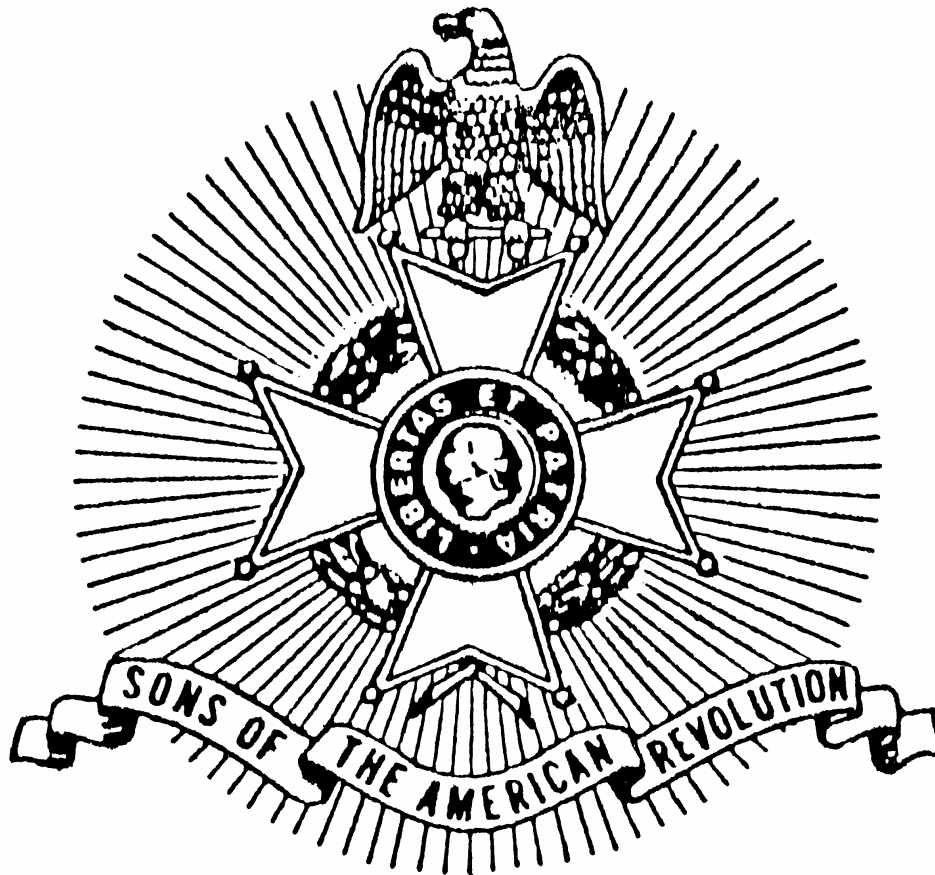


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Spring Board of Management Meeting
Clearwater
April 30 – May 1

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 the 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
April 30 – May 1

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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
Reports of NSSAR Officers- past & present
Reports of NSSAR Committee Chairmen
Report of NSSAR National Trustee
Reports of State Officers
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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

Frank X. Hodalski
April 27, 2004

For this quarter, my activities included:

CHAPTER VISITS: Charlotte Chapter, Florida Society, on 08January2004 for installation of officers.
Lakeland Chapter, on 24January2004.
Gainesville Chapter, on 16February2004 for installation of officers.
Jacksonville for Washington Birthday celebration, on 21February2004.
Extended greetings on behalf of FLSSAR.

WINTER MEETING OF NSSAR TRUSTEES, 26-28FEBRUARY2004, LOUISVILLE, KY: At the Winter BOM meeting of the Florida Society, the following motion was passed: "The FLSSAR Board of Management directs the Florida Trustee to express the sense of alarm and opposition of the FLSSAR to any and all decisions and or actions taken by NSSAR officers and staff other than those taken within and as permitted by the NSSAR constitution and bylaws."

Office of the Vice President General: In accordance with the direction of the BOM, developed a position paper expressing disagreement with the demotion of the rank of vice president general and its support for restoration of the office to its previous rank and standing in the protocols of the national society.

Conflicts in NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws: In accordance with the direction of the BOM, drew attention to conflicts between the NSSAR constitution and its bylaws and summarized as follows:

1. The Florida Society considers the demotion in rank of the vice-presidents general to be hurtful to those who hold the office and harmful to both the national and state societies.
2. Rankings of the general officers enumerated in Article IV, Section I of the NSSAR Constitution are in conflict with those set forth in Bylaws 4 through 14.
3. By any parliamentary authority, bylaws cannot be allowed to conflict with a constitution. Since "Proposition 2" was not considered *seriatim*, the entire package should be rendered null and void.
4. Absent supporting documentation, the rankings in the 2003 version of the SAR Handbook should likewise be null and void.
5. Conflicts in constitutional and bylaw rankings also exist in the 1990 and 1999 handbooks.

The Florida Society recommended:

1. The order of precedence of parliamentary authority is: Charter; Constitution; Bylaw. Since the rankings passed in Boston are in conflict, the ranking of general officers as enumerated in Article IV, Section I of the constitution as published in the 1999 SAR Handbook should be in force and SAR protocols should conform to these rankings until such time as they are changed in accordance with proper parliamentary procedure.
2. A special committee be appointed to hear from current and past vice presidents general, the state societies and their presidents and current and past general officers in order to seek information and opinion and develop recommendations for presentation and possible consideration at the 2004 Congress.

Dialogue and Correspondence: Communicated by telephone, email and fax with Ex. Dir. Randall on a number of occasions. Included supporting documents for FLSSAR position. Developed and distributed copies of FLSSAR position paper: **Dignity and Respect: The Position of the FLSSAR on the office of Vice-President General and Conflicts in Ranking Between the SAR Constitution and Bylaws.**

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE: Attended the meeting of the NSSAR Protocol Committee on Friday morning and was allowed to brief the committee on the issue of ranking. The committee members present agreed that the VPGs should rank behind the PG. Chairman and PG Page later thanked the Florida Society for bringing the issue forward and pointing out the discrepancies.

BYLAW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Discussed the issue at length with NSSAR Bylaw Committee chairman Edward Cailleateau during the Friday evening dinner. Chairman Cailleateau proposed that the bylaw committee introduce the current rankings without recommendation at the Pittsburgh Congress. He suggested that the Florida

Society could then seek to amend them. As FLSSAR Trustee, we declined.

FLSSAR proposed that we agree on the 1999 constitutional rankings for the present and a suitable bylaw and constitutional amendment be developed by a special committee. Chairman Cailleateau declined.

The FLSSAR position paper was given to everyone attending the Saturday trustee meeting. As FLSSAR Trustee, I took the floor under new business and outlined our position. My presentation was factual and non-confrontational.

OUTCOME: President General Musgrave commented on the complexity of the issues and referred the matter to Chancellor General Nathan White for an opinion and recommendation.

ETHICS COMMITTEE: Met on Thursday in special session to discuss three charges brought by the Washington DC Society involving alleged ethics violations by three former presidents general in conjunction with their activities as members of the 2004 NSSAR nominating committee, and in forming and continuing the makeup of the NSSAR Foundation Board in violation of NSSAR bylaws and IRS regulations.

FINDING: The committee found that the evidence presented was inadmissible, and dismissed the charges involving the nominating committee.

The committee found no ethics violation regarding the NSSAR Foundation, but indicated a need to make certain that the structure and make-up of the board conforms to all applicable statutes and regulations.

As of 27April, Executive Director Randall confirmed that all necessary steps are being taken to bring the foundation Board in conformity with existing law and IRS regulations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee report included a recommendation of Secretary General McCarl for the office of President General.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: At the invitation of Secretary General McCarl, I appeared before this NSSAR committee to present information on the value of involvement in local, county, state and national history fairs by state societies and chapters of SAR. Sec. Gen. McCarl has indicated an interest in making Florida a pilot program for study and possible expansion by SAR. Members who have agreed to serve on this History Fair sub-committee are: PG Carl Hoffmann, Frank Hodalski, Harold Miller, R. L. Bauchspies and Edward Casey. A progress report will be given to the LRP committee at the Pittsburgh Congress.

Respectfully,

Frank X. Hodalski
National Trustee, FLSSAR

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

Lauren R. Bradley
April 27, 2004

- 1) Had several contacts by e-mail, telephone and mail with several officers of the NSSAR, FLSSAR, FLSDAR, Chapters, etc.
- 2) Attended Chapter meetings in Naples, Plant City and Clearwater.
- 3) Attended the winter Trustees mtg in Louisville.
- 4) Worked on the Education cmte obtaining CDs for the History program.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Senior Vice President

Harold (Hal) F. Miller Jr.

April 20, 2004

Report of Activities

Communicated with many potential Committee Chairs to set in place a great team for the future, one to which I hope I can be of service.

Completed a three page draft of Duties of the Regional Vice President for the Procedures Manual to be considered at a meeting to be held at 1:00 PM to 2:00PM on Friday, April 30th at the Annual Spring BOM.

On 09January2004 at Saramana's Chapter Annual Flag Day Luncheon, three Sarasota County organizations received SAR Flag awards. The award recipients included Deer Creek Community, Knights of Columbus Council 3358 and the Sarasota Military Academy. I am pleased to report, as Co-Chairman of the publicity Committee, that the event was very well covered by both the Manatee and Sarasota edition of The Herald Tribune on 11Feb2004.

On 15January2004, as Commander of the Saramana Color Guard, I participated in a Flag Raising Ceremony for Merrill Gardens, a retirement community and assisted living facility. Two members of the Saramana Chapter, LCol Edward S. Hoyt and James B. Huff, are members of the "Residents' Council" of Merrill Gardens. Ed and Jim, the Chairman and Treasurer of the Residents' Council respectively, spearheaded the effort to have their own tall flag pole and a US Flag that is lit at night. Ed is a former Treasurer General of the NSSAR and Jim a member of Saramana's BOG and a former Saramana Treasurer. Ed Hoyt acted as Master of Ceremonies. Hal Miller, FLSSAR S.V.P. and former State Chaplain, gave the Invocation. While the Nathanael Greene Camp#8 Color Guard raised the Colors, Teddy Huss, Captain of the Color Guard, led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Frank Hodalski, FLSSAR Trustee to the National Society and Flag Committee Coordinator of Saramana Chapter, then presented the Furlong Flag Award to Mrs. Judy Lee, General Manager of Merrill Gardens. The ceremony concluded with all present joining in singing "God Bless America followed by the benediction. The four color guard members present were Eugene L. Bradley, C. James Crandall Sr., Teddy Huss, and Hal Miller.

On 28 January2004, I participated as one of five Saramana Chapter judges at the Annual 2004 Sarasota Middle School History Fair. Thanks to the efforts of our State Trustee to National, Frank Hodalski, this was the first time Saramana Chapter was given the opportunity to judge as well as present awards for the "best of the best" which took place on 04February2004 with all the students of the eight grade, teachers, and parents filling the school's Media Center. The Sarasota School Board is planning an awards ceremony for the Best Overall Award on May 4th at the School Board Offices and all our judges have been told that they are welcome to attend.

On 21February2004, I participated as Commander of the Saramana Color Guard, The Nathanael Greene Camp # 8, at our Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration Luncheon. The event was held at the Jacaranda West Country Club in Venice, Fl., with over 130 in attendance. In addition to SAR members and guests, all five DAR local chapters of the Manasota Regents Council were represented. Our Saramana Color Guard, The Nathanael Greene Camp #8, was made up of the following eight compatriots: Al Abbott, Chuck Barrett, Gene Bradley, Dick Brainard, Jim Crandall, Teddy Huss, Murray Wheeler, and Hal Miller. We were joined by Cadets from the Sarasota Military Academy which included Commander Richard Austin, Mitch Fortune, Kyle Seeger, Patrick Jeffery, Soloist Tiana Williams who sang The National Anthem, and Bag Piper, Daniel Russell who led us into the ballroom. Saramana's President, Don Bailey, presented a Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Catherine B. Slusser for seventeen years of effort in founding and conducting the Annual Manatee County History Fairs. Another highlight was the naming of Derek Ondrusek of Parrish as winner of our Knight Historical Essay Contest. The 17 year-old student of St. Stephen's Episcopal School received an award of \$250.00 and a framed plaque for his winning effort.

On 02April2004, thanks to the efforts of Lindsay Brock, George Lockhart, David Ramseur and Bob Murray, the DAR Liaison Table was well manned at the FSSDAR State Conference which was held at the Mark Adams Hotel in Orlando. I guess it takes four guys to fill in for Ron Hamilton. Let's face it, the more the merrier. Through the kind acceptance by the Alice Stratton, DAR State National Defense Chairman, of our offering the services of a FLSSAR color guard at their National Defense Luncheon on Friday, I was able to join in with eight other compatriots all in Alpha Uniform in the presentation of firelocks, the posting of The Colors, and retiring same. Three chapters were represented, Jacksonville (3), Central Florida (5), and Saramana (1). I think we did O.K., but I know we were blessed not having had to follow the McDill Air Force Base Color Guard which performed at the banquet the following night.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President
Date: April 21, 2004

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet monthly. One new member and two supplemental applications have been submitted. ROTC/JROTC presentations have begun. The chapter donated \$100 to the Florida Society CAR. Forty copies of the American Heritage CDs have been ordered.

PANAMA CITY CHAPTER:

In February the chapter honored FLSCAR President Jillian Michele Cahoon for her outstanding service to the CAR and for her management of the "Be a Safe Driver" program which is procuring automobile child safety seats for underprivileged families in Florida. Also, Richard Fellipi, Lt. Col., USAF, Reserve spoke about his service as an Intelligence Officer with the U.S. Army during the first Gulf War. Sister Blackmon, chairperson of the local horse show, spoke in March about their fund raising for local charities.

PENSACOLA CHAPTER:

The chapter inducted three new members; Charles F. Williamson Jr., Charles F. "Chip" Williamson III and James Steven Ford and received notification of the acceptance of Wesley Syfrett Odom. The Flag Certificate was presented to Mrs. Clara Missildine for her dedicated regular and proper display of the American Flag. Compatriot George Tate spoke at the Pensacola DAR Chapter's George Washington Birthday meeting. Donations were made to the Escambia County and Santa Rosa County History Fairs and one member judged at the Santa Rosa County Fair. The chapter placed second in the Florida USS Stark Memorial Award contest. The chapter has begun presenting ROTC/JROTC medals. The Nathan Hale Camp #7 Commander presented Honorary Brigade Membership pins to 7 auxiliary members

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet quarterly and is experimenting with added meetings in March, April, October and November for a total of eight meetings this calendar year. The chapter met on February 23 in celebration of George Washington's birthday. Dr. Joe Knetsch spoke on the role of the American Indians in the American Revolution. At the March meeting, Clydeyne Nelson, President, Tallahassee Genealogy Society described genealogy documentation. The chapter expects to present 12 Bronze JROTC medals and 4 Silver ROTC medals.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

North Central Region Harry Hollien, Vice President
April 20, 2004

Gainesville. This Chapter meets on the third Monday of each month. The programs during the Winter quarter included Kirby Stewart, who spoke on Sgt. Alvin York and Hill 223; Bill Piper (Compatriot from the Lake-Sumter Chapter) who gave the Washington's Birthday program. In full uniform, he spoke on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The March meeting focused on reorganization; a set of Chapter By-Laws was presented and discussed. A slate of new officers was sworn in at the February meeting by National Trustee Frank Hodalski. They included Sam Boone, President, Charlie Rinek, Secretary, Jack Crawford, Treasurer, Gerald Greene, Registrar, James Partin, Genealogist, and W. "Stan" Gordon, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Vetspace program continues with contributions being made to that organization in February. The Chapter Color Guard now has more uniforms (12) than members (10); it provided a Posting-of-the-Colors ceremony at the Washington's Birthday dinner. Gainesville Chapter Compatriots voted not to meet during the Summer months of 2004; this change will be reconsidered in the Fall.

Lake City. Members of this Chapter still have not met this year.

Lake-Sumter. This Chapter meets monthly (except for the Summer) on the first Saturday of the month. The January speaker was Dr. Joe Branham who spoke on "Opahumpka, Its Early History"; in February Earl Yawman spoke on "Memoirs from the 1920's into the Twentieth Century." The March meeting was held jointly with the Ocklawah DAR. Fred Wetterling spoke on "Intelligence in the American Revolution." The speaker for the April meeting was RVP Harry Hollien who reviewed the FLSSAR Education programs. A Chapter Color Guard has been formed; it has been named the "Thomas Sumter Camp". Bill Piper has been named Color Guard Commander. Compatriot Ron Toops has been named Associate Chair of the FLSSAR Education Committee. Chapter President Moody reported that the Chapter Newsletter now is on-line at the FLSSAR website. This Chapter is conducting an active recruiting program with several new members being added; new Compatriot Walter Jants was formally inducted at a ceremony on Jan. 3, 2004.

Ocala. This Chapter meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month excepting for the Summer months. The speaker for the January meeting was RVP Harry Hollien who reviewed the FLSSAR Educational programs. The program for the February meeting was provided by Eagle Scout Michael Ward who received his award at a ceremony conducted by Compatriot Dale Sutton. The new slate of officers was sworn in by RVP Hollien; they included President Benjamin Ayres; 1st VP Warren E. Page III; 2nd VP Steed Salls; Secretary-Treasurer Nolie Deas; and Chaplain Rev. Robert Foxworthy.

Withlacoochee. This Chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month (except for the Summer); they have now voted to meet on nine Saturdays each year instead of eight. The most important single project carried on by the Chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary is support of the Baldermero Lopez Veterans' Home at Lady Lake. The Compatriots and Ladies again gathered a large number of gifts for this purpose (included were clothing, candy, puzzles, VCR tapes, gift certificates and magazine subscription renewals). President Camillo, Treasurer Nadolny, Secretary George Knox and their wives transported these gifts to the Home on February 19, 2004. Their efforts resulted in both thanks and a story (with photograph) in The St. Petersburg Times. The Chapter also has an active recruiting program. In this regard, President Camillo attended Genealogy workshops and received a number of inquiries about membership. The Chapter now has several active "76'ers." Finally, the program for March was presented by RVP Hollien who discussed the FLSSAR Educational Programs.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Northeastern Region Richard B. Cardell, Vice President
18 April 2004

Thanks to everyone who helped me learn the duties of a Regional Vice President. One of the duties was to receive and review the Chapter Challenge Reports for the Northeast Region. Four of the five chapters sent in reports and they reflect that these chapters (Daytona-Ormond, Deland, Jacksonville and St. Augustine) have been very active. I have enjoyed visiting and communicating with the chapters and welcome my replacement, Compatriot Lindsey Brock, who is completing a very successful term as President of the Jacksonville Chapter.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

East Central Regional Vice President

East Central Region Douglas H. North, Vice President
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

West Central Region Jim R. Armitage, Vice President
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southeast Region Saul M. Montes-Bradley, Vice President

In preparation for an expected decline in attendance during the summer months, the Fort Lauderdale Chapter has suspended its lunch meetings until 09 September 2004. There will also be no newsletter until shortly before that time.

The Miami Chapter has continued to have officers meetings and luncheons monthly, with increasing attendance, and its color guard has attended a few events as reported elsewhere under the Sons of Liberty Brigade. The installation of officers took place on 15 February 2004 at the Hotel Sofitel in Miami, and the officers were installed by the Hon. Don Slesnick, Mayor of Coral Gables in front of approximately seventy persons in attendance. Greetings were brought from the Coral Gables Chapter (DAR), Palm Beach Chapter (SAR), Florida Society CAR, William Brewster Colony (Mayflower Society) and other lineage societies and public service organizations. Comp. Slesnick remarked on the importance of the partnership being developed between the chapter and the city of Coral Gables, and reiterated its invitation to the Color Guard for the city's "4th of July Extravaganza."

The chapter has decided to return to Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire for its 2nd Patriot Trail in the first week in October. There are two patriot graves markings already scheduled, as well as a genealogy seminar and research time at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. It has also been decided that the chapter will seek to plant a Liberty Tree in the city of Miami, hopefully by 19 April 2005. Additional information can be obtained at the chapter's newsletter and website.

On 20 January 2004, I had the honor and pleasure of installing the officers of the Palm Beach Chapter at the Sailfish Club in West Palm Beach. In a room filled to capacity, Brigadier General Albin F. Irzyk gave a moving conference about his native Salem (MA) and later regaled those who stayed a little bit longer with some of his WWII anecdotes. Brig. Irzyk was commander of the 8th Tank Battalion of the 4th Armored Division, and is the author of "He Rode Up Front For Patton," a not-so-slightly autobiographical account of those days.

I was then fortunate enough this year to attend all three chapters' installation of officers, twice as installing officer and once being installed myself, certainly a singular treat.

On 13 February 2004, I visited the Coral Gables Chapter DAR, and gave a presentation on the Ipswich, Mass. Revolution of 1989, and its role in planting the seeds for the American Revolution, and on 15 April 2004, my wife and I were treated to the hospitality of Palm Beach Chapter President Dan Shepherd and his lovely wife at The Breakers, in WPB, where we attended a luncheon of the Palm Beach Chapter – DAR, with an impressive array of public officials discussing the preparations being done in the county – and elsewhere – in light of possible security threats.

Finally, All three chapters continue to produce informative newsletters available on the FLSSAR website and are participating in an impressive array of programs, all reported under the corresponding committee headings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saul Montes-Bradley
Regional Vice-President, SE
16 January 2004

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

Southwest Region Basil Lancaster, Vice President
Basil Lancaster, Southwest Regional Vice President
10 April 2004

CALOOSA: We were honored at our last meeting to hear the memories of Navy veteran of WW II and his military action in the Pacific. The speaker was Stan Parks, Lt. USN, Retired whose subject was "World War II - A tragedy and an Opportunity." Every veteran tells a uniquely different story of patriotism and courage. They each tell their own story of how they are most fortunate just to have survived by a stroke of fate, a twist of irony, a blessing to be

in the wrong place at the right time. Surviving veterans of WW II are getting older and becoming rare. We owe it to them, while we have them to hear their story. Our second veteran of WW II who spoke this quarter was Jay Fitzgerald, Capt, USN Retired Professor Emeritus, University of South Carolina. Jay Fitzgerald, shared "Memories of his Navy Career" with us. Our two speakers mentioned above gave us first hand reflections of their involvement serving in the Navy in the Pacific during the great War. Our speaker, Robert Macomer at our last meeting, focused on the Civil War fought at home here in SW Florida. In either case freedom was worth fighting for and the enemy knows no boundaries.

CHARLOTTE: Past FLSSAR President Frank Hodalski installed our officers for the year 2004. Our "Liberty Tree" a 12 - 13 foot beautiful Magnolia tree was planted in the Punta Gorda History Park located on Shreve Street. At full maturity the tree should reach 90 feet tall, a total spread of 60 feet and have diameter of 102 inches! Compatriot Walter Dow gave an excellent speech "Seeds of Revolution" at our March meeting. President Bradley Lines reported that he had investigated the possibility of holding our monthly meetings at the Port Charlotte Culture Center instead of our current location. Secretary Wilmer Smith was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his many years of service to the Charlotte Chapter.

NAPLES: President Paul Young announced again our participation in manning the voting precinct at Saint Paul Episcopal Church on March 9, 2004. Eleven compatriot volunteers worked the day and were paid \$1,100.00 which they put into our coffers! Our Boy Scout meeting was held with our speakers being the Alligator District [Collier County] Chairman Dick Klein and District Executive Mel Moore. They informed us on Scouting today here in our area. Charlie Abbott and Tim Englant in Colonial wartime period uniforms gave both an interesting lecture and weapons demonstration. Naples Chapter, FLSSAR thirty-first Annual Chapter Day Celebration was held 4 March 2004. Chairman Frederick J. Buckley did his usual excellent job and presented an outstanding program. The special guest and speaker was FLSSAR President Lauren R. Bradley. Lauren took the opportunity to thank the many DAR members present for pushing their individual male family towards the SAR. Past President Ralph Cramer presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Bradley.

SARAMANA: Congratulations to Chairman Peter Douglas and his committee for the outstanding 272nd Anniversary Celebration of the birth of George Washington and celebrating the 51st anniversary of the founding of Saramana Chapter FLSSAR. Thanks to Compatriot Frank Hodalski for obtaining and presenting three Flag awards. Those honored were Deer Creek Community, Our Lady of Victory Council and Sarasota Military Academy. Our third annual Fire and Safety Luncheon was a great success. We honored members of seven local Fire Departments. Our speaker for this event was Chief Michael Johnson of the Venice Fire Department who gave a most interesting and informative talk on the history of fire fighting, the formation of fire departments and the evolution of fire insurance companies in the United States since revolutionary times. Law Enforcement Chairman Bob Dodd has completed the plans for the Law Enforcement Luncheon and six departments will be honoring one of their own this year.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

Kevin Yarnell
Secretary, FLSSAR

Aside from the day to day requests, I have continued work to improve the membership database. The latest addition stores chapter and state officers and allow us to easily pull lists and reports. Prior to this all the officer data was kept in Word documents which made it difficult to manipulate and required double work any time an address or phone number was changed.

I also completed the scanning, typing, and updating of the Committee Charter booklet and have converted the FLSSAR by-laws into electronic format. Both can now be easily printed and updated.

Finally, new Regional Vice President notebooks have been assembled for distribution following the annual officer elections.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer

James R. Holyfield

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (BUDGET AND ACTUAL) 1/1 - 03/31/04

	2004 ANNUAL BUDGET	2004 YTD ACTUAL	ACTUAL OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
Receipts:			
Dues - net of rebates	\$ 33,000	\$ 27,836	\$ (5,164)
Donations	2,000	1,754	(246)
Other	1,000	65	(935)
Total	<u>36,000</u>	<u>29,655</u>	<u>(6,345)</u>
Disbursements:			
State officers	23,500	4,570	(18,930)
Youth programs	8,000	4,582	(3,418)
Committee projects	3,500	2,854	(646)
Total	<u>35,000</u>	<u>12,006</u>	<u>(22,994)</u>
Receipts over disbursements	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ <u>17,649</u>	\$ <u>16,649</u>

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 61,727
Investments (restricted)	7,756
Other assets	<u>1,857</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 71,340</u>

LIABILITIES

Liabilities	<u>-</u>
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FUND BALANCES

Unrestricted	63,584
Restricted	<u>7,756</u>
	<u>71,340</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 71,340</u>

Submitted by James R. Holyfield, State Treasurer

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Fr. George Burns

A complete listing of our compatriots who have passed before us is included in the program of the annual memorial service.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

Dr. Robert Danneman

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chancellor

Carl K. Hoffman, PG

April 16, 2004

The Chancellor is pleased that there has been no activity for May 2003-May 2004.

Carl K. Hoffmann

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Parliamentarian

R. L. Bauchspies, Jr.

April 19, 2004

At the Winter BOM I reported what appeared to be a violation of parliamentary rules and procedures and NSSAR Bylaws in that it appeared that changes had been made to the NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws to degrade the precedence of the office of the NSSAR Vice President Generals without the approval of a National Congress. These changes appeared in the NASSAR Handbook, Section 1, dated November 2003.

Further investigation revealed that there were amendments to the NSSAR Constitution and Bylaws submitted to the 2000 Congress in Boston to degrade the position of Vice President General. However, review of the actions taken revealed that the changes that appeared in the Handbook regarding precedence of General Officers did not reflect those which were passed by the Congress.

The results of this review were submitted by the Florida National Trustee to the NSSAR Executive Director to be forwarded to the President General for his review. In addition, the Florida National Trustee reported the problem to the NSSAR Board of Trustees at the Winter Trustees meeting.

The President General has appointed the Chancellor General and Legal Advisory Committee to conduct a review of the situation and to come up with a recommended course of action to correct the situation. Additional information on this problem will be found in the National Trustee's report to the BOM.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT Genealogist

Alvie L. Davidson

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT Sergeant at Arms

F. Thomas Carter

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT Historian

Philip Ballou, Historian

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT Editor, Florida Patriot

Richard Q. Fowler

"The Florida Patriot" Editor's Report for Winter 2003-2004

The Spring edition of "The Florida Patriot" has been distributed. Once again, 'All Service Graphics' has donated a large number of over-runs to us. They will be available at the Spring BOM meeting in Clearwater. We would also like to see them distributed to libraries. They are a great recruitment tool. We have an average of about twelve for each chapter.

The help of those photographers who have contributed to past editions is appreciated. Once again, if ANYONE will be taking pictures at the Spring BOM Meeting in Lakeland, it would be appreciated if they would share them with our photo gallery page on our website. Some will be used for "The Florida Patriot." Please contact me.

Because my plate is too full, I have tendered my resignation as Editor of "The Florida Patriot." I am the President-elect of my chapter, and will have to devote a lot of time to that.

It has been a rich experience, and I regret not being able to continue. It is an excellent opportunity for someone to learn more and contribute more to the Florida Society. I will be happy to help the new editor get started.

Response has been almost unanimous to my survey to go to all black-and-white for future editions of "The Patriot." I will bring that subject up at the Spring BOM meeting and if we are in agreement, there will be no more color. I liked color, and so did most people, but the cost has become prohibitive. We will save approximately \$2500 per year in so doing.

Dick Fowler, Editor, "The Florida Patriot"
St. Lucie River Chapter

Statutory Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Audit

Chairman: Sam W. Boone
Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report

Executive

Chairman: Lauren R. Bradley
This report will be given orally during the general meeting.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Finance

Chairman: James R. Holyfield
April 12, 2004

The chairman has nothing to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald E. Meeks
April 30, 2004

Members: Albert B. Snapp (Lakeland), Jack Coleman (Jacksonville), Sam W. Boone (Gainesville), Richard E. Friberg (Miami).

The following awards have been approved by the Medals and Awards Committee, and reported by the following chapters for 2003-2004.

Pensacola Chapter: MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL: Lonnie G. Jones Nat# 143504

Harmon Button Nat# 154038

Daniel J. O'Connor Nat# 154289

GEORGE WASHINGTON ICENTENNIAL MEDAL: Oscar F. Bellamy

Saramana Chapter: SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL: Catherine B. Slusser

St Augustine Chapter: SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL: Rear Admiral James H.

Lipscomb, USCGR

Captain Jack B. Williams

United States Navy

FLSSAR: STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Richard Q. Fowler

TRUSTEE MEDAL: John H. Carter, Frank X. Hodalski

FORMER STATE SOCIETY PRESIDENT & CERTIFICATE: Frank X. Hodalski

PRESENTATION GAVEL: Lauren Bradley

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE: James E. Wilson

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER & CERTIFICATE): John H. Carter

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL & CERTIFICATE: Barbara J. Hodalski

MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL & CERTIFICATE: Patricia Wallin

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL & CERTIFICATE: Mary Lou James

Respectfully Submitted

Gerald E. Meeks

Chairman, Medals & Awards Committee

FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating

Chairman: Ron Hamilton
April 7, 2004

Members – Phil Carr, Frank Hodalski, George Lockhart, Grant Wallin

The committee presented FLSSAR officer nominations for 2004-2005 to the BOM on Jan 17, 2004. Following nominees were approved by the BOM and will be presented to members for election at the annual meeting on May 1, 2004.

Office

President
Sr. Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Nw Regional Vp
N. Cent Regional Vp
N.E. Regional Vp
E. Cent Regional Vp
W. Cent Regional Vp
S.E. Regional Vp
S.W. Regional Vp
Chaplain
Recording Secretary
Genealogist
Sgt At Arms
Historian
Florida Patriot Editor
Ex. Comm. Member At Large

Candidate

Harold Miller
Dr. Harry Hollien
Kevin Yarnell
James Holyfield
William Stevenson
Edward Young
Sam Boone Esq
Lindsey Brock
Fred Gaines
Nelson Jantzen
Saul Montes-Bradley
Basil Lancaster
Rev Robert Hale
Dr. Robert Danneman
Alvie Davidson
John Little
Philip Ballou
Richard Fowler
Grant Wallin

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal

Chairman: John Cahoon
This report was not available at the time of printing.

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

April 25, 2004
There is nothing new to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Harold F. Miller, Jr.
April 28, 2004

Members: John C. Cahoon (Emerald Coast); Robert Danneman (Ocala);
Albert B. Snapp (Lakeland); Richard E. Welty (St. Augustine)

At the Executive Board Meeting on 16 January, 2004, I reported that all of my Committee members had given me their approval so that, as Chairman, I could recommend to the Executive Board Bud Bauchspies' desire to AMEND FLSSAR ARTICLE 1, Section 3 which reads as follows: "Members. The Florida Society is made up of members in good standing of the National Society, each of whom shall have been admitted to membership in the FLSSAR, and each of whom is a member in good standing of the FLSSAR. A member in Good Standing is a person who has been admitted to membership in the NSSAR and the FLSSAR, who is not now in arrears in payment of his dues, and whose membership is not now suspended or terminated under the provisions of Section 3 of Bylaw 17 of the National Society."

BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

*"a. Normally members of the FLSSAR will hold memberships in one of the FLSSAR Chapters.
b. Members may request and be designated as Members at Large. These members may attend BOM meetings but may not vote as members of the BOM unless they qualify for membership under the provisions of ARTICLE II, Section 1, of these Bylaws. Members at Large shall pay an additional fee in the amount of the FLSSAR current dues. This is in addition to regular NSSAR and FLSSAR yearly dues."*

The last paragraph of my Quarterly FLSSAR Committee Report dated 10 Jan04 read as follows: "All above Committee Members have approved the above amendment for its recommendation to the Executive Board at the next BOM meeting on January 16, 2004. If approved by the Executive Board, it will be published in the Spring Patriot Magazine, and then voted on by the members present at the Friday, April 30, Annual Meeting in Clearwater."

A motion was made and seconded at the Executive Board Meeting to recommend the amendment for submission to the membership which according to our Bylaws, Article VIII. Miscellaneous. Section 3. Amendments. can be done as follows:

"These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

- a. *the text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee at the Fall Meeting, which committee shall make its recommendations to the Board of Management at the Winter Meeting for consideration, comments, and/or recommendations.*
- b. *proposed amendment/s shall be published, in extract form, in THE FLORIDA PATRIOT issued just prior to the Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment/s will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting.*
- c. *the text of the proposed amendment may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice, provided, however, that such modification/s do not increase the scope or purpose of, or introduce additional changes beyond, those changes for which previous notice was given.*

Since Paragraph b. above was not accomplished, i.e. not published in the recent THE FLORIDA PATRIOT, it would appear that the process would have to begin again with the incoming Committee Chairman, the SVP.

FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Norman Crews

The Chapter Challenge program was successfully offered to all FLSSAR Chapters to reflect their activities for year 2003. Of the thirty currently active chapters, (same as last year) twenty-one completed and returned the form. Upon receipt by the committee, the publicity points were added to the forms to arrive at the grand total value for each chapter. A few form questions were not as clear as intended and will be studied and revised for next year. Also, for next year, publicity points will be available early enough for each chapter to enter their own. Only a few chapters submitted narratives to their Regional VP's for credit under the "other" item. This option is an easy way to get a few more points and should be utilized. Most Regional VP's are anxious to give these extra points, but these miscellaneous activities performed must be cited to him in writing. This year's effort should be considered a success particularly in that there were more chapters participating than the prior year. Thanks for your effort in this regard, each can take pride in the fact that we have an active state society.

Chapter Challenge Committee, Norman Crews, Chairman.

FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Richard E. Friberg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

April 25, 2004

The credentials forms have been received from National and will be completed shortly after this meeting. Individual members attending will receive their copies in the mail. The complete list will be sent to the National Headquarters.

FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison

Chairman: Ron Hamilton

April 8, 2004

The 102nd Florida State Society DAR Conference was held in Orlando April 2 – 4, 2004. I had to be in Atlanta, GA April 2 – 4 for the SAR South Atlantic District Meeting. Compatriot George Lockhart had responsibility for the FLSSAR table. Compatriots George Lockhart and Lindsey Brock manned the table continuously from 0830 hrs to 1630 hrs April 2nd and 3rd, with the exception of 1015 hrs – 1400 hrs on April 2, when the table was manned by Compatriot Fred MacLean while the others were attending Color Guard practice and the National Defense Luncheon. Compatriot MacLean's assistance was greatly appreciated. All were in Revolutionary War uniform on April 2nd

A visitor sign in sheet was maintained and contained 85 signatures that represented about 85% of those visiting the table. Ranking NSDAR visitors were Hilda Dobrzanski Past Reporter General, Sheila Davis SC State Regent, FSSDAR Honorary State Regents Anne Stewart and Ruth McGarity and Rebecca Lockhart Vice Regent FSSDAR. Ranking F.S.C.A.R. visitors included Robyn Carroll First Vice President and Lois Swann Senior. First Vice President. SAR Application Worksheets and numerous other NSSAR brochures were handed out. Many DAR daughters indicated they had a family member interested in joining the SAR. They were referred to the FLSSAR chapter closest to the prospective member and to the FLSSAR web site for additional information. Copies of the letter written by Marjorie Ramseur, Chairman FSSDAR Liaison Committee to SAR-SR, explaining the \$500 award given to the DAR State Society that provides the most new members to the NSSAR each year and the form to accompany the membership application were included. There are still DAR members that are not aware of the award. To Compatriots Lockhart, Brock and MacLean – WELL DONE!

FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: Grant R. Wallin
April 16, 2004

This will be my final report as State Chairman for the Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition Committee. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Compatriot David Ramseur from the Jacksonville Chapter will be my replacement. My one request is that everyone give him the same help and support that you all gave me during my seven years as chair for this committee.

I am pleased to announce that we did have five chapters who participated in this year's program. It is not as many as it should be, but I am sure that under Compatriot David's leadership, more chapters will take advantage of the local publicity which participation in this program generates by submitting chapter winners to the committee.

Brevard, Clearwater, Ocala, Central Florida and Saramana chapters all had participants in this years' quest for scholarship dollars. Paul A. London, an Eagle Scout from Safety Harbor, the Clearwater winner, was the FLSSAR winner and will be presented with a \$1,000.00 check and the coveted Eagle desk trophy at our BOM Youth Awards Luncheon on May 1st. Christopher J. Kosik, an Eagle Scout from Kissimmee, the Central Florida Chapter winner, received a \$500.00 check at a Central Florida Chapter meeting for placing 2nd in our FLSSAR awards program. Stefan M. Hester, an Eagle Scout from Indialantic, the Brevard Chapter entry, was mailed a \$250.00 check for placing 3rd in the State. Congratulations to all of the entries. This is not an easy scholarship to win.

I am going to recommend to my successor that he contact every chapter president in our society to reaffirm their appointments as Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship and Recognition Chairs. Currently, every chapter has a Compatriot listed as chairman, but I feel that in some cases, this position is filled in name only.

If we are going to continue all of our society's youth programs, we must garner more support from all of the chapters. These youth programs help establish our chapter's position in community activities. If we do not support them, we fall into the danger of losing our major reason for existing. As listed in our NSSAR Constitution, "The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational." Our Youth Programs help all of us to meet these objects. ALL of our Youth Programs meet these three objects. My hope and prayer would be that more of our chapters will see the reasoning behind participating in our Society's Knight Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, JROTC, and Eagle Scout programs.

FLSSAR Committee Report Education

Chairman: Harry F. Hollien

REPORT TO BOM - SPRING 2004

Committee: Education (EdComA)
Members: Phillip Ballou, Sam Boone, Jr., Frank Hodalski, Harry Hollien (Chair), Robert Leibler, Hal Miller, David Ramseur, Ronald Toops (Associate Chair)
Consultants: William Boe, Jack Bovee, Larry Bradley, Richard Fowler, Kevin Yarnell
Support Personnel: Carl Hoffman, Lonnie Jones, Edward Lake, Gerald Meeks, Saul Montes-Bradley

This report is in several parts; each of them will provide a review of one of our independent but related programs. They are presented in the order of chronological primacy.

A. The "Legislative" Program. The purpose of this educational thrust is to support the reintroduction of American History, Civics, and American Economics back into the Florida schools (public, private, home). These subjects have gone through a series of reductions during the past decade. That is, they are not required for graduation from High School in all instances, questions involving these subjects are not found on the FCAT or in tests for promotion. In response, several remedial bills are being considered by the Florida Senate and the Florida House.

Our program has been to urge all FLSSAR Compatriots to write appropriate letters to the relevant legislators (or to all legislators) and to provide materials (sample letters, names and addresses) to our Compatriots in order that this task will be a reasonably easy one to carry out.

Accordingly, we have sent packages to FLSSAR members through the 1) EdComA group, 2) selected BOM members, 3) Chapter Presidents and Secretaries, 4) the Regional Vice Presidents and 5) the FLSSAR website. We had hoped also to be able to publish these materials in the March edition of The Patriot but that route was not forthcoming.

Results. We do not know just how many members supported this program. We do know that specific thrusts at the Chapter/Region level were led by Gerald Meeks and Daniel Shepherd (Palm Beach Chapter), Ron Toops and Bob Moody (Lake-Sumter Chapter), Lindsey Brock and Richard Cardell (Jacksonville Chapter and NE Region), and Sam Boone and the undersigned (Gainesville Chapter and NC Region). In addition, a number of people sent letters individually. Our feeling is that around 10% of our members participated. With an average of about eight letters and e-mails per member, that still means that well over 1000 communications were delivered to the legislature. However, if even half our members had averaged but six letters, our impact would have been substantially greater (perhaps as many as 5000 communications). A final item here. At Jack Bovee's urging, the undersigned sent a letter to six key legislators on behalf of FLSSAR (in its entirety). Their names and the letter are appended.

Note also that Phil Ballou expanded upon our approach. That is, he also met with the American Legion, the DAR and other groups (in his area) in an effort to persuade them to join us. Several of us followed Phil's lead in this regard.

Effect. We are not able to measure the impact made on the Florida legislature. It probably was meager at best. Our primary consultant in this area -- Jack Bovee (he has provided us extensive aid, materials and support) had indicated that we were of assistance, but his praise may be unfounded. We do know that, as of this writing, the Senate Educational Committee has voted to send their bills to the floor. However, we also have learned from Ron Toops that the House bill has been referred back to the Committee apparently for restudy, rewriting and new hearings. Thus, it appears that these bills just may fail again this year. We also have learned that several administrators at DOE and the Florida House of Representatives are opposed to these bills. In any event, we may have to start over again next year. I surely hope that we will be better organized then if we do -- and receive better support from our membership.

B. Our Presence on Textbook Selection Panels. As you know, David Ramseur and Ron Toops have led this effort. As Carl Hoffman and others have pointed out, the materials provided schoolchildren on the formation of our country, its nature and structure are of critical importance if our form of government and the liberties we enjoy are to survive.

We have had some success here. David was able to submit the names and CV's of five of our Compatriots for consideration for the State level panels. We have recently heard that Dick Fowler has been selected to serve on the K-5 Committee. We are pretty excited about this success and know that we will be well represented by Dick.

The effort to have appropriate Compatriots appointed to the District level panels is lagging. Ron Toops has had some success and it appears that Phil Ballou will receive an invitation. We do not know if any other of our members also have been successful. On the other hand, the State-level committees are just now being formed, so there appears to be time for our committee to do a better job in this area. In this regard, we plan to (hopefully) reach relevant Compatriots with instructions, urgings, etc. via (again) 1) our committee, 2) the BOM members, 3) the Presidents/Secretaries, 4) the Regional Vice Presidents, 5) the FLSSAR website and 6) the Patriot.

Again, our fundamental problem lies in our communication links (or lack of them). I hope we will soon be able to establish usable lists comprised of the several groups cited above. In this regard, Kevin Yarnell already is our link to the Presidents and Secretaries. We make up the materials and send them to him; he kindly forwards them on. This approach constitutes an upgrade but we must be able to do much better.

C. The History "Teaching Materials" (CD's). Thanks to the pressure Larry Bradley has placed on NSSAR, we now have 1650 copies of the CD (plus around 75 I have been able to coax out of them -- primarily on a trip to Louisville). As you know, we will be trying to get one of these into the hands of every history teacher (public, private, home) in the State of Florida and do so by the Fall of 2004. To achieve this goal, we will of course need another 4000-5000

units (plus make up and include the instructions). We are now facing three major problems relative to this subprogram.

1. The first is the same "communication problem" we are having with the two programs reviewed above. Getting appropriate information to all Compatriots probably will become somewhat easier this summer. What will confound this problem, however, is the lack of a good link between our members and the relevant teachers.

2. The second is the high cost of mailing these materials to the individual teachers. The undersigned tested this link by responding to a request by Compatriot Oscar Krachenbuehl (who wanted early initiation of the program in schools near him). The cost of sending three copies plus the pamphlet (and since we only have about 20 copies of this 8-page document, a large xerox bill here can be expected over time) was several dollars. Accordingly, the undersigned has attempted to hand-carry copies to other chapters/groups. However, hand-carrying these materials (to BOM members, RVP's to chapters, Chapter Secretaries to members) will only partly solve this problem. Some better strategies are needed here.

3. Third, a two-part problem (of some consequence) involves the recording of who receives the teaching materials and, especially, how they are used (extensively or not; effectively?). The first part of the two probably may be viable, i.e. at least from FLSSAR to individuals and chapters. The second stage (i.e., chapters to members) is more complex and the reverse links (i.e., back to FLSSAR) from the teachers to our members to chapters etc. can become a nightmare. Yet, NSSAR requests this information and we need it too. Given the substantial ingenuity and talents possessed by our Compatriots these problems may be soluble. And even if we are successful at solving these problems, the resulting data-base will be of substantial size.

Finally. An additional issue. If handled properly, there is no reason that this committee cannot generate some good publicity for our State Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Hollien, PhD
Chair

Addendum I: Letter to Legislators

Dear Senator/Representative:

We are deeply concerned to learn that SB0426, SB 0364, HB0081 may not be brought to the floor for a vote this year!! Please show your support for the civic education of our children by doing so. We will show our appreciation in November. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry Hollien, Ph.D.
Regional Vice President

Sent to: Hon. James King, Senate President, Hon. Bev Kilmer, Hon. Lee Constantine, Hon. Lisa Carlton, Hon. Johnnie Byrd, Speaker of the House, Hon. Ralph Arza

Addendum II: Letter to the Commissioner of Education

April 12, 2004

Hon. James Horne
Commissioner of Education
325 West Gaines St., Suite 1514
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: HB-0081 and related

Dear Commissioner Horne:

This letter is being written on behalf of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (sometimes the SAR is called the "President's Society" as all U.S. Presidents but four have been members since we were organized in the late 1800's; Governor Bush also is a member).

As you might expect, we are particularly interested in having our young people understand how our country was formed and, especially, the historic, civic and economic principles on which it is based. To that end, we are very supportive of having American History, Government and Economics taken into consideration as a basis for promotion in the schools and as a requirement for High School graduation.

Indeed, we were quite dismayed last year when appropriate bills (both House and Senate) easily cleared committee but were not brought to a vote. Moreover, we are concerned about some of the unfortunate interpretations currently being made about the relevant bills for 2004 (SB-0426, SB-0364 and, especially, HB-0081). We are particularly disturbed to learn that they may not be acted upon this year either. Do you not agree that it is most urgent that the cited Social Studies be taken as seriously as mathematics, reading, writing and (now) science? In this regard, we have appreciated the support given this initiative by your Chancellor of K-12 Programs Warford and hope that the department will continue to ensure that student's performance in social studies will be taken into the equation when they are being considered for promotion.

In any event, our members are generally monitoring this situation -- with a number of us from the Education Committee and the Board of Management actively doing so. We sincerely hope that these bills will be passed this session.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this communication and your support of good civic education in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Harry Hollien, PhD
FLSSAR Regional Vice President and
Chair, Education Committee
Copies to: Chancellor James Warford, Dr. Cornelia Orr, Ms. Kathy Mizereck, Senator Lee Constantine,
Congresswoman Bev Kilmer, Mr. Jack Bovee

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee

Chairman: Dick Fowler

Activity on the FLSSAR website continues at a high level. Chapters are urged to send in their newsletters for inclusion on our website. In some cases, two versions of the newsletter are added, including the .html version and the .pdf version. Some members have difficulty in downloading the .pdf version, hence they are made available in both versions.

The first edition of the Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution newsletter has been added, and there has been a lot of interest in it. As soon as it becomes available, the next edition will also be added. This is a great means of seeing what they do, and everyone will appreciate their efforts. They are our future!

Many chapter newsletters have been added during the past three months, and as long as space is available all newsletters will be kept "alive" on our website. They are an excellent source of information. Hundreds of newsletters are available from 2002 thru 2004, and some are archived and available from as far back as 1999. Many viewers doing a search for a particular subject will be taken to some of these newsletters.

Photo gallery pictures are constantly being added, and so far this year the Okeechobee, Panama City, St. Augustine, St. Lucie River, and Treasure Coast chapters have been featured.

As Editor of "The Florida Patriot," and FLSSAR webmaster the work has become too burdensome, so I have resigned my position as Editor. Here is an opportunity for someone who can contribute a great deal to our society and enrich their learning experience. I will be happy to work with the new editor to get him started. Prospects should have a good computer background and good communication skills. It is a chance to put your imagination to work, and, while challenging, it is rewarding in many ways (none of them financial).

Results of a survey of members as to their preference for all black-and -white editions of future "Patriots' are almost unanimous in favor of black and white. While a few thought it would be good to have the cover in color, that is not possible, because the minimum for color is four pages per edition.

The subject will be broached at the Spring BOM Meeting, and without objection; all future editions of "The Florida Patriot" will be in black and white. This will result in a savings of approximately \$2500 per year which can be put to better use.

E-mail address on our website are constantly being updated, and changes are added to the FLSSAR email list. It is important that you let me know if your email address changes so it can be updated.

Dick Fowler, Chairman, Electronic Technology Committee
St. Lucie River Chapter

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Fred W. Curtis

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Trustees

Chairman: I. Newell Kellogg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy

Chairman: Alvie L. Davidson

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

I am pleased to report that 17 chapters worked on this program this past year. Regrettably only six of those chapters received entries, thus the state competition was smaller than in years past. These six essays were all of excellent quality and the judging was difficult and close.

The winners are: First, Ian Malinowski, "The Most Important Cause of the British Defeat in the Battle of Saratoga", submitted by the Tampa Chapter; Second, Justin Rossi, "Francis Marion: Soldier of the Revolution, Man of the New Republic", submitted by the Clearwater Chapter; Third, Andrew Lai, "Man and Country: John Locke's Contribution to American Society", submitted by the Central Florida Chapter.

Overall, the contest ran smoothly again this year. I continue to petition the National Committee for rule changes which would make the contest more appealing and less burdensome to students. In past years these suggestions have been ignored but I continue to press the issues in my yearly report. I also must report significant difficulty in getting the National Committee to resolve a question regarding the rules. Five attempts via post, email, and phone over the course of 6 weeks was necessary to contact the chairman.

I realize those working the youth contests often lament the poor participation. In recent weeks I have endeavored to determine from a cross section of students a listing of those things most likely to motivate participation in all our contests. It is too early to report these findings but I'd welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter with interested compatriots. In short, the essay and oration contest we run are nearly identical to those that I entered when I was in high school. The youth are suggesting we look at the calendar and structure contests that are better suited to the current year.

Finally, allow me to express my thanks to all in the state society who helped with this project. The local chapter contacts are the real workers in this endeavor and even though some were not able to generate any essays their efforts are not unappreciated. A special commendation goes to Lani Wingate of the Jacksonville chapter. He has worked at the local, state, and national level for a decade or more and consistently achieved outstanding results. I know of no other compatriot with a similar record of service to the essay contest.

FLSSAR Committee Report Good Citizenship

Chairman: Nelson Weeks Jantzen
April 30, 2004

Certificates have been given to all Chapters who have requested them.
There is nothing else to report.

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FLSSAR Committee Report Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Robert Danneman
Date: April 6, 2004

We are in the process of collecting materials for the packets that will be mailed to each chapter to help them with their Rumbaugh Oration Contest's. The packets will be mailed sometime in August 2004.

All chapters should inform me of their Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman or contact person as soon as possible in order that communication can be started.

We need to do better than four contestants for the 2005 contest. I would ask every Compatriot to join me in this endeavor to make the 2005 contest the best ever.

Dr. Robert Danneman, Chairman

FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Lonnie G. Jones

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Heroism

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock

Date: April 17, 2004

Committee Members: Compatriots: Norman Antle, St. Augustine Chapter, Jim Armitage, Devane Chapter, Cyril Gamber, Tampa Chapter, Ira Kellogg, Lakeland Chapter, Robert Moody, Lake Sumter Chapter, Edward Payne III, Palm Beach Chapter.

Charlotte Chapter

On 8 April 2004 the Charlotte Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Firefighter Matthew Averbeck Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, Punta Gorda, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Deputy Christopher Cowan Charlotte County Fire Department, Punta Gorda, FL

There was media coverage for the 8 April 2004 presentations made by the Charlotte Chapter.

Central Florida Chapter

On 1 November 2003 the Central Florida Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Battalion Chief Ted Shistle Seminole County Department of Public Safety Emergency/Fire Rescue Division, Sanford, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Lieutenant Corrine Garrett Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, FL

There was no media coverage for the November 2003 presentations made by the Central Florida Chapter.

Jacksonville Chapter

On 25 March 2004 the Jacksonville Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Chief Miles R. Bowers Jacksonville Fire Department, Jacksonville, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Officer Edwin M. Cayenne Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville, FL

There was no media coverage for the 25 March 2004 presentations made by the Jacksonville Chapter.

Lakeland Chapter

On 17 April 2004 the Lakeland Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Heroism Commendation Medal and Certificate

Deputy Sheriff Robert Arndt

Polk County Sheriff's Department, Bartow, FL

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Mark Olivenbaum, Firefighter/EMT

Lakeland Fire Department, Lakeland, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Debra Henson, Deputy Chief of Police

Lakeland Police Department, Lakeland, FL

Lieutenant H. A. (Harry) Katt

Lakeland Police Department, Lakeland, FL

Lieutenant Phillip Petote, Bailiff Commander

Polk County Sheriff's Department, Bartow, FL

There was media coverage for the 17 April 2004 presentations made by the Lakeland Chapter.

Palm Beach Chapter

On 16 March 2004 the Palm Beach Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Heroism Commendation Medal and Certificate

Peter J. Allen, Firefighter and Paramedic

Tequesta Florida Fire Department, Tequesta, FL

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Lieutenant Jeff Galloway

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Captain Pembroke Burroughs

Florida Highway Patrol, Troop L, West Palm Beach, FL

Deputy Sheriff Guillermo Moreno

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, West Palm Beach, FL

Detective Amy L. Sinnott

West Palm Beach Police Department, West Palm Beach, FL

Trooper Jewrel Wigfall

Florida Highway Patrol, Troop L, West Palm Beach, FL

Trooper Michael Vanleer

Florida Highway Patrol, Troop K, West Palm Beach, FL

There was no media coverage for the 16 March 2004 presentations made by the Palm Beach Chapter.

Panama City Chapter

On 19 December 2003 the Panama City Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Lieutenant Jimmy O. Talley

Panama City Fire Department, Panama City, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Sergeant Mark Walton

Panama City Police Department, Panama City, FL

There was media coverage for the 19 December 2003 presentations made by the Panama City Chapter.

Saramana Chapter

On 12 March 2004 the Saramana Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Firefighter/EMT Greg Adams

Englewood Fire Department, Englewood, FL

Firefighter/ETM Scott Blanchard

Venice Fire Department, Venice, FL

Firefighter Brandon Desch

Bradenton Fire Department, Bradenton, FL

Firefighter Todd Stubbs

North Port Fire Department, North Port, FL

Captain Bill Stuckey

Sarasota County Fire Department, Sarasota, FL

Lieutenant David White

Nokomis Fire Department, Nokomis, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Detective Chris Hallisey

Venice Police Department, Venice, FL

Lieutenant Keith Harvey

Venice Police Department, Venice, FL

Detective Michael Kelly
Officer Christopher Hutchko
Officer Dennis D. Silverio, Jr.
Deputy Christine Thomason

Palmetto Police Department, Palmetto, FL
Bradenton Police Department, Bradenton, FL
Longboat Key Police Department, Longboat Key, FL
Manatee County Sheriff's Department, Manatee, FL

There was no media coverage for the 12 March 2004 presentations made by the Saramana Chapter.

St. Augustine Chapter

On 28 January 2004 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Lt. Stephanie Canton-Whaley, Volunteer Firefighter St. Johns County Fire & Rescue, St. Augustine, FL (This Medal and Certificate was presented on 30 January 2004)

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Sheriff Neil J. Perry St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, St. Augustine, FL
Deputy Sheriff Kerry Tanner St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, St. Augustine, FL

There was media coverage for the 28 and 30 January 2004 presentations made by St. Augustine Chapter.

St. Lucie River Chapter

On 10 April 2004 the St. Lucie River Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Officer Christopher Guadagno Fort Pierce Police Department, Fort Pierce, FL

There was no media coverage for the 10 April 2004 presentation made by the St. Lucie River Chapter.

Tampa Chapter

On 17 May 2003 the Tampa Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Firefighter Sean VanAtter Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Tampa, FL

On 15 November 2003 the Tampa Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Officer Jonathan Touchton Tampa Police Department, Tampa, FL

There was no media coverage for the 17 May or 15 November 2003 presentations made by the Tampa Chapter.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Liberty Tree

Chairman: Gene Brown
April 18, 2004

The Charlotte Chapter planted a "Liberty Tree" (sweet bay magnolia) in February at the Punta Gorda History Park, Punta Gorda, FL. This makes a total of (14) trees planted to date.

The Jacksonville Chapter has an "Andrew Jackson" magnolia tree scheduled to be planted and dedicated on May 15th at the Jacksonville Zoo.

Several more chapters have been working on the Liberty Tree plantings, and if additional information is needed, please contact me by writing to:

Gene C. Brown
8605 141st Way North
Seminole, FL 33776

or by calling: (727) 596-7402

or by E-mail at: genegcb1alf@aol.com

FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman: Al Snapp

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Harold F. Miller Jr.

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl K. Hoffman

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Albert C. Little

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Special Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals

Chairman Edward N. "Bud" Casey

April 11, 2004

MEMBERS:

Richard Q. Fowler (St. Lucie River)

Kevin A. Yarnell (Tampa)

Meeting Attendance

No meeting.

Correspondence

Only routine correspondence.

Telephone

Bud Casey's telephone number is (772) 460-2754

E-Mail: budcasey1@aol.com

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A special ad hoc committee, appointed by President Larry Bradley, independently judged the Florida Society chapter newsletters at the winter Board of Management meeting in January. The members of that committee were Compatriots Frank Hodalski, Charles Schafer, and Nelson Jantzen. The Poor Paul Award for the best newsletter in the state will be awarded at the "Awards Banquet" on Friday evening of this BOM meeting, and will include a cash prize of \$ 100.00 for the chapter. The National Chairman for the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee has requested that those chapters interested in entering their newsletters in the national competition for the Carl Bessent Award, include him on their chapter mailing lists. He is:

Compatriot George E. Thurmond

Chairman, NSSAR Newsletters & Periodicals Committee

120 Cannonade Drive

Alpharetta, GA 30004

Please continue to send your newsletters to the Florida Society Newsletters Committee at:

348 European Lane

Fort Pierce, FL 34982-3929

FLSSAR Committee Report Operating Budget Trust Fund Trustees

Chairman: I. Newell Kellogg
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Albert C. Little
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity

Chairman: Robert A. Raup

Earl Marlin Contest points for 2003 were:

Saramana Chapter	629 points
St. Augustine Chapter	380 points
Jacksonville Chapter	338 points
Lakeland Chapter	311 points
St. Lucie River Chapter	276 points
Pensacola Chapter	88 points

Awards checks and ribbons will be handed out at the Banquet on 30 April 2004

FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC

Chairman: Leslie P. Matheson

The fourth part of our year has found some members of our society and the ROTC/JROTC Awards committee busily contacting High School and College units around the state, collecting names for awards, preparing certificates and scheduling award ceremonies. Unfortunately not enough members are engaged in this project.

For this year's Outstanding JROTC Cadet of the Year Award this committee received submissions of only four chapters (13.9%). Gentlemen that is UNACCEPTABLE!!

In an attempt to understand what was going on (or not) and to collect statistics for this annual report, I sent out an e-mail request to every chapter; to the ROTC contact if I knew it, or to the chapter president. I sent out 29 e-mails and got 9 responses. That's 33% to respond to a simple request. I did learn that from those 9 chapters we give out 76 JROTC Bronze medals and 7 Silver medals. That means, I am certain we cover 27% of Florida's 277 JROTC units and 14% of our College ROTC units. Perhaps we do more that aren't reported, and if I get more numbers I will add them in future reports.

I did hear anecdotally of a tenth chapter that doesn't participate because "it costs too much money." Gentlemen, the ROTC awards program in the state of Florida is blessed to be able to apply to the Endowment Trust Fund for reimbursement of many expenses, ROTC medals among them. If you consult the Revised Guidelines for Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement from Oct., 2002; item 1 is cost of bronze and silver medals to ROTC students and one luncheon expense per recipient. You can get you expenses back, and all it cost is your time and effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee members Compatriots, Cahoon, Hollien and Wingate for their time in reviewing the candidates for the State Award Finalist.

Now on a more somber note. The Enhanced ROTC Award program is in sad financial shape on a national basis; and in that light, I wish to again challenge each chapter to contribute \$25.00 to the national ROTC Award program. We did it two years ago and started a mini drive society wide. As we always do, Florida led the pack in monetary donations. This year we need your help even more.

I have been told that without an infusion of funds at the national level, the program will fade away in a year. I suspect that the price we pay isn't keeping up with the cost of the medals and certificates to the National Society, and travel and the like for the winner is expensive each year. If you feel that YOUR society should support youth programs, you must do something, now. All I ask is \$25.00 per chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie P. Matheson, Chairman
FLSSAR ROTC/JROTC Awards Committee

FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman
This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs

Chairman: James Edwin "Ed" Lake
This report was not available at the time of printing.

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: Harold F. Miller Jr.
April 28, 2004
Members: 7 Regional VPs

As of two weeks ago, according to NSSAR Executive Director/Chief Operational Officer, James N. Randall, our "Florida Society Total Collected and Owed" figure is slightly higher at \$24,679.00 since the last figure of November 1, 2003, as stated in my last FLSSAR Committee Report of January 10, 2004.

The need is between \$6.3 to \$6.5 million. I have been informed by Jim that "... To date, the Society has received cash and pledges of just over \$2,000,000 and have an additional \$2,025,000 in future (testamentary) gifts." With the building program estimated to cost about \$3.2 million, and the additional \$3 million endowment that will be needed to maintain the operations of the new SAR Library Center and handle new programs, what is needed at this point is another \$2.5 million. As operational costs are rising, the need is on going. We all know of this project's importance. History must be preserved. Let's do it with our new Library in Louisville. The glass is more than half full. How about filling it up.

Please note below a few words of wisdom and thanks from Jim:

"There are continuous efforts to identify, cultivate and obtain gifts from corporations, foundations and interested persons. Florida has responded to this request, and I trust that members will continue to review how each may support this worthwhile project. Let me express my thanks to all society officers, and interested persons who have worked to obtain gifts and sources for gifts. As we work together, with our focus on the goal to build a legacy, we will persevere."

Checks are to be made payable to: "SAR Foundation" – Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and sent to:
SAR FOUNDATION, 1000 South Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40203-3392

FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Fred F. Gaines, Jr.

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report George Washington Memorial

Chairman: Saul Montes-Bradley

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Census Survey

Chairman: Richard Q. Fowler

Census forms should be given to all new members so their families can be added.

Your relatives are still one of the best sources for new members, and should continue to be cultivated. Let them know about the FLSSAR. Share your chapter newsletters, "The Florida Patriot," and the NSSAR "SAR Magazine" with them. Direct them to our FLSSAR website and the NSSAR website where many of their questions can be answered and they can get a clearer idea of what the SAR does. Encourage them to join.

Richard Q. Fowler, Chairman, Census Committee
St. Lucie River Chapter

FLSSAR Special Committee Report Procedures Manual

Chairman: Rollin L. Bauchspies, Jr.
April 19, 2004

The FLSSAR Secretary together with the Charter and Bylaws Committee has been updating the FLSSAR Bylaws and FLSSAR Committee Charters for printing. When ready for publication, the FLSSAR Bylaws and Committee Charters will be placed on the FLSSAR web page.

The index for the Procedures has been revised and has received concurrence from the members of the ad hoc committee. The procedures for the Florida Brigade, Regional Vice Presidents, Educational and Publicity Committees have been basically completed.

Additional Reports

Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

April 10, 2004

Commander: Rollin L. Bauchspies, Jr.

The period of this report is from 18 January to 2 May 2004. Brigade and Camp Color Guards continued to provide Color Guard units at SAR Chapter, DAR Chapter, Joint SAR/DAR, SAR State and DAR State meetings. Members of Daniel Morgan Camp (Central Florida Chapter) represented the FLSSAR and Brigade at the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Georgia. One member presented a memorial wreath for Florida and another participated in the 23 man Color Guard carrying the Florida State Flag. Members of George Washington Camp (Jacksonville) and Daniel Morgan Camp (Central Florida) combined forces to post and retire the Colors at the National Defense Luncheon of the FSSDAR Spring Conference in Orlando on 3 April 2004. In addition, Camps provided Color Guard units at various civil activities throughout the State during this period. At the Spring 2004 BOM meeting in Clearwater on 30 April, a joint Camp Brigade Color Guard will present and post the Colors at the Spring BOM dinner on 30 April, and again for the Fifth Massing of the Brigade Colors at the Annual FLSSAR Banquet on 1 May. Individual Camp activities during this period were as follow:

- a. George Washington Camp #1 (Jacksonville), Dick Cardell Commander. On 20 January, four members in colonial uniform presented the "HISTORY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES" program to about 160 students at the St. Pauls Catholic School in Jacksonville Beach. A picture of the presentation team with the school principal together with a short summary of the program was published in a local paper. On 16 February the flag program was presented by four members in Bravo uniform to about 50 senior adults at the Taylor Manor Retirement home. The team was joined by one of the residents wearing his Marine Corps dress uniform. On 21 February, five members in colonial uniform together with a CAR member carrying the CAR colors, paraded, posted and retired the colors at a joint SAR, nine Chapter DAR Washington Birthday meeting. Members of the CAR and Freedom's Foundation were in attendance. On 3 April three members in colonial uniform together with four members of the SAR Central Florida Camp presented and posted the colors at the FSSDAR Spring Conference Defense Luncheon in Orlando.
- b. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala), Owen Malcolm Acting Commander. Nothing to report.
- c. Cape Canaveral Camp # 3 (Brevard), Ben DuBose Commander. On 10 January one member presented a talk on the "Battle of Brooklyn" to the SAR Central Florida Chapter. On 2 February one member in uniform presented the Colors, gave a talk on "Benedict Arnold", and recruited for the SAR at the meeting of the DAR Cape Canaveral Chapter. On 14 February a member in uniform presented a talk on the "Battle of Brooklyn" at the SAR St. Lucie River Chapter. On 21 February The Camp supplied a five man Color Guard at a Joint SAR/DAR George Washington luncheon. On 25 February one member in uniform delivered a historical talk and recruited for the SAR at a meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Brevard. On 13 March one member in uniform delivered a historical talk and recruited for the SAR at a breakfast held by a local church men's group. On 20 March when the guest speaker failed to appear at the Brevard Chapter meeting, a member in uniform gave a talk on the "Origins of the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and the American Creed".
- d. Samuel Adams Camp #4 (Clearwater), Nelson Jantzen Commander. On 16 January members participated in a 16 man Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM in Lakeland. On 24 January a two man team manned a SAR recruiting table the Pinellas County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar. On 7 March, a four man Color Guard participated in the annual Massing of the Colors at the Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor, FL together with forty other organizations.
- e. Yorktown Camp #5 (St. Lucie River), Doug North Commander. On 1 February two members in uniform participated in the "Four Chaplains Service" at the First Congregation Church in Port St. Lucie.
- f. Marquie De LaFayette Camp #6 (Gainesville), Harry Hollien Commander. On 16 February four members of the Camp in colonial uniform posted the Colors at the Chapter's Washington Birthday celebration. The Chapter now had twelve sets of uniforms available for its ten guardsmen. Arrangements are being made for the Camp to present a "Living History" program at the Matheson Museum and the Alachua County Historical Society. The date for the event has not been established at this time. The Camp has established an awards procedure for its Camp members. When a Guardsman has participated in seven color guard events he will receive either a Chapter lunch or a small appropriate gift. After a Guardsman has participated in eleven events he will receive a badge of merit of the type awarded to outstanding Revolutionary soldiers and sailors.

- g. Nathen Hale Camp # 7 (Pensacola), Ed Young Commander. Two Camp members plan to participate in the State Color Guard at the 30 April 2004 Spring BOM and the 1 May Massing of the Colors at the Annual Meeting Banquet
- h. Nathaneal Green Camp # 8 (Saramana), Hal Miller Commander. On 14 January, four Comp members in colonial uniform participated in a flag raising ceremony at Merrill Gardens a retirement community and assisted living facility. A new flagpole with night lighting was dedicated at this impressive ceremony. On 21 February eight members of the Camp in colonial uniform participated in a George Washington day luncheon with five DAR chapters at the Jacaranda West Country Club in Venice, FL. Six cadets from Sarasota Military Academy participated in the ceremonies with the Camp members, and provided the piper who led the color guard into the ballroom. On 20 March, three Camp members in colonial uniform participated in the flag raising ceremonies to open the Heritage Day ceremonies at the Heritage Park Open House in Sarasota. They were assisted in the ceremonies by a piper from the Sarasota Military Academy. On 8 April the Camp Color Guard will present the Colors at the five school JROTC ball at the Manatee County Convention Center. This is the largest event of the year for the cadets from the five schools. On 16 April, Camp members will present the Colors at the April meeting of the local Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.
- i. Thomas Paine Camp #9 (Miami), Saul M. Montes-Bradley Adjutant. In early February, four members of the Camp in colonial uniform presented and posted the Colors at the annual meeting of the Miami Chapter. On 29 February, three Camp members in colonial uniform led the parade for the opening ceremony of the Area 11 Special Olympics. The Camp has been invited to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the "All War Memorial" in North Miami, and the Fourth of July celebrations in Coral Gables.
- j. Daniel Morgan Camp # 10 (Central Florida), John Little Commander. Two members in colonial uniform represented the FLSSAR and Florida Brigade at the Battle of Thomas Creek in Georgia. One member presented the FLSSAR memorial wreath, and the other participated in the 23 man Color Guard carrying the Florida State Flag. A battle streamer for the FLSSAR colors was presented to the Florida color guard member for participating in the color guard for the Kettle Creek anniversary event. On Saturday 3 April, the four members of the Central Florida and three members pf the Jacksonville camp color guards in colonial uniform combined to parade and post the Colors at the FSSDAR National Defense Luncheon at its annual Spring Conference Meeting.

Appendices

I. FLSSAR Committee Chairs (42) Agreeing To Serve For 2004-2005

Please Note: This list is tentative. It assumes that the slate of officers put forth by the nominating committee will be elected. Further, the list is incomplete at this time. A complete list of committee chairman and members will be published at the Summer BOM. We are providing this listing to aid members and chapters in their summer efforts.

Advancing America's Heritage	Harry Hollien
Archives	Kevin A. Yarnell
Audit	Sam W. Boone
Car Liaison	Richard Friberg
Charter & By Laws	Harry Hollien
Chapter Challenge	Norman C. Crews
Commemorative Historic Sites	Fred F. Gaines, Jr.
Credentials (NSSAR Congress)	Kevin A. Yarnell
Dar Liaison	George Lockhart
Eagle Scout Scholarship	David H. Ramseur
Education	Harry Hollien
Electronic Technology	Richard Q. Fowler
Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements	Fred W, Curtis
Endowment Trust Fund Trustees	I. Newell Kellogg
Executive	Harold F. Miller Jr.
Finance	James R. Holyfield
Genealogy	Alvie L. Davidson
George Washington Memorial	Saul Montes-Bradley
Good Citizenship	Douglas H. North
History Fairs	Frank X. Hodalski
Knight Essay Contest	Kevin A. Yarnell
Ladies Auxiliary Liaison	Lonnie G. Jones
Law Enforcement, Fire, Safety & Heroism	Lindsey C. Brock
Liberty Tree	Gene Brown
Medals & Awards	Gerald E. Meeks
Meeting Arrangements	Al Snapp (Ex-Officio)
Membership Promotion & Development	Harry Hollien
National Officer Development	Carl K. Hoffmann
Nssar Census Survey	Richard Q. Fowler
Newsletters And Periodicals	Edward N. (Bud) Casey
Nominating "Five (5) To Be Appointed At Summer Bom Who Will Select A Chairman"	I. Newell Kellogg
Operating Budget Trust Fund Trustees	John Cahoon
Patriot Medal	Rollin L. "Bud" Bauchspies, Jr
Procedures Manual	Robert A. Raup
Publicity	Bob Copeland (L.Matheson Help)
R.O.T.C.	Robert Danneman
Rumbaugh Oration Contest	Rollin L. "Bud" Bauchspies, Jr
Sons Of Liberty Brigade	Jack Coleman
Trust Fund Development	James Edwin "Ed" Lake
Veterans Affairs	

II. Uniform Sources

To: Chapter Presidents, Camp Commanders, Color Guards
From: H. Hollien, Quartermaster March 2004 Upgrade

Uniform Sources

The firms listed below can provide uniforms, reenactor clothes, accessories and so on for FLSSAR members. A number of compatriots have successfully traded with certain of these outfits and they are starred. However, neither the quality or authenticity can be guaranteed by the Brigade Office. A check with experienced Color Guard members should be helpful. These listings will be upgraded periodically.

A. Full Service Vendors

* **The Sutler of Mount Misery**, G. Gedney Godwin,
Box 100, Valley Forge, PA 19481
610-783-0670, fax: 610-783-6083 — www.gggodwin.com (no e-mail)
— Most complete source of all. Good quality.

* **Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.**
133 North First St., Box 415 Pierceton, IN 46562
800-338-1665 or 219-594-5852, fax: 219-594-5580 — catalog@jastown.com
— Extensive accouterments, patterns, clothes and uniforms.

* **C. & D. Jarnagin Co.,**
Box 1860, Corinth, MS 38835 or 103 Franklin St., Corinth, MS 38834
662-287-4977 fax: 662-287-6033
cjarnag@jarnaginco.com — www.jarnaginco.com
— A complete source; good quality.

Fox River Traders

110 Ombre Rose Drive, Combined Locks, WI 54113
920-759-2347, fax: 305-489-0215, toll-free for orders: 888-303-1757
traders@foxrivertraders.com — info@foxrivertraders.com
— Custom made uniforms, reenactors clothes, supplies, accessories.

B. Primarily Uniforms — including custom made

* **American Revolutionary Uniforms**, Darlene Neuhaus
5757 Monterrey Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76112
817-496-4160, 817-875-3577 — dmneuhaus@peoplepc.com
— Complete uniforms.

Buy Costumes, Inc.

1-800-459-2969 — csr@buycostumes.com — www.buycostumes.com
— Online catalog; primarily officers' uniforms.

The Weeping Heart Trade Co.,

48 Linwood Ave., Erlanger, KY 41018
859-727-0910 — www.revwarssupplier.com
— Will research and then make Revolutionary War Uniforms.

Barbara J. Black

424 Vickroy Avenue, 1st Fl., Johnstown, PA 15905
(814) 288-3255 — tailor

Henry M. Cook, IV

721 South Main St., Randolph, MA 02368
(617) 963-9645 — tailor

Kannik's Korner, Fritz and Kathleen Kannik
P.O. Box 1654, Springfield, OH 45501-1654
(513) 325-8385 — tailor, patterns

Little Village Tailor, Rick Haven
P.O. Box 728, Sparta, TN 38583
(804) 565-1651

Thread the Needle, Al and Sandy Thomas
1838 Larkin Road, Boothwyn, PA 19061
(610) 482-5718

* Creations by Vera, **Vera Maliott**
7107 NW 200th Terrace, Alachua, FL
(386) 462-1127 — custom uniforms

C. Reenactors Clothing, Period Clothing

* **Hamilton Dry Goods**, Ron & Donna Hamilton,
2510 Randolph Road Cookeville, TN 38508
931-528-6061 — hamiltondrygoods@multipro.com — www.hamiltondrygoods.com
— Reenactors clothes (made to order) and supplies.

* **Historic Seams**, Martha Majewski
360 Nutt Road, Suite 2, Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-933-8535, (cell) 484-744-1769 — sales@historicseams.com
— Reenactors clothes make to order. Also make women's clothes.

The Middling Sort
9921 SE Grant Court, Portland, OR 97216
503-516-6333, Bill@middlingsort.com — www.middlingsort.com
— Reenactors clothing and hats custom made.

Bradley Company of the Fox, Brian Bradley and Linda Marin
4330 N. State Rd., 110, Oshkosh, WI 54904
(414) 233-5332

* **Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Historic Area Stores**
P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1776
(804) 229-1000

Sentry Post, J. Craig Nannos
14344 Bywood Avenue, Upper Darby, PA 19085
(215) 352-3788

Smoke and Fire Trading Co.
P.O. Box 166, Grand Rapids, OH 43522
(419) 832-0303

Tidy's Storehouse
R.D. 1, Box 166A Cochranville, PA 19330
(800) 826-7771, (215) 932-8441

Turkey Foot Trading Co., Allen and Colleen Schroll
P.O. Box 58, Grand Rapids OH 43522
(419) 832-1109

Wicked Wench
P.O. Box 836, Ellicott City, MD 21041-0836
(410) 418-4911, fax (410) 418-4912 — wkdwench@erols.com

D. Accessories, Accoutrements, Specialty Vendors

* **Buckhorn Trading Co.**, Robert Post,
P.O. Box 171, Laquey, MO 65534
BUCKHORN99@jobe.net
— Reenactors accessories and supplies.

* **Alligator Shoe Repair**, Steven & Sheryl Graubard,
3448 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32607
352-338-1414
— Leather products, belts, sword hangers, repairs.

* **Maille Designs**, Dolph Maier
2004 Lovell Ave., No Cambria, PA 15714
814-948-7652 — dedimm@pennswoods.net
— Period clothing; jewelry, accoutrements.

The Forge Works, Micheal Toombs
theforgeworks@msn.com — www.mttoombs.com
— Online catalog; metal items for reenactors.

Military Furnishings, W.K. Osman
5424 Elliot Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55417
612-823-4009 (days only) — calirvine@aol.com
— Mostly 19th Century but some Revolutionary War

* **Mrs. Mellie**, Melanie.G. Whittington
PO Box 524, Smithers, WV 25186
www.geocities.com/mrs_mellies
— Reproduction civilian men's, ladies' & children's clothing & accessories

Kenwigman, Kenneth A. Ferro
2649 Orthodox St., Philadelphia, PA 19137
215-416-9869 — Kenwigman@aol.com
— Wigs

Avalon Forge
409 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227
(410) 242-8431
— Metal items

Beaver River Trading Company, Jack and Donna Vargo
RD 1, Box 109, Belfort Road, Croghan, NY 13327
(315) 346-1505
— Indian clothing

Rendezview Eyewear, Dr. Ron McDaniel
1394 E. Meiks Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176
(317) 392-4429
— Period eyeglasses

Replica Eyewear, Stanley A. Steiner, ABOC, FNAO
Eyewear Unlimited, 816 N. Baldwin, Marion, IN 46952
(317) 664-6848
— Period eyeglasses

Smiling Fox Forge and Morning Star Merchantile
3500 Co. Rd. 230, Fremont, OH 43420
(419) 334-8180
— Metal items

E. Yardgoods/Fabrics for Period Clothes

Anglo Woolens

561 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10018
(212) 736-2230

Class Act Fabrics, Linda Learn

R.R. 4, Box 364, Runkannock, PA 18657
(717) 836-2318

Clearbrook Woolen Shop, Bill Lawrence

P.O. Box 8, Clearbrook, VA 22624
(540) 662-3442, (800) 546-4045

Family Heirloom Weavers

R.D. 3, Box 59E, Red Lion, PA 17358
(717) 246-2431

Hamilton Adams Imports

P.O. Box 2489, 101 Country Avenue, Secaucus, NJ 07096-2489
(201) 866-3250

Anne E. Meyer

3656 Polk Hollow Rd., Cillicothe, OH 45601
(615) 774-1770

Edward Stein Woolen Corp.

184-08 Jamaica Avenue, Hollis, NY 11423
(718) 454-7475

Test Fabrics, INC.

P.O. Box 791, Middlesex, NJ 08846
(201) 469-6446

Textile Reproductions, Kathleen B. Smith

P.O. Box 48, West Chesterfield, MA 01084
(413) 296-4437

Thistle Hill Weavers

R.D. #2, Box 75, Baxter Road, Cherry Valley, NY 13320
(518) 284-2729

Ulster Weaving Company

148 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016
(212) 684-5334

F. Shoes

Foot Mountain Cobblery, Jim Yeiser

2178 McKendree, West Friendship, MD 21795
(410) 489-5401

Fugawee Corporation

3127 Corrib Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308
(800) 749-0387

Walrus Shoe and Leather Co.

814 E. Wisconsin Street, P.O. Box 215, Delavan, WI 53115
(414) 728-6006

G. Hats

Bollman Hat Company

110 East Main Street, Adamstown, PA 19501
(800) 959-4287

Clearwater Hat Co.

HC. 73, Box 202 (or Roasting Ear Creek Rd.), Newnata, Arkansas 72680

John WM. McMicking

179 Melville St., Dundas Ontario L9H 2A9
(905) 627-7492

H. Possible Sources (not confirmed)

Hollyberrycorner, Mandie D. Lancaster

Box 17, Laings, Ohio 43752

740-472-0384 — hbcorner@softhome.net

— Mostly medieval but some Revolutionary War (frogs, accoutrements).

Patriot Wear (Kentucky)

1-800-589-8029 (pin 2303) — patriot64@aol.com

— Custom made Revolutionary War clothes (men and women's), uniforms.

Province of Maine Artificers, Elaine Warren

102 Fogg Road., Scarborough, ME 04074

207-883-4538

P.S. Please let me know if any of these addresses are not accurate.

(i.e., hollien@grove.ufl.edu)

FLSSAR Brigade Uniform Transactions

Quartermaster

Date-2003	Item	Source	Cost (\$)	Sold to	Sold for (\$)
Oct.10	Hunter's Frock	e-Bay Auction	44.50	C. Rinek	45.00
Oct. 12	Uniform pants	Hamilton Co.	30.00	C. Rinek	30.00
Oct. 18	Jefferson shirt	Maille Co.	30.00	S. Montes-Bradley	29.00
Oct. 18	Uniform (coat, vest, pants)	unknown	Donation	R. Toops	150.00
Oct. 24	Jefferson shirt	Maille Co.	30.00	R. Toops	25.00
Oct. 24	cockade/feather	Mellie's	4.00	C. Rinek	4.00
Oct. 28	Hunter's Frock (fringe)	e-Bay Auction	42.80	C. Rinek	45.00
Nov. 1	Long Sox	e-Bay Auction	6.00	C. Rinek	6.00
Nov. 27	Hunter's Shirt XXL	e-Bay Auction	31.50		
Nov. 27	Hunter's shirt L	e-Bay Auction	29.00		
Dec. 11	Possibles Bag	e-Bay Auction	13.50		
Dec. 20	Powder Horn	e-Bay Auction	16.00		
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Jan. 6	Tomahawk	Buckhorn	17.99	S. Montes-Bradley	150.00
Jan. 10	Vest-Weskit	e-Bay Auction	25.50		
Jan. 14	Shoulder Boards	Neuhause	17.00	C. Rinek	18.00
Jan. 14	Shoes Buckles	Neuahuse	14.00	C. Rinek	15.00
Jan. 25	Leather Belt Bag	e-Bay Auction	12.50		
Jan. 28	Powder Flask	e-Bay Auction	9.00		
Feb. 9	Leather Vest (fringe)	e-Bay Auction	25.75		
Feb. 10	Military Jacket (new)	Maliott	150.00		

* A Brigade uniform pool has been established by donations

Uniform Items Available

The FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade Uniform Fund is now overdrawn (\$167 of the available \$152 has been spent). Accordingly, no further purchases can be made on behalf of the FLSSAR Compatriots until some of the available items have been sold. On hand are the following (all are new).

1. Powder Horn \$17.00
2. Powder Flask 9.00
3. Leather Bag Belt 13.00
4. Leather Vest with fringe (size: 38-40) 28.00
5. Vest/Weskit (size: medium) 27.00
6. Hunter's Shirt (size: 46-48) 34.00
7. Possibles Bag 14.00
8. Hunter's Shirt (size: 42-44) 32.00

All of these items are priced well below retail and are now available. Those remaining will be shown (for purchase) at the Annual/BOM Meeting, Clearwater, April 30 - May 1, 2004.

SPRING
Winter Board of Management Meeting

Issues, Minutes, Motions
Spring/Annual Meeting
April 30-May 2, 2004 Clearwater
By Dr. Robert Danneman, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Bradley at 9:11 pm, Invocation by Chaplain Fr. George Burns, followed by Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to SAR and The American Creed. National Officers introduced were: PG Raymond Musgrave, NSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman, South Atlantic Regional VPG Larry Guzy, SAR Georgia President Arthur Chapman, former PG Carl Hoffmann, former VPG Phillip Carr, former Chaplain General Fr. Burns and National Trustee Frank Hodalski. A quorum was certified by Secretary Kevin Yarnell. Motion made by Secretary Yarnell with corrections made to approve Winter BOM minutes, seconded passed.

Trustee Hodalski discussed the motion made at last BOM in regard to the Position Paper ranking of VPG's presented to National Congress by the Florida Society.

NSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman gave a report on activities of the Eagle Scouts.

State Officers Reports and Committee Reports are listed in the Quarterly Reports and are made part of these minutes.

The following items of importance were addressed: Need for new Editor of "Florida Patriot", Education Report by Chairman Dr. Harry Hollien was discussed at length, Reimbursements for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Chapter expenses, was discussed by Trustee Hodalski, Next meeting of BOM to be Aug 13-14, 2004 Lakeland, Need way to fund JROTC metals. Need to distribute Book, "Another Visit to Valley Forge" by SAR Georgia President Chapman.

BOM continued May 1, 2004 at 9:03 am

BOM Committee Reports completed, with FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund handout, Sons of Liberty Brigade report given by Dr. Hollien reporting in absence of ill Commander Bud Bachspies.

Trustee Hodalski disturbed copies of the Position Paper given at the National Congress in regard to the rank of VPG's as outlined and researched by the Florida Society and spoke at length on his activities at the National Congress.

Executive Committee meeting report by President Bradley:

Lake City Chapter no longer in operation for lack of required payments to state.

Each Region to have one Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements representative.

PA System for use by Recording Secretary, motion by Recording Secretary Dr. Robert Danneman to acquire a recording system to meet needs of the Society , amended to include the cost not to exceed \$ 250.00
seconded, passed.

Chapter Authorized Reimbursements guidelines to be " re-worked" to eliminate discrepancy for Rumbaugh Oration Contest reimbursements.

Motion made by Compatriot Gerald Meeks to reimburse two Chapters for funds expended for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest , seconded passed

New Business:

Former VPG Carr would like all all flags at one half mast in memory of departed Law Enforcement Officers on May 15, 2004.

Motion by Compatriot Ron Hamilton to give DAR members SAR medal for three (3) completed applications of new SAR members accepted into the Society, seconded passed.

Compatriot Fred Gaines presented President Bradley a ribbon for the Society flag.

Compatriot Bud Casey opened a lengthily discussion on IRS 501c reporting and use.

Annual 2004 Meeting: 2:33 pm, May 1, 2004

Meeting called to order by President Bradley, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Pledge to SAR and The American's Creed were given.

Motion make and seconded to approve last Annual Meeting, seconded passed.

New Business:

1891 SAR Application for membership for John Henry Bull given to President Bradley.

National Trustee Hodalski reported that 198 Valley Forge books have been sold. President Bradley stated that all profit from sale would be donated to National JROTC and Trustee Hodalski was made Chairman of Valley Forge book sales.

Former VPG Carr requests Trustee Hodalski "keep on top" of the VPG position ranking paper submitted by FLSSAR to National.

Motion by Northwestern VP Ed Young to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded passed. ^(Onsite)

Nominating Committee Chairman Hamilton added former PG Hoffmann to be Chancellor, Compatriot Saul Montes-Bradley to be Editor Florida Patriot and Compatriot Charles Schafer to be Chaplain to slate of officers list. It was moved and seconded the slate of officers be accepted, passed by acclamation .

Compatriot John Cahoon, Jr. gave JROTC report in absence of JROTC Chairman Leslie Matheson.

Former PG Hoffmann moved that Trustee Hodalski keep FLSSAR informed about status of JROTC medals, seconded passed. ^(a program)

PG Musgrave spoke on the National JROTC and National Fire Safety programs.

Compatriot Al Snapp reported on future BOM meeting information.

There being no further business the recessional was led by Trustee Hodalski and the benediction was given by Chaplain Burns.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Danneman
Recording Secretary