secretary, Joseph Motes; Genealogist, Alvie Davidson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Lonnie Jones; Member of the Executive Committee At Large, John Cahoon, Jr.; Historian, John Little; Parliamentarian to be appointed by the incoming President; "The Florida Patriot" Editor, Richard Fowler. He then asked for nominations from the floor. Carl Hoffmann nominated Philip Carr for the office of Trustee. Alvie Davidson seconded the nomination. Since there was no opposition a voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Phil Carr accepted the nomination. President Hollien then asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. John Tinney nominated Saul Montes-Bradley for the position of Senior Vice President. John did have a letter from Saul agreeing to serve in the position if elected. Motion seconded by Terry Walton. President Hollien asked if there were further nominations. Dick Friberg nominated Hal Miller as an Alternate Trustee. Hal Miller accepted the nomination. Alvie Davidson seconded the motion.. President Hollien asked for any further nominations from the floor. John Cahoon nominated Saul Montes-Bradley for "The Florida Patriot" editor. John explained that Saul had expressed a desire to continue to serve as editor. Phil Carr moved that the members vote on all offices that were uncontested and then take up those offices that were contested. Motion was seconded by Carl Hoffmann. The question was called on Phil Carr's motion and all voted in favor of the question. Then a voice vote was taken on Phil Carr's motion to vote on the uncontested offices. Motion passed unanimously. President Hollien pointed out that he thought that any officer except President could dually serve as editor of "The Florida Patriot". Carl Hoffman moved that a vote be taken on the most senior position of Senior Vice President first. The motion was seconded by William Stevenson. Kevin Yarnell confirmed that the bylaws do allow any officer other than the President to hold more than one office. Based on this Carl Hoffmann withdrew the motion and William Stevenson withdrew his second. Prior to the vote, President Hollien opened the floor to anyone who wanted to speak on behalf of either candidate for the contested offices. He limited it to three speakers for each candidate. No one spoke. President Hollien then appointed Lonnie Jones to hand out the ballots and Frank Hodalski, Gerald Meeks and PG Roland Downing as tellers. The first vote was taken on the office of Senior VP, Grant Wallin and Saul Montes-Bradley. PG Downing reported the results of the ballot vote for the position of Sr. VP. Saul Montes-Bradley received 19 votes and Grant Wallin received 41 votes. The tellers remained the same. President Hollien announced that the voting will be for the position of Editor of "The Florida Patriot", Saul Montes-Bradley and Dick Fowler, candidates. The tellers returned with the vote count for Editor. Saul Montes-Bradley received 24 votes and Dick Fowler received 34 votes. Jack Coleman moved that the ballots be destroyed. Motion seconded by William Stevenson. Motion passed.

President Elect, Lindsey Brock, Chairman of the Charter & By Laws Committee introduced the committee members and presented the propose by law changes. Those changes and committee recommendations are shown on page 23 of the Quarterly Report. Lindsey read each proposed change and the committee recommendations. Frank Hodalski advised that the Committee Chairman should make a motion in the affirmative so that a Yes is for passage and a No vote would be for no passage. The motion does not require a second. It was moved and seconded that a vote be taken on each proposed amendment with a yes vote being in favor of the proposed amendment and a no vote being opposed to the proposed amendment. Considerable discussion followed. The first amendment was voted on and was rejected. Discussion followed on the second amendment. President Elect Brock pointed out that the BOM Program Committee has already negotiated a contract with the hotel for four meetings in 2006-2007 and the Society would probably lose its negotiating position if we tried to change from 4 to 3 meetings. Kevin Yarnell invoked a point of order that the By Laws require that the proposed amendments be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting. He said that ballots were prepared and that all three proposed amendments were on the ballot. Discussion continued on the third proposed amendment. Regarding the second proposed amendment Ben DuBose moved that the proposal be modified to take effect following the April 2007 Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded by Jack Coleman and passed by voice vote. A ballot vote was taken on each proposed amendment. While the ballots were being tabulated President Hollien announced that there is a resolution being considered under Senate Resolution 89 and House Resolution 367 recognizing the centennial celebration of SAR receiving its congressional charter, on 9 June 1906. Members were asked to contact their representatives and encourage support of these resolutions. President Elect Lindsey Brock announced the appointment of Frank Hodalski as the Parliamentarian. Ballots were returned with the following results: First amendment regarding tenure of officers and committee chairman the vote was Yes=6, No=47, proposal rejected; second amendment regarding changing the number of meetings from four to three as amended by previous vote to take effect following the April 2007 Annual Meeting was Yes =17, No =34, proposal rejected; third amendment regarding the requirement for Assistants for selected offices was Yes=2, No=49, proposal rejected. President Hollien directed that the ballots be destroyed. There being no further business it was moved by Gerald Meeks to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.