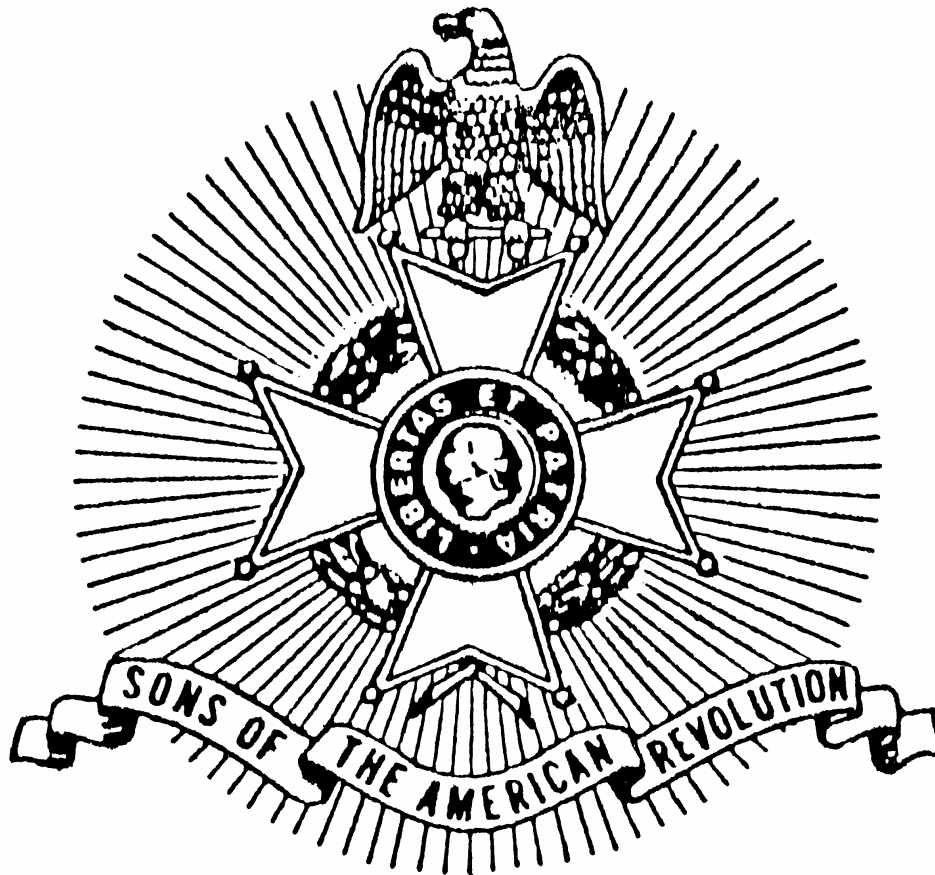


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Spring Board of Management Meeting
Kissimmee, Florida
May 2-3, 2008

Sons of the American Revolution Mission

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Pledge to the SAR

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

The American Creed

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

Recessional

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

FLSSAR
Board of Management Meeting
May 2-3, 2008

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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

Lindsey Brock

April 26, 2008

Since our January 18th-19th, 2008 BOM meeting, I have communicated via phone and email with various state and chapter officers, committee chairman and members at both the FLSSAR and NSSAR level. Contact has also been made with various C.A.R. societies, state officers of the Florida Society C.A.R. and National Society C.A.R covering many topics and upcoming events.

Saturday, January 19th – 21st my wife, Billie, and I attended the Florida State Seminar, "Chart a C.A.R. Course", at Shake-A-Leg in Coral Gables, FL. This was a fun and special time for the F.S.C.A.R. members to experience sailing and kayaking on Biscayne Bay.

Sunday, February 3rd the Princes Malee Society held its monthly meeting at the Jacksonville Maritime Museum. Bob Morgan, Interim President of the museum gave an overview of the maritime history of Jacksonville and the importance of the St. Johns River to the local area during the American Revolution. Bob Morgan was also the guest speaker at the Jacksonville Chapter's meeting on March 13th and his presentation at that meeting was essentially the same.

President Wallin and I, along with other Florida Society members, attended an organization meeting in Lake City, FL on January 29th to assist in re-activating the Lake City Chapter. Steve Williams, Ron Toops and Gordon Greenwood have also been working with former and prospective new members of the Lake City Chapter and we are optimistic that the Lake City Chapter will be re-activated in the near future. President Wallin and I also attended the 229th Ceremony of Battle of Kettle Creek on February 8th and 9th in Washington, GA. Secretary General David Appleby represented NSSAR at that commemorative event. Grant presented a wreath on behalf of the FLSSAR and I presented a wreath on behalf of the Jacksonville Chapter.

On February 5th I attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter and its February 14th chapter meeting. The guest speaker at the February 14th meeting was Rodney Brown, Esquire, from the U.S. Attorney's office in Jacksonville, FL who served as a legal advisor and observer for the Iraq government during the trial of Saddam Hussein. His presentation was an exciting overview of Saddam Hussein's trial up to and including Hussein's death sentence.

We had twelve (12) FLSSAR members in attendance at the Spring NSSAR Leadership meeting in Louisville on February 21st - 24th. The main highlight of the meeting was the positive vote to acquire the Fulton Conway Building on Main Street in Louisville, KY. At the Florida Society's caucus, which was held prior to the vote relating to the acquisition of the Fulton Conway Building, President Wallin polled the 12 members present and 10 of the twelve Florida Society members agreed that the vote by the Trustee should be affirmative. It was my privilege to attend several of the NSSAR committee meetings including the NSSAR Nominating Committee in which we interviewed the nominees for National office for the term 2008-2009. Lastly, at this Leadership meeting I was appointed a member of the NSSAR Membership Committee which is chaired by Joe Dooley of Virginia.

On Saturday March 1st I attended the monthly meeting of the Princess Malee Society at the Mandarin Museum in Jacksonville. The Museum houses artifacts and displays of Mandarin's history from the earliest recorded times. Prominent displays include author Harriet Beecher Stowe's winter home in Mandarin and the Maple Leaf shipwreck artifacts as well as a sampling of Timucuan Indian pottery.

Our 225th celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, FL on March 8, 2008 was a tremendous success. This year we had nearly two hundred color guard units in attendance and our total attendance was over 450 versus 400 last year. There were 53 wreath presenters, 12 state societies were represented and we had nearly 100 in attendance at our Friday, March 7th dinner. Captain William M. Drake of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Unit of Cape Canaveral was our guest speaker at the 225th celebration and the U.S. Navy Color Guard of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Unit presented and posted the Colors. The U.S. Navy Band Southeast from Jacksonville was also present at this year's ceremony. Chris Kahl, a singer/songwriter from Merritt Island, composed and sung a ballad about this historic naval battle, which was entitled, "*The Last Day the Cannon Balls Did Fly*". The Elijah Clark Militia of the Georgia Society fired a volley in memory of the brave men who served aboard the Alliance and the Navy Band Southeast played Echo Taps immediately after the volley. The 225th

anniversary celebration of the last naval battle was a resounding success. Ben DuBose and Steve Williams of the Brevard Chapter contributed immensely to the success of this year's event. Next year the Last Naval Battle ceremony will be held on February 27-28, 2009.

Gordon Greenwood, Chairman of FLSSAR's DAR Liaison Committee and I along with several other Florida Society SAR members attended the DAR State Conference in Orlando, FL on March 14-16, 2008. The DAR, as they have in previous years, graciously provided the Florida Society with a table for displaying SAR Membership data.

President Grant Wallin, SVP Ron Toops and I attended the April 3rd to 4th South Atlantic District Meeting in Athens, GA. PG Bruce Wilcox, Executive Director Joe Harris and several other national officers were also present. Immediately after the South Atlantic District meeting President Wallin and I attended the State Conference of the Florida Society C.A.R., which was held on Saturday April 5th in Deerfield Beach, FL.

On April 10th the Jacksonville Chapter held its monthly meeting and the guest speaker was, Billie S. Brock. Billie presentation was entitled "Heroines of the American Revolution." She told of the valiant exploits of many lesser known heroines of the American Revolution.

Saturday and Sunday, April 12th and 13th I, attended a NSSAR strategy meeting in Raleigh, NC. PG Bruce Wilcox and other compatriots from various state societies were also present. Our primary topic of discussion was the next phase in the completion of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

My wife, Billie and our two grandchildren attended the 2008 National Convention of the National Society C.A.R. in Arlington, VA, April 18th -20th. There were 28 junior and senior members in attendance from the Florida Society C.A.R. Kelly Knight of the Princess Malee Society of Jacksonville was elected and installed as First Vice President, N.S.C.A.R and Molly Knight was elected and installed as Senior Vice President of the Southeast Region, N.S.C.A.R. Billie Brock was installed as Senior President, Florida Society C.A.R. PG Bruce Wilcox brought greetings at the Saturday, April 19th Awards Banquet for the NSSAR.

Our 31st Florida Society chapter, The Aaron Snowden Chapter, was chartered on Saturday April 26th in Milton, FL. President Grant Wallin and RVP Ed Young of the NW Region conducted the chartering ceremony. There were 42 members and guest present. Greetings were brought by representatives of the SAR and DAR. Billie, Brock also brought greetings as Senior President of the Florida Society, C.A.R.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

Grant Wallin, Jr.

This is my last message to the membership as we will have a new President elected at our Spring Board of Management meeting. I want to thank all of the Compatriots who have worked so hard to make this past year so successful. There are so many of you who have worked at making our Florida Society successful in our many undertakings that I would certainly leave someone out if I attempted to thank them all individually. You all know who you are and you have my heart-felt thanks for all of your efforts.

This has been a very busy three months and will continue to be busy up until our May meeting. In January, I installed the officers at the Tampa Chapter and attended an organizational meeting of the Lake City Chapter. This chapter should be ready to charter very soon. In February, Pat and I attended the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia along with Lindsey and Billie Brock, Ron and Jane Hamilton and two members from our recently chartered William Dunaway chapter. I presented a wreath on behalf of the Florida Society at this event. On the 18th of February, I installed the officers of the Gainesville chapter and the next day, Pat and I left for the NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville. We had twelve Compatriots representing the Florida Society at the Conference. As you all know, the vote to purchase the Conway Building was approved with a massive majority. On the 26th of April, I presented the charter to the newly organized Aaron Snowden Chapter in Milton, Florida. This brings our list of active chapters up to thirty-one.

Among other items of interest were the following:

1. Dollars received from the Federal Campaign will be distributed with 50% going to the National Society and 50% going to the chapters who participated in the petition.
2. Our Eagle Scout winner placed third in the National Judging behind Minnesota and Georgia.
3. SAR members can purchase Footnotes for \$49.95 by going to www.footnote.com/SAR and indicating that they are a SAR member.
4. The Knight Essay Contest has been expanded to include Sophmores in high school.

I was in attendance at the Last Naval Battle Celebration on March 8th and brought greetings from the Florida Society to the State DAR Conference in Orlando on the 14th. On April 1st I left for the South Atlantic District Meeting in Athens, Georgia to report on our Society's past year and to see the election of our own Compatriot Lindsey Brock as the new Vice President General-elect of the South Atlantic District. Lindsey and I will then left there and drove to Deerfield Beach so I could bring greetings and present two medals and our annual \$1,000 check to the C.A.R. State Society. As of this date, I do not have anything else to do except to get ready for our Spring BOM and Annual Meeting in Kissimmee.

It has been a good year. It has been busy, but I have enjoyed meeting with a number of our chapters all around the state. The state of our Society is sound and with everyone pulling together, our membership should grow, our chapter programs should cause more of our members to be more active, and at least one more new chapter should be chartered within the next few months. We are making an impact and it is because our membership is becoming more involved. Let's all get involved and make our next year even more successful. Again, thank you all for your most generous support. It was great!

Fraternally,
Grant R. Wallin, Jr., President FLSSAR

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Senior Vice President

Ron Toops

I had the opportunity to attend the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville Kentucky and the South Atlantic District Meeting in Athens Georgia. The main thrust of the Leadership Conference was the proposal to purchase the Fulton Conway Building. This proposal was successfully approved by the state trustees. At the South Atlantic District meeting, it was interesting to see the successes of some of the states in our district and some of the lack of success in others. I do believe that there was value received from both trips. I have my travel plans finalized for a trip to the NSSAR 118th Annual Congress.

The main objectives of the Regional Vice President's Committee is that associated with communicating the messages from the Florida Society to the chapters and to communicate the chapter issues to the Florida Society. The task during this past period, was to review the state, region and chapter membership growth data and define action items for improvement. More on this will be discussed in the Membership Promotion & Retention Committee report. Another task, was to define the level of participation in our various program, including youth, veterans, contests, etc..

All but a couple of the FLSSAR committee chairmen positions have been filled. The challenge at this time is to fill the Committee Chairmanships, associated with the Joseph P. Rumbaugh and the Newsletter & Periodicals Committees. If there are committee chairs who differ with this statement please let me know. It is expected that each of the FLSSAR Committee Chairmen will review and update their committee membership, so that we can notify the state secretary and have this information published in the FLSSAR website and the next "Patriot".

I have been very busy with many other associated activities, including those associated with Florida Legislation, Middle School Pilot Essay and the many local chapter responsibilities. The major challenge has been with keeping up with the emails received and the follow-up communications.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President

Date: April 27, 2008

Report and Recommendations:

ACTIVITIES THIS PAST PERIOD:

- Attended all meetings of the Pensacola Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee serving as Chapter Secretary.
- Served the Florida Society as the Commander, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursement Committee and Advisor to the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee.
- Attended the Fort Pickens Chapter DAR Lineage Workshop and recruited on 2 January 2008.
- Commanded the Pensacola Chapter Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter DAR George Washington Tea on 16 February 2008.
- Judged exhibits at the Escambia History Fair on 26 February 2008.
- Commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade for the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008.
- Provided a report to the Region Chapter Presidents covering the actions and discussions of the FLSSAR Winter BOM.
- Advised the FLSSAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee.
- Presented the NSSAR Silver ROTC Medal at the Army ROTC Awards Ceremony at the University of West Florida on 9 April 2008.
- Presented the NSSAR Silver ROTC Medal at the University of West Florida Air Force ROTC Awards Ceremony held at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL on 19 April 2008.
- Judged Tropicana Speech Contest for 4th and 5th graders at Lipscomb Elementary School in Pensacola on 24 April 2008.
- Worked with the leadership of the proposed new Aaron Snowden Chapter in Milton regarding the Chapter Institution process.
- Commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Presentation of the Colors at the Aaron Snowden Institution Ceremony in Milton on 26 April 2008.
- Performed duties of the Master of Ceremonies at the Aaron Snowden Chapter Institution Ceremony.
- Communicated with the NW Region Chapter presidents regarding support for legislating to establish Florida public school Civics and History curricula under FCAT assessment.
- Commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade for the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual Meeting at Kissimmee on 2-3 May 2008.

AARON SNOWDEN CHAPTER: The Institution Ceremony of the Aaron Snowden Chapter was held at the Red Barn Restaurant in Milton on April 26, 2008. FLSSAR President Grant Wallin presided and Northwest Regional Vice President Edward Young was the Master of Ceremonies. The Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Presented the Colors. The Charter Officers are President Nathan Williams, Vice President Carroll France, 2nd Vice President Lonnie Jones, Secretary/Historian Brandon Caris, Treasurer Charles Williamson, Jr., Chaplain/Registrar Bryan Harper, and Sergeant-At-Arms Eddie Nelson. Rosa Seymour, Regent, Three Rivers Chapter DAR was presented the NSSAR Daughters of Liberty Medal by President Wallin in recognition of her strong and lasting support of the Sons of the American Revolution. The speaker, Gail Allred, spoke about "Aaron Snowden, The Patriot".

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Two Trees Restaurant, Fort Walton Beach Golf Course. The Chapter presented one Silver ROTC Medal at the University of West Florida, Okaloosa-Walton Campus. Also the Chapter presented Bronze ROTC Medals at Choctawhatchee, Walton and Fort Walton Beach High Schools and delivered a Bronze ROTC Medal to Niceville High School for a later presentation.

PANAMA CITY CHAPTER:

The chapter meets regularly on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M. at Po Folks restaurant in Panama City throughout the year. Please call 850-747-9366 for details. All are welcome. The chapter is in the process of awarding five JROTC Medals at area high schools.

PENSACOLA CHAPTER:

The chapter meets monthly at 5:15 P.M. on the second Tuesday at Ryan's Buffet Restaurant, 9006 Pensacola Blvd. (Hwy 29), Pensacola. New members Eddie L. Nelson, Jr., and Paul D. Walker were inducted in February and Larry B. Baird, Brandon C. Caris, James E. Covan, Jr. and James E. Covan, Sr. were inducted in March. Ray Lantz and Ed Young attended the Fort Pickens Chapter DAR Lineage Workshop in Pensacola in February. Young and Lonnie Jones marched with the Brigade at the Last Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on March 8, 2008. Oscar Bellamy, Lantz, Mark Kilgore and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter DAR George Washington Tea on February 16, 2008. Kilgore and Young judged Exhibits at the Escambia County History Fair on February 26, 2008 and Kilgore judged at the Santa Rosa County History Fair on February 29, 2008. The winner of the Chapter Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest held on 6 March, 2008 was Trevor Odom. The Good Citizenship Certificate Committee announced that 500 certificates have been signed and are ready for distribution. Two Silver ROTC Medals were presented to Army and Air Force Cadets at the University of West Florida. Young judged the Tropicana Speech Contest for 4th and 5th graders at Lipscomb Elementary School in Pensacola on April 24, 2008. Ten JROTC Medals will be presented at area high schools. The Outstanding JROTC Cadet has been selected and forwarded to the FLSSAR to compete in the state contest.

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER: The Chapter held their George Washington Birthday Celebration on February 22, 2008 at the Silver Slipper with 23 in attendance. The speaker, Pete Steuer, President, Tallahassee Chapter, World War II Association, spoke about "Washington Revisited" and disclosed many little known facts about Washington. The Chapter presented the Eagle Scout Medal and scholarship to William Doran who will now compete for the FLSSAR Eagle Scout Award. The Chapter is now in the process of presenting 10 Bronze JROTC Medals at area high school units and 4 Silver ROTC Medal at area college units. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2008.

WILLIAM DUNAWAY CHAPTER: This is the first report for the William Dunaway Chapter which was instituted on January 5, 2008. The first monthly meeting was held in February with the purpose of organizing and establishing goals. Chapter President Harry Dunaway presented the NSSAR Membership Certificate and Rosette to the first new member. The March meeting program was presented by Robert and Fletcher Dunaway who had attended the 229th Anniversary observance of the Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington, Georgia. In uniform, they participated in the Town Square activities, presented a wreath at the Kettle Creek War Hill Wreath Laying Ceremony and at the Elijah Clarke Grave Memorial Ceremony, in memory of Patriot Ancestor William Dunaway. Also, the chapter voted to co-sponsor the Blue Springs Society CAR with the Chipola Chapter DAR in Marianna. The program for the April meeting was presented by Mark Steetle, President, Tri-State Chapter, ALSSAR concerning "Cooperation and Mutual Objectives". Four Chapter members delivered a letter to FL Representative Marti Coley (7th District), requesting her support for placing Social Studies under the FCAT assessment system in Florida public schools. Future plans are to attend the new Aaron Snowden Chapter Institution Ceremony and the FLSSAR Spring BOM, participate in "Partners in Patriotism" and observe Constitution Week jointly with neighboring SAR and DAR Chapters.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

North Central Region Gordon Greenwood, Vice President

GENERAL- Overall the first quarter of 2008 was an active one in the North Central Region, including efforts to reorganize the former Lake City Chapter, with the RVP visiting chapters as follows. (1) Lake City-Jan. 29; (2) Ocala-Feb. 12; (3) Gainesville-March 4; and Ocala-Apr. 16.

GAINESVILLE-Although saddened by the death of long-time member Linn Gowdy, this chapter's membership has grown to 55 members (including 7 associate members and excluding Compatriot Gowdy). In addition, it has two applications pending NSSAR review and seven prospects.

New Chapter officers were inducted by President Grant Wallin in Feb. as follows: President-Bob Reeves; 1VP-Ray Davis; 2VP-Jim Thrasher; Sec./Treas.-David Cromer; Registrar/Genealogist-Jim Partin.

Two compatriots, Bob Reeves & Ray Davis have been very active representing the Chapter at various events in uniform: (1) handing out 76 flag lapel pins at naturalization ceremonies in Feb. & March; (2) making patriotic presentations at Brooker Elementary School and the Wellborn Masonic Lodge; (3) attending (Bob Reeves) the Last Naval Battle Ceremony. (4) Presenting JROTC medals to cadets at Williston and Bell high schools.

Compatriots Reeves and Davis are forming a Chapter Veterans Committee to provide service to veterans. Toward that end, they met with the Alachua Co. Veterans Advisory Board and members of the Veterans Voluntary Services staff to determine possible local veteran support activities.

Further Chapter activities include publication of two editions of the Chapter newsletter, the Broadside, implementation of a telephone tree and buddy program (drive members to meetings). Door prizes and raffles are conducted at each meeting.

LAKE CITY-On Jan. 29 a meeting was held at the Lake City Public Library by Ron Toops, Lindsey Brock, Grant Wallin, and Gordon Greenwood for purposes of reorganizing the former Lake City Chapter. This effort was spearheaded by the FLSSAR Chapter Reorganization Comm. (Steve Williams, Chair). Ron Toops publicized the meeting in local news media and involved the Lake City DAR. The results have been promising. Since the meeting, Jim Thrasher (2VP of the Gainesville Chapter) has headed up the reorganization effort and reports that 3 members of the Gainesville Chapter along with 2 former members of the former Lake City Chapter (who have reinstated their membership) will form the nucleus of the new Chapter. Although 10 members are required, a sixth member's application has been sent in to NSSAR for approval, 5 more are in the process of preparing their applications, and three more definite prospects are waiting in the wings.

LAKE SUMTER-This Chapter has inducted 7 new members (4 of which are brothers) at its last two meetings and has been averaging between 25 to 34 members at each meeting. In addition to regular meetings, Compatriot Bill Piper gave flag talks in uniform to: (1) the Lake City Elks; (2) the Virginia Club; and (3) The Veterans Club at Stone Crest. Compatriot Ron Toops participated in the FLSSAR Color Guard at the Winter BOM Meeting and teamed with Compatriot Piper to give a Revolutionary War talk at Clermont to a fifth grade class. Four compatriots participated in the Last Naval Battle Event and four compatriots showed up to participate in the George Washington Parade in Eustis but were rained out.

OCALA-This chapter installed new officers at its Jan. meeting with President Wallin presiding. Its current officers are as follows: President-Dale Sutton; 1VP-Pete Fitzpatrick; 2VP-Dave Stormzand; Secretary-Owen Malcolm; Treasurer-Jack Darling; Chaplain-Bob Foxworthy. The Chapter has no Registrar to spearhead the recruitment of new members at the present time and although it has put up a chapter website, it is currently not operational. Nevertheless, it has three new prospects for membership, two of which have submitted applications and a third is in the process of application preparation.

Although the Chapter was unable to file its Chapter Challenge Report for 2007, President Dale Sutton presented an Eagle Scout Certificate at Wiersdale High School in Feb. and Compatriot Ed Page plans to present five JROTC awards in May.

WITHLACOOCHEE-Four members of this very active chapter attended the Winter BOM Meeting and one member, Richard Sumner, participated in the Color Guard ceremonies at the banquet. At the Jan. Chapter meeting, A Good Citizenship medal was presented to a retired elementary school principal who has been very active in community affairs.

At the Last Naval Battle Event in March, six members of the Chapter, five in uniform, and three members of the Ladies Auxiliary participated. Also in March, five members of the Color Guard participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Clover Leaf Park in Hernando Co.

During the chapter's March meeting, Law Enforcement medals were awarded to Public Service Commissioner, Nancy Argenziano and Hernando Co. Sheriff, Richard Nugent. Newspaper pictures and articles of the Law Enforcement awards and the Good Citizenship Medal will be published in three local newspapers.

Copies of the SAR Whats brochure have been placed in the hands of the County Librarian for distribution during genealogy presentations.

Finally, two new member applications have been submitted for approval to NSSAR.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Northeastern Region Tom Beauchamp, Vice President

Nothing to report

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

East Central Regional Vice President

East Central Region Ben DuBose, Vice President

It has been a pleasure serving as a RVP for the last two years. As I've stated before, the RVP position should be used as a training ground for our future leaders. Since I do not wish to move up it was best to find someone who is. I believe Hall Riediger will be an asset to the FLSSAR for years to come.

Please see the following reports for my activities in the 1st Quarter of 2008; Liberty Tree Committee; Patriotic Education Committee; Last Naval Battle Committee & Brevard Chapter.

Central Florida Chapter

- * Several articles on Chapter activities submitted to the Winter Park/Maitland Observer Newspaper.
- * Finalized article entitled "Last Men Standing" by Chapter member Dabney Davis and submitted same to Patriot editor Dick Fowler.
- * Four Resolutions of Regret presented to families of Chapter members. The Central Florida Chapter would like to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to the Clearwater Chapter for sharing this very meaningful program with other Chapters.
- * Also during this period several new member prospects were identified and assistance offered by Registrar regarding their applications. One transfer Ellis Adams and approved one new member Joshua Wilson.
- * Conducted regular Chapter meeting. Compatriot Donnie Ruyle and wife Sandy of Washington were guests at this meeting.
- * Program for December by Alex Moskovic on "Life in the Death Camps."
- * Program for January by Therese Frye on Immigration Policies.
- * Program for February - Eagle Scout Recognition.
- * Program for March by Bob Copeland on Covert Activities of Revolution War.
- * Patriot Dinner speaker Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum.
- * Compatriot Murray issued three Flag Certificates.
- * Recognized 28 JROTC Cadets, 2 ROTC Cadets and 4 Overseas JROTC Cadets (2-Germany, 1 Japan & 1 Guam)

Chapter Color Guard Activities

Chapter Color Guard activities for this period included three to seven members in uniform at each the following Community appearances:

- * Lake Highland Preparatory School's salute to Veterans – 2 appearances
- * Mayflower Retirement Center's program to Veterans
- * Orlando Veterans Day parade
- * Celebration Veterans Day Parade and Flag Retirement
- * William P. Duval DAR Chapter Veterans Day recognition – appearances
- * Orlando DAR Chapter's 101st Anniversary Celebration
- * Orlando DAR Monument dedication
- * One member attended the Kettle Creek Commemoration
- * Five members participated in the Last Naval Battle Commemoration

Brevard Chapter

The Brevard Chapter held three monthly meetings and one Board of Directors meeting in the 1st Quarter and sent out two of its six yearly newsletters.

1/5/08.. Along with five local chapters of the DAR and four genealogical groups we held our 2nd Annual Genealogy Fair which drew over 100 people. A recruiting table was set up. Nine members attended. These five were in uniform; B. DuBose, C. Green, F. Smith, S. Williams, & P. Wright, plus these four assisted, R. Bonnett, J. Carter, R. Norman, D. Richardson,

1/18/08.. Three members of our color guard attended the BOM in Kissimmee and joined the FLSSAR Brigade at Friday night's dinner; B. DuBose, S. Williams & P. Wright.

1/23/08.. Compatriot B. DuBose attended, in uniform, the 2008 Naturalization Ceremony for Central Florida at the King Center in Melbourne

2/13/08.. Compatriots B. DuBose and P. Wright, in uniform, presented the Colors at the South Brevard Genealogy Society meeting with about 50 people in attendance, plus they did recruiting.

2/13/08.. Compatriot B. DuBose gave a talk, in uniform, on the LAST NAVAL BATTLE at the South Brevard Genealogy Society in Melbourne.

2/16/08.. Compatriots B. DuBose and S. Williams, in uniform, presented a talk on the LAST NAVAL BATTLE at the Local History Club in Satellite Beach. They also set up a recruiting table.

2/18/08.. Compatriot B. DuBose gave a talk, in uniform, on the LAST NAVAL BATTLE to the AARP of North Brevard and did recruiting.

2/20/08.. Compatriot B. DuBose gave a historical talk to the Annapolis Alumni of Brevard and did recruiting.

2/23/08.. Eight members of the color guard presented the Colors at the Annual SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday luncheon where over 100 people attended; B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, C. Green, P. Hinman, R. Ryan, F. Smith, S. Williams & P. Wright

2/24/08.. Compatriot B. DuBose gave a talk, in uniform, on the LAST NAVAL BATTLE to the Space Coast Navy League and did recruiting. They attended our Celebration event for the 1st time.

3/7/08.. The Brevard Chapter hosted the Friday night "Pre-Event" dinner at the Radison Conference Center. Almost 100 people attended, including five members of our chapter, along with five of their family members.

3/8/08.. The Brevard Chapter was honored to once again be the "Host Chapter" for this year's 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle Of The American Revolution ceremonies held at Cape Canaveral. Fifteen members of our chapter attended. These ten were in uniform, G. Darby, J. Davenport, B. DuBose, F. Dunagan, C. Green, P. Hinman, R. Ryan, F. Smith, S. Williams and S. Wright. These five supplied ground support: J. Malcolm, R. Norman, D. Spellman, T. Trousdale and R. Wiedenhafer, We thank all of those who attended.

3/15/08.. Eagle Scout Jace Hester was presented with 3 checks, \$100 from our Chapter, plus for winning second place at the FLSSAR he received an addition \$200 from the FLSSAR Ladies' and \$500 from the FLSSAR. Also, a FLAG CERTIFICATE was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph "Bo" Ray of Cocoa

3/15/08.. Compatriots B. DuBose and P. Wright, in uniform attended the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade, they were joined by Wright's daughter Kate in colonial dress, Ben's son-in-law Rob Steiner wearing a tri-corn and his daughter Tracy Steiner - they supplied the highly decorated pick-up truck.

3/19/08.. Four Compatriots attended the funeral services for Brevard Chapter members V. Martin Burnette These two were in uniform B. DuBose and Phil Wright, plus G. Darby and Howard McClellan

Treasure Coast Chapter

All of the following were done by William Stevenson in full uniform.

1/5/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Chartering of the William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna, FL.

1/8/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Cape Canaveral Sojourners Chapter 366 meeting.

1/12/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Heroes meeting - Merritt Island Masonic Lodge.

1/15/08. Represented Chapter at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new JROTC Center at Sebastian River High School.

2/5/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Cape Canaveral Sojourners Chapter 366 meeting.

2/9/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Heroes meeting - Merritt Island Masonic Lodge.

03/04/08. Gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the Cape Canaveral Sojourners Chapter 366 meeting.

3/25/08. Gave the "Build the Flag" program at the MOWW "Youth Leadership Conference" at Patrick Air Force Base.

St. Lucie River Chapter

Jan. 12, Regular Chapter meeting at Delmonico's Grill in Port St Lucie. At this meeting the contest entries for the Molly Pitcher Contest were displayed. The members judged the entries and selected a winner for the Chapter. The winner will be awarded \$50.00 and invited to the May meeting for his award. This poster will be entered in the FLSSAR contest at the Spring meeting of the BOM.

Feb. 3rd, two members in uniform attended the Four Chaplains service in Port St Lucie. Feb 7th, Chapter BOD meeting held at Friendly's in Port St Lucie. Feb. 9th, regular Chapter meeting at Delmonico's Grill. The SAR Law Enforcement medal was awarded to Martin County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Dale Howard, and the EMS medal was awarded to Martin County Fire Division Chief, Jeffery Alter.

March 1, six members volunteered at the St Lucie County School District annual history fair. March 3rd, two members joined with DAR members to plan the annual joint meeting of the local Chapters of the DAR and SAR for Constitution Week, 2008. March 8th, our last meeting at Delmonico's Grill. The speaker was from the UDT Seal Museum in Fort Pierce and presented the history of the National museum from the beginning of Underwater Demolition Training during WW II. Also on March 8th, four members in uniform attended the celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolution in Titusville and joined the Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring all of those that have served in our military. During the month of March three JROTC medals and Certificates were awarded to local JROTC units by a member in uniform. March 28th, three members in uniform attended the Martin County Boy's and Girl's Club award ceremony and awarded five Good Citizenship pins and certificates to members of the boy's and girl's clubs.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

West Central Region Nelson Jantzen, Vice President

May 1,, 2008

As your Regional Vice President, I attended in uniform and flags the 28th Military Order of the World Wars, Massing of the Colors honoring the Armed Forces of the United States of America on March 9, 2008. I attended in uniform on the March 8th Cape Canaveral ceremony of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. On January 19, I attended the Tampa chapter meeting of the Installation Of Officers.

Clearwater: On January 8th at the monthly luncheon, the speaker spoke and displayed the Revolutionary Era state flags. On February 20th, they presented the past President's pin with Meritorious Service Award to David Kitchen their Past President for 2006 and 2007. And the speaker spoke on The Privateers during the American Revolution. They also presented a certificate and check from the Florida Society as third place winner in its Annual Eagle Scout Competition.

On March 9, three guardsmen attended the 28th Massing of the Colors of the Armed Forces. On March 8, three guardsmen attended the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

On March 19th at their monthly luncheon, their First Vice President presented an informative speech on the One Dollar Bill.

The (Mayflower Book) was donated to five area school libraries and the Chapter is working on fifteen applications for new membership.

St. Petersburg: At their March 15th meeting, they had a flag presentation.

February 9th, they had a joint meeting with the DAR.

At the April 19th meeting, they nominated officers for the coming year.

Maj. John DeVane: Nothing new to report.

Lakeland: On January 8th, two guardsmen marched in the parade at the Last American Revolution Naval Battle at Cape Canaveral.

At the January 19th meeting, their program was on "Liberty Bells-Voices of Freedom".

On February 16th, they had their monthly meeting and their speaker spoke on (Overview of Law Enforcement in Polk County).

March 22 meeting, the speaker spoke on (Live-Oaking).

April 19th the speaker spoke on (Public Service Club)

Tampa: January: Installation of officers; Florida Society President, Grant Wallin, installed the new officers and provided the program.

February: Compatriot Bob Yarnell spoke on "Why It Worked", an examination of the success of the new country. You can read a summary of this fine presentation by viewing the minutes of the meeting found at the chapter website www.patriot-web.com.

March: We presented our annual SAR Fire Safety award to Bob Vanek of the New Port Richey Fire Department.

April: We held our annual ROTC luncheon. Each year we honor the outstanding cadet from each local unit. This year 9 cadets and their guests attended. Kevin Yarnell gave the program, "Communication: A Look Through Time".

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southeast Region Gerald Meeks, Vice President

MIAMI CHAPTER-I attended the chapters President's Luncheon , February 10, 2008 at the Country Club of Coral Gables. President General, NSSAR, Bruce A Wilcox was in attendance, and gave an informative talk on the relocation of the National headquarters, a brief overview of the cost advantages, exposure to the public and cost advantages of renovation vrs cost of new construction. Following his informative talk he installed the new officers of the chapter for the coming year. Members of the chapter also assisted the Tequesta Chapter, CAR in preparing 24 care/share packages to be sent to the Middle East for distribution to our service men and women in that area. The Chapter produces an informative monthly newsletter and has a very active Color Guard wearing their revolutionary war uniforms. the Miami Camp is Thomas Paine Camp #9, and their report is included in the BOM Report.

PALM BEACH CHAPTER-I attended the January General Membership Meeting at the Sail Fish Club of Florida where new officers for 2008-2010 were installed by President Grant R. Wallin, Florida Society SAR. At the February meeting Father Harry Champion was presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service Award for his aid in helping in the rescue of a compatriot when he fell in his New York Apartment. The March and April meetings honored

Policemen and Firemen From around Palm Beach County. A new category was added to honor Life Guards and Water Safety Officers. The Chapters officers participated in celebration of the 225 Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremonies, Cape Canaveral, FL. Fort Lauderdale-On January 26 I attended the Installation Ceremony for the New Officers at the Flaming Pit Restaurant. The chapter has an aggressive membership program and participates with local CAR and DAR chapters in the area.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

Southwest Region Don Cahill, Vice President

April 21, 2008

This quarter chapters were very active and I invited them to write a summary of events they wanted to report.

CALOOSA: by Terry Walton, Vice President/Treas./Editor/Webmaster

We have had seven outstanding speakers at chapter luncheons so far this year, culminating with our annual awards luncheon speaker, Bill Hammond, former director of the South Florida Water Management District, outstanding environmental educator at both the high school and university level, and environmental advisor to many Fortune 500 corporations. Mr. Hammoind was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate by the chapter for his Lifetime Achievements.

12 Good Citizenship and 13 JROTC medals and certificates were awarded to outstanding students in 13 area high schools during the period.

President Myers and Chaplain Randy Mood participated in the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution. Our newly formed color guard was present and a wreath was laid.

A new Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert Easterly (Captain, USNR, Ret.).

Two chapter members have been nominated to continue as FLSSAR Officers for 2008-2009(Chaplain Randy Moody and Recording Secretary Terence (Terry) Walton.

The chapter continues to support the Genealogy Collection in the Lee County Library System, and publishes occasional articles by the LCLS Genealogy Coordinator in our newsletter Genealogy Research Tips series.

Several flag awards to local establishments thus far in 2008.

The chapter recently presented a \$500 check to the N.I.E. program (Newspapers-In-Education) as a sponsor. The N.I.E. program is one that other chapters may wish to consider if it is available in their area. It is an invaluable PR tool for outreach to local schools and has been shown to be the equivalent of over \$55,000 in advertising value.

Future plans for 2008 include the planting of a Liberty Tree.

CHARLOTTE: by Bradley Lines, President

In January our chapter installed 2008 officers. Noteworthy was that the installing officer, Vernon Peeples Sr, is the sole living charter member.

Our February gathering celebrated George Washington's birthday.

Our March meeting presented Major William Simmons career in the U SO Marines with a glimpse of his Patriot ancestor.

In April we honored our firefighter and deputy sheriff recommended by the county Fire Chief and Sheriff. Suitable SAR certificates and medals were given honorees.

This May Compatriot Larry Hurley will present his patriot ancestor and personal military service.

NAPLES: by Don Cahill, Historian

January meeting speaker was Big Cypress DAR member Brigitte van der Hove-Smith, who gave us a decidedly french viewpoint of the relationship of La Fayette and George Washington. Brigitte was responsible for 3 of her male relatives becoming members of the Naples Chapter though they live in France. Our Joseph S. Rumbaugh contest was held with Matthew Berning, a sophomore high school student, winning at the chapter level, and came in second at the last FLSSAR BOM.

The Camp Color Guard who presented the colors at most of the chapter's meetings also for the third year participated in the Patriotic Moment program highlighting the service of veterans in all branches with patriotic music and our camp retiring the colors in the heart of downtown Naples. Several guardsman also participated in the last BOM flag ceremonies.

February was JROTC Recognition with Cadets and Instructors from all Collier County high schools being honored. The JROTC Essay winner Sebastian Bernal read his paper addressing the values of duty, honor, integrity, loyalty, respect and personal courage taught in the JROTC program.

The March meeting is always our Charter Celebration which was the 35th year. It gives the members a reflection of the year's accomplishments and a moment to respect the loss of four members. Rebecca Townsend gave us a great, thoughtful presentation about the U.S. Constitution.

The Boy Scout program is the focus of our April meeting. SWFL Council, Alligator District Executive Mel Moore brought us up to date on what's happening including Soccer Scouting. Nominations are also made for Chapter officers. The Poster Contest presentations were voted on for our selection to be brought to the May BOM for State consideration.

May 1st, just prior to the Spring BOM, is our election and installation of officers. The Book Awards are being presented to the best history or social studies student from each high school in the area. These are usually presented in uniform by our camp guardsman.

SARAMANA: by Phil Tarpley, President

On December 10, the Chapter Color Guard planted a Liberty Tree at the Sarasota Military Academy. The Chapter presented the following awards: (5) Flag display awards, (1) Heroism award to a private citizen, (2) Good bronze Citizenship awards, (1) SAR Martha Washington Medal, (8) Police and Law Enforcement medals, (6) Fire and Safety Medals. The chapter had several Essay contest winners. (1) for Eagle Scout Essay, (1) Stella Knight Essay and (3) for Rumbaugh Oration contest. The winner also won the FLSSAR contest. The chapter provided over 12 members to judge student posters in the Manatee County History Fair and later presented awards to winners. The chapter members visited the Veterans nursing homes with SUV loads of personal items, cash and clothes during week before Christmas and again afterward. The Chapter presented (84) General George Washington Military Service awards to SAR/DAR and family members during the SAR/DAR joint George Washington Birthday luncheon attended by 165 members and family. The Chapter even received a letter from the White House congratulating the Chapter and recipients. The recipients received a copy with award.

The publicity and good will from this event is still paying off. At least 7-9 new member applications are in process as a result. Many are from the DAR family members attending the event. Overall news coverage included two full- page newspaper stories and several lesser size articles plus ABC news coverage. (13) JROTC Cadets are receiving Medals now and over the next 2 weeks. One JROTC Cadet is to receive the Best of the Best Chapter award in the May Chapter meeting. Over 150 elementary school children are scheduled for the SAR Good Citizenship Awards. Compatriots Phil Tarpley, Charles Riegle and Hal Miller marched in the Last Naval Battle March 7-8 event at Port Canaveral. Compatriot Richard Fowler (AKA Ben Franklin) came the next week in March visited local schools with Carl Hoffmann and Phil Tarpley.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

Kevin Yarnell

The work of the secretary was typical for this time of year though the number of emails / requests received increased dramatically in March and April. My work as related to other committees is detailed in the other reports.

Below are a few membership facts that may be of interest. All numbers are as of April 29, 2008.

Total membership:	1640
Dual members:	35
Life members:	51
Memorial members:	3
Largest Chapter:	Jacksonville, 128 members
Smallest Chapter:	Dunaway, 11 members
At-large members:	10

New members so far this year: 44

Supplements approved so far this year: 18

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Leon R. Hammock

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVES (BUDGET AND ACTUAL) 3-31-2008

	2008 Annual <u>Budget</u>	2008 <u>Actual</u>
Receipts		
Dues - net of rebates	\$37,000	\$32,472
Donations	3,000	3,443
BOM Income net of expenses	500	297
Other Income	<u>600</u>	<u>2,258</u>
Total	41,100	38,470
Disbursements		
State Officers	\$19,000	\$2,472
Youth Programs	11,350	\$3,418
Other Committee	<u>10,300</u>	<u>1,108</u>
Total	40,650	6,998
Receipts over Disbursements	\$450	\$31,472

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

Checking	54,159.45
Wachovia CD's	33,430.87
Money Market Account	<u>4,928.21</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	92,518.53

Investments (restricted) 9,888.00

TOTAL ASSETS 102,406.53

LIABILITIES 0.00

EQUITY 102,406.53

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 102,406.53

Submitted by Leon R.
Hammock, State Treasurer

Chapter	Membership Applications							Supplemental Applications							Remarks
	Received	Carry over	Approval NSSAR			Returned to Chapter		Received	Carry over	Approval		Returned to Chapter			
			Pending	Received		State	NSSAR			Pending	Received	State	NSSAR		
Brevard		7		2	5				3	6	7	2			1 Youth
Caloosa	5			5					2	2	4				
Central Florida	2	2		3	1				11	5	11	5			
Charlotte										2	2				
Clearwater	2	4		4	2				1	4	5				
Daytona-Ormond		4		3	1										
Deland		2		2					8	3	2	9			
Devane															
Dunaway	1			1											
Emerald Coast		1		1						1	1				
Flagler	1			1						1	1				
Ft. Lauderdale	1	2		3					2	2	2	2			
Gainesville	1	3		4						2	2				
Jacksonville	5	10		15					7	7	8	6			2 Youth
Lakeland	1	4		5						4	4				
Lake/Sumter	3	9		9	3				2	4	5	1			
Miami	1			1					3	3	6				
Naples	2	2		4					2	2	3	1			
Ocala		1		1						2	2				
Palm Beach	9			9					1	3	1	3			2 Memorial
Panama City									1	4	5				
Pensacola	5	9		9	5				6	2	4	4			
Saramana	5	11		15	1				4	19	19	4			1 Youth
St. Augustine		3		3											
St. Lucie River	2			2					3	2	4	3			
St. Petersburg		3		3					1	3	4				
Tallahassee															
Tampa		3		3						4	5	5	4		
Treasure Coast	3	2		5						1	1				1 Youth
Withlacoochee	2			2					9	19	12	16			
At-Large		2		2											
Totals	42	93		117	18				73	117	128	62			

Annual Report: Membership Year 2007

During membership year 2007 (1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008), the Florida Society submitted new applications to the National Society SAR, as follows:

1a. New Membership application received	100
b. Brought Forward from previous year	148

Total 248

2. Status of these 248 applications as of 31 March 2008

a. Approved by NSSAR	130
b. Pending at NSSAR	118

Total 248

During membership year 2007 (1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008), the Florida Society submitted supplemental applications to the National Society SAR, as follows:

1a. New Supplemental application submitted	73
b. Brought Forward from previous year	116

Total 189

2a. Approved by NSSAR	62
b. Pending at NSSAR	127

Total 189

Chapters submitting 10 or more applications:

Lake-Sumter	10
Saramana	11
Clearwater	15
Pensacola	17
Jacksonville	19

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Randy Moody

Since the January BOM meeting, the following compatriots have graduated from this life on earth to their eternal home.

Donald L. Wemple	Saramana	1/2/2008
Robert Reed Shellman	Palm Beach	1/20/2008
Bruce Duncan Green	Naples	1/29/2008
VADM Earl Bealle Fowler	At Large	2/2/2008
James Augustus Chambers	Tampa	2/24/2008
Henry Anner	Jacksonville	2/16/2008
Francis Linn Gowdy	Gainesville	3/5/2008
Virgil Martin Burnette	Brevard	3/10/2008
Russell Keith Bushong	Lakeland	3/16/2008
Bruce Beal	Jacksonville	3/30/2008
Leonard Theodore Cook, Jr.	Panama City	3/30/2008
Joe Willie Hardiman	Withlacoochee	4/5/2008

It is important that someone from each chapter report deaths to me and the FLSSAR Secretary in a timely manner so our society can properly express condolences to the families; this is the duty of the FLSSAR Chaplain. Many chapters only send the report form available on our web site to the secretary even though it clearly states on it that both of us are to receive a copy. Please follow these directions so I can perform my duties. Thank you for your cooperation.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

Terence Walton

The Minutes of the Winter, 2008 BOM Meeting appear in the May issue of The Florida Patriot.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chancellor

Carl Hoffmann, PG

Nothing to report

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Parliamentarian

Frank Hodalski

Nothing to report

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Genealogist

Alvie Davidson

Nothing to report

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Sergeant at Arms

Alvin Bellamy

Nothing to report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Historian

John Little

I have nothing to report for the period January 2008 thru May 3, 2008. In the future I ask that all Chapter newsletters be sent to your new Historian.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Editor, Florida Patriot

Dick Fowler

My thanks to Doug Bridges for sharing his pictures of the Winter 2008 BOM meeting, which I was unable to attend. Thanks also to those who supplied information for their chapters.

It appears the non-profit mailing of the Winter 2008 edition of the *Florida Patriot* went off well. Some members reported the dates their magazine was received, and all were received within a reasonable time. Using the non-profit rate saves us hundreds of dollars each time we use it. The only drawback is that it requires making the cut-off date two weeks sooner, and that does appear to have caused any problems.

I would like to encourage all chapters to submit information that they would like to share in future editions. We would like to also hear from the new chapters, so we can let other members know about them.

As you should have heard by now, a building has been purchased in Louisville to house our NSSAR Headquarters and *The Center For The Advancement of America's Heritage*. This is going to require additional funds for modifications to fit all of our needs, and your support is appreciated. Both individuals and chapters are urged to send their contributions to this fund to *The SAR Foundation*, 1000 S. Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

Statutory Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Executive

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Finance

Chairman: Leon Hammock

Nothing to report

THE FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Members: Ted Duay (Chairman), David Kelsey, and Bud Bauchspies

In accordance with its charter, the Audit Committee performed an internal audit of the books and records of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Audit Committee performed the following procedures during its internal audit:

- (1) Reviewed copies of all bank statements of the Florida Society for 2007.
- (2) Reviewed copies of all cancelled checks that cleared the Florida Society's accounts during 2007.
- (3) Based on the review of cancelled checks, judgmentally selected a number of disbursements for testing and asked the Treasurer of the Florida Society for an explanation of these disbursements. All explanations were reasonable and satisfactory.
- (4) Reviewed all bank reconciliations as of December 31, 2007 noting that the balances agreed to the books and records of the Florida Society at December 31, 2007 (copy of internal financial statements attached).
- (5) Reviewed a copy of the stock certificate for the Florida Society's restricted investment noting that the stock was registered to the Florida Society and that its value at December 31, 2007 agreed to the books and records of the Florida Society.

Based on the procedures performed during its internal audit, the books and records of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution appear to be in order as of the year ended December 31, 2007.

During the internal audit, the following opportunities for operational improvement were noted:

- (1) The Florida Society maintains a money market account of approximately \$5,000 that pays an interest rate of only 0.35% annually.
- (2) During 2007, the Florida Society maintained an average balance in excess of \$35,000 in its non-interest bearing checking account.
- (3) The Florida Society maintains a physical stock certificate for its stock investment.

The Audit Committee recommends that the FLSSAR Finance Committee and Treasurer consider opening a brokerage account for the Florida Society. The physical stock certificate could be deposited into the brokerage account for safekeeping to reduce the risk of loss of the certificate. In addition, most brokerage companies offer money market accounts, CDs, and other cash options that would allow the Florida Society to maximize its interest income on its cash balances. Most brokerage accounts can be electronically linked to an existing checking account.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Duay
Chairman, Audit Committee

Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2007 As
of 12/31/2007 (Cash Basis)

Account	12/31/2007 Balance
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	22,690.72
Wachovia CD's	33,205.06
<u>Money Market Account</u>	<u>4,923.92</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	60,819.70
Other Assets	
<u>Investments</u>	<u>11,732.00</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	11,732.00
TOTAL ASSETS	72,551.70
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	72,551.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	72,551.70

Profit and Loss Statement - Last year

1/1/2007 through 12/31/2007 (Cash Basis)

Category Description	1/1/2007- 12/31/2007
<u>INCOME</u>	
Accounts Payable	
BOM Receipts	100.05
Donations Received	17,450.75
Dues Income	1,841.33
Interest Inc	67,540.00
Investment Income	982.41
<u>New Membership Fees</u>	312.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>5,347.00</u>
	93,573.54
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Ads	0.00
Bank Charge	11.50
BOM Expense	17,007.09
Donations Expenses	1,000.00
Dues Rebates	3,858.00
Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee	1,915.25
Editors Expense	6,852.14
JROTC Committee	1,000.00
Knight Essay Contest Committee	1,815.60
Medals And Awards Committee	968.75
National Dues	36,505.00
Oration Committee	2,333.00
Other Committees	2,255.55
Patroit Medal Committee	190.42
President's Expenses	4,551.44
Publicity Committee	413.12
Publicity Committee	845.80
Reg. Vice Presidents Expenses	88.04
Registrar's Expense	430.87
ROTC Committee	1,800.00
Secretary's Expenses	6,479.54
Sons Of Liberty Brigade	253.95
Sr. Vice President Expense	87.74
<u>Treasurer's Expense</u>	<u>2,118.24</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	92,781.04
OVERALL TOTAL	792.50
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT VALUE	<u>1,328.00</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u><u>2,120.50</u></u>

FLSSAR Committee Report Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald Meeks

During the past quarter two Medals for Heroism have been presented for presentation by the State at the Annual BOM. Several Medals and Awards will be presented by the State, However; until presented, the names of recipients and awards presented will be withheld from this report.

FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock

The following are the nominees and their respective chapters which were announced at the January 2008 BOM meeting to serve as FLSSAR officers for the term 2008-2009:

President - Ronald E. Toops, Lake Sumter
Senior Vice President - William R. Stevenson, Treasure Coast
RVP Northwest - Edward D. Young, Pensacola
RVP North Central - Dr. Gordon E. Greenwood, Gainesville
RVP Northeast - David H. Ramseur, Jacksonville
RVP East Central - Hermann Hall Riediger, St. Lucie River
RVP West Central - Nelson W. Jantzen, Clearwater
RVP Southeast - Gerald E. Meeks, Palm Beach
RVP Southwest - Donald B. Cahill, Naples
Secretary - Kevin A. Yarnell, Tampa
Treasurer - Leon R. Hammock, Sr., Clearwater
Recording Secretary - Terrence M. Walton, Caloosa
Registrar - Theodore M. Duay, III, Ft. Lauderdale
Chancellor - Carl K. Hoffmann, Saramana
Chaplain - Dr. Randy D. Moody, Caloosa
Genealogist - Gerald E. Meeks, Palm Beach
Editor, *The Florida Patriot* - Richard Q. Fowler, St Lucie River
Historian - Robert G. Murray, Central Florida
Member-At-Large, Executive Committee - John E. Cahoon, Jr., Emerald Coast
Sergeant-At-Arms - Phillip H. Tarpley, Saramana

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal

Nothing to report

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

We continue to work on entering information into our membership records. Of the 9,122 men who were ever members of the Florida Society, we now have some information on 7863. At this time last year we had 7,191 and two years ago only 4,234 records were in the database. We continue to make progress.

The latest project has involved cataloging the paper applications on file. In other words, we are noting in the database if we have a member's application on file. This is allowing us to find members for whom we have an application but are not currently in the database. The notation in the database also saves time in that we immediately know if an application can be found in the file. We are approximately half way through this cataloging.

The next step is to actually scan the applications. Members may recall that we asked permission 2 years ago to purchase a scanner for this purpose. However, further review led us to postpone this purchase as we determined that it would be more effective to complete the bulk of the database work prior to the start of scanning. At this point I believe I will be able to have access to a scanner thereby not requiring the society to make this significant expense.

We hope to be able to report more progress on our work at the Summer Board of Management meeting.

FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Nelson Jantzen

The completed 2007 Chapter Challenge forms have been received from twenty five chapters out of thirty chapters. They are all calculated and will be distributed during this spring. BOM. The 2008 forms are available on the FLSSAR website.

FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Ron Toops

The following amendments to the Florida Society Charter and Bylaws was printed in the Winter BOM Committee Reports, January 18-19, 2008 and then summarized in the most recent "Patriot". These amendments will be announced at the upcoming BOM and the approval or disapproval will be defined by your vote. It is important that all read and understand the impact of these amendments and make a knowledgeable vote.

Already, there are a number of Charter and Bylaw amendments being proposed for the coming year. It is important that the authors clearly and accurately write the text for presentation to the Charter and Bylaws Committee. Any amendments of this nature need to be submitted by the Fall BOM.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #1, Author - Bud Bauchspies:

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES, Section 1 – Executive Committee, paragraph. 2, pg 11, line 4

Underlined text were the words which were inserted.

... During intervals between meetings of the BOM, the members of the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the Chairman and to act **for the Board of Management, including utilizing the powers of the Board of Management delineated in Article II Section 2. of these Bylaws.** on any matter that the Chairman deems to be of such urgency and importance that the action must be taken before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the BOM. ...

Recommendation: The Charters & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **adopt** this amendment.

2. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #2, Author Jack Coleman:

Text of Amendment – Indicates Some Affected Articles, Sections ...

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1 - President ...

Insert the following text:

Section 2 President-Elect

President-Elect, Florida Society Presidency Training Oriented; Will join the FLSSAR President in the implementation of all Society activities that are expected of a sitting Florida Society President. He will attend all chapter, state, district and national meetings which the President attends. This position is intended to allow an incumbent President to begin his term with a thorough knowledge of the operation of the Office of Florida Society President. The sitting President may also assign appropriate committee chairmanships to the President-Elect which will enhance the President-Elect's ability to perform his duties when he does take office.

If the President is absent, the President-Elect shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the BOM. He shall succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President and he shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.

Recommendation: The Charters & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **not adopt** this amendment; If approved, the change will impact the position as Sr. Vice President.

3. FLSSAR Bylaw Amendment #3, Author Frank Hodalski: Insert the following "new" section:

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 7. Endorsement of Candidates for National Office

Candidates who have declared for election to General Offices in the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society. Formal endorsements will not be made by the Florida Society before the Fall Meeting of the Board of Management.

Recommendation: The Charters & Bylaws Committee recommends that the BOM **adopt** this amendment.

FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Doug Bridges

Members of the Tequesta Chapter, CAR, Miami, Florida met in the home of Julia Thompson, President of the Chapter recently. After having purchased items to be sent to the troops in the Middle East. members of the Chapter packaged 24 one gallon zip lock bags, a typical bag, containing such items as deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, dental floss, lubricant eye drops, chap stick, razor, hand sanitizers, tampons, note pad/envelopes, playing cards, Gatorade, Crystal Light, Juicy Juice, Carnation Instant Breakfast, instant oatmeal, Slim Jims, canned tuna, canned fruit, animal crackers, Granola Bars, peanut butter crackers, Skittles/Starburst candies, peppermint candy/gum and sunflower seeds. Also, included in each package is a picture of the group assembling the bags, and a brief "Thank You" which reads as follows: "This care package is just a small token of our appreciation for your selfless commitment and bravery in serving our country." A brief note about the CAR was included and it reads: "Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization. It offers membership to those under the age of 21, lineally descended from someone who served in the Continental Army or gave material aid to the cause of freedom in the American Revolution."

These items were delivered to representatives of the Miami Chapter SAR to be delivered to the Ladies Auxiliary of the FLSSAR during the Spring/Annual BOM. Frank and Barbara Hodalski in concert with the Ladies Auxiliary will insure delivery to the troops.

FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: John Little

Nothing to report at this time

FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

Members wishing to attend the National Congress and act as delegates for the society are asked to indicate this to the secretary. Credentials and paperwork from National will be forwarded to these members in mid-June.

FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison

Chairman: Gordon Greenwood

Five members of the DAR Liaison Committee, Gordon Greenwood, Lindsey Brock, George Lockhart, Hal Miller, and Steve Williams, staffed an information table in the Registration Area at the 106th Annual State DAR Conference at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Orlando on March 14-15. 70 people visited the table during the two-day period, including the NSDAR Vice President General, the FSDAR State Regent, the FSDAR State Librarian, and the FSCAR State President. In addition, seven men who wish to become SAR members asked for assistance in contacting chapters they wish to join in their area. The appropriate chapters and/or RVPs will be contacted to assist them in their efforts. The genealogists of the chapters they join should be sure to send in the DAR Finder Form with their applications.

The FLSSAR DAR Liaison Committee strongly support the efforts of the NSSAR DAR Liaison Committee, Chaired by Mike Jones, to increase the DAR Finder Award from \$500 to \$1000, which action was considered at their Feb. 22 meeting. This may help the Florida DAR's desire to assist us in recruiting new members. All local chapter genealogists are reminded that it is important to send in the DAR Finder Form to the FLSSAR Registrar along with the Application when the new member has been referred by a DAR member. The Form is available online at www.flssar.org under Forms.

FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: David Ramseur

I would also like to thank the FLSSAR for the opportunity of serving as your chairman for this committee for the last four years. First, I would like to thank my predecessor Grant Wallin, who has served faithfully for many years as FLSSAR Eagle Scout Chair and my Co-Chair. Next, I would like everyone to support your new FLSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman for next year Charlie Day, who has faithfully served on our committee two years and has served on district scout committees many years. Other current committee members who have served faithfully with me are Brett Brown, John Little, Doug North, Philip Tarpley and Steve Stevenson. Finally, I would like to thank our former National Chairman Robert Burt who has also assisted me and who has made this an outstanding youth program for the NSSAR.

Next, I want to publicly thank the eight chapters which submitted applicants for this year's program. These chapters were: Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Saramana, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Miami, Central Florida and Brevard. This level of participation is up from last year with this year's applications ranking among the best I have seen

Jace Hester from the Brevard Chapter was the First Runner-up and was presented a Florida Society check in the amount of \$500 at a recent Chapter meeting. Eagle Scout James Welch III of the Clearwater Chapter was judged to be the Second Runner-up and was presented with a Florida Society check in the amount of \$250 at a recent Chapter meeting.

Our 2007 FLSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner (who was also our 2006 winner) is Eagle Scout Matthew Authement. Matthew has earned 82 merit badges, served on a number of scouting leadership activities, volunteered on various conservation projects. Last year Matt earned the William T. Hornaday award which is scouting most prestigious conservation award by completing four projects in natural resources conservation. The William T. Hornaday Silver Award has only been awarded to only twelve scouts in the last five years even though 51,000 scouts annually earn Eagle rank.

In addition to winning the FLSSAR state award of \$1,000 and a Eagle Trophy, Matthew also won third place (we think he should have won first place) at the National level and will receive a check in the amount of \$2,000 from National. Also, I am pleased to announce that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Florida Society SAR presented checks in the amount of \$300 to our winner and \$200 and \$100 checks to our 2nd and 3rd place runner ups, respectively.

FLSSAR Committee Report Education Committee

Chairman: Ron Toops

Legislation/Florida: The Florida House and Senate has been in session now for about seven (7) weeks. Our early communication effort focused on writing to our local representative and senators. The thrust of our messages was to encourage support of House Bill HB7045, which quickly was passed 31/31. The next step, although I am not sure what is happening on the house floor, was to take this bill to the Florida Senate. We have discovered that it takes constant vigilance to stay aware of what is going on in the Florida Congress! Early on, the word was that there was senate opposition to HB7045 content, although many senators quoted strong support, for Social Studies. They implied that it was too costly. However the net cost based on Florida House analysis was that there was actually a financial gain identified, because some of the current testing would be dropped. The next report was that ***the Florida Senate Leadership*** was the primary opposition This group is headed by Senator Ken Pruitt - President.

It has been very gratifying to see that as we have received new information, **you the membership of the Florida Society**, have continued to contact your local representatives and senators. It is clear from my research that they are getting the message(s). Their emails and faxes are over flowing. I am now worried that they will stop looking!!! Only time will tell if the Florida Senate will actually listen to their customers, the citizens of their respective Florida districts. ***Now is not the time to stop!***

We need to continue to modify our approach. At this time the effort suggested is direct telephone or facsimile communications, as they have probably stopped looking at their email. Our effort is to communicate that we support the text contained in HB7045, which includes wording which will require that "all" of Social Studies, including Early American History and Civics, be including in the Florida's student assessment, i.e. FCAT. There is a scheduled implementation period.

The key leaders of the Florida Senate include Senator Ken Pruitt – President of the Senate, Senator Donald Gaetz – Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and Senator Stephen Wise - Co-Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. I also suggest that we do not forget to contact our Florida House Representatives, so that HB7045 will reach the house floor for a vote.

I will attempt to keep your leadership, including the Regional Vice Presidents informed, so that they can assist you in your efforts to make contact. I believe that we are coming closer to success each year. In summary, we need to have the Florida Senate listen to it's citizens and constituency.

Florida Sunshine State Standards: We have had a number of conference calls on the progress of the "Writers" as it relates to the benchmarks for the various topics related to the revision of the Florida State Sunshine Standards for Social Studies. I have also had personal discussions with members of the Department of Education. My input to the DOE has stated, that the benchmarks associated with the K-8 grades appears quite good. However, it is my opinion that the effort to address U.S. History and Civics after the 8th grade is miniscule.

There is a plan to go to the Florida Public soon with the approach, including the benchmarks. This effort will include "Town Hall Meetings". As I become aware of the dates, time and places I will inform the FLSSAR leadership, so that you may attend and voice your views.

Middle School Essay Contest Proposal: It is expected that by the time you read this section, the Lake-Sumter Chapter will have presented the awards to the two middle schools in our area. The award approach for this particular Middle School Pilot Essay effort, includes a FLSSAR provided plaque along with a financial award to the participating middle school. The chosen chapter winners will receive a cashier's check, a certificate and in one example each student will receive a copy of the Declaration of Independence. It is planned that some of the presentations will be made in American Revolutionary Uniform. We also will recognize the participating teachers with an Outstanding Good Citizenship Pin and Certificate. The development of this pilot has been a partnership effort with the teachers at three local middle schools, one public, one charter and one private.

I was honored to present the structure of this Middle School Essay pilot to the members of the NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee, Chaired by Frank Hodalski and the NSSAR Education Director. It appeared to be well received by this committee. There were a number of questions and discussions.

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee

Chairman: Dick Fowler

Much emphasis in the last quarter has been on promoting the *Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution* in Cape Canaveral. It was a whirlwind affair for me, having fought two tornados on the way down and another one (in Atlanta) on the way back home.

It was also a very windy (but mild) day, and most of us were surprised to see how well it went off (with tricorns a flyin'). You can see many pictures of that event in the last edition of *The Florida Patriot*. Despite the weather, it was a wonderful turnout, exceeding even last year's estimate of over 400 people by about fifty. This is now a National SAR event and has put Florida on the map of National events.

Our tricorns are off to Lindsey Brock, Ben DuBose, Fred Gaines, Steve Williams and all the others who helped make it such a success.

Plan on coming next year. We will do all we can to help publicize it.

FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

In January 2008, the Genealogy Committee conducted a workshop. Over thirty people attended the workshop and found the presentation to be useful.

FLSSAR Committee Report George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

Twenty-eight essays were entered into our contest this year. The results are:

1st Place: \$1000 and award Lauryn Walter, Ocala
"John Hancock's Rise to Power"

2nd Place: \$500 Guirlande Jules, Miramar
"The Minds"

3rd Place: \$250 TraeKi Walton, Lauderhill
"The Four Basic Principles Underlying the Constitution"

While the number of entries is an improvement over last year we still spent over \$60 per entry to run this contest. I believe it would be in the best interest of the Society to take a fresh look at this and other youth contests in order to judge their effectiveness as it relates to the best use of our resources.

FLSSAR Committee Report Good Citizenship

Chapters needing certificates should contact the secretary.

FLSSAR Committee Report History Fairs

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

The Florida State History Fair will take place 02 and 03 May 2008. The Florida Society is once again sponsoring the Colonial American Heritage Award, one of a number of corporate and organizational special award projects. Two of our suitably engraved American Eagle plaques have been sent to the Florida Museum of History for presentation to the winner(s) at the awards ceremonies on 03 May. Thanks to the efforts of Northwestern RVP Ed Young and the Tallahassee Chapter, FLSSAR will be represented at the ceremony and make the presentation on behalf of our members.

It is sad that participation in History Fair is denied thousands of Florida Students because of the deliberate and concerted action of legislators on both sides of the aisle, along with school boards and school administrators, to relegate the study of American History, Civics, and American Government to the rear of the educational bus.

FLSSAR Committee Report Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Randy Moody

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

The FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary had several members in attendance at the chartering ceremony of the Aaron Snowden Chapter in Milton, FL on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The ladies of the new chapter were given a special initiation to become members of the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary by President Billie Brock. As Senior President of F.S.C.A.R., she also encouraged the members of the new chapter to send in applications for their children and grandchildren to become members of F.S.C.A.R.

If you have not already done so, please make plans for your special lady to attend the upcoming 118th Annual Congress July 5th – 9th in Sacramento, CA. There are always luncheons and special events for all ladies who attend. Remember, the ladies attending do not have to be members of the Ladies Auxiliary to attend the various events at any of our Leadership Meetings nor the National Congresses. However, your special lady can be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, at both the state and national level, for a mere \$5.00 annually.

FLSSAR Committee Report Last Naval Battle

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Lindsey Brock

As you all know by now, our 225th Anniversary celebration was bigger and better than last year's "dedication ceremonies." Over 200 marched in the color guard; over 200 spectators attended; almost 100 attended our Friday night dinner; and fifty three organizations and individuals joined in the Wreath Laying Ceremonies. Also on hand to entertain us were, the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band for Southeastern, U.S., and the New Young Patriots from Ft Lauderdale. Another surprise was the Vietnam era Caribou aircraft display presented by the Air America Foundation. We are looking for an even bigger and better ceremony next year, which is planned for February 28, 2009. Mark that date down NOW!

Since there were a few questions about the meals, other options were investigated. There are only two other hotels in the area that can accommodate us, and they are seven miles away from Country Inns & Suites, Both charge over \$30.00 per meal, and their room rates are \$29 more than we are presently paying. The committee is presently investigating the possibility of having food catered in at the Country Inns & Suites for next year's dinner reception. Hopefully we will not have to leave the hotel once we check in on Friday.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Liberty Tree

Chairman: Ben Dubose

Flagler Chapter dedicated a Liberty Tree & Plaque on Feb. 22, 2008 at Heroes Park. They reported that their 14" x 18" Bronze Plaque cost \$768 & the oak tree, which cost \$350 was donated. If you are considering dedicating a LIBRETY TREE you might want to contact David Kilsey at: pcoast@mindspring.com for further information or me at BrevardSAR@cfl.rr.com for information on a granite monument, \$200 dollars more but granite doesn't invite itself to metal thieves. Also the Flagler Chapter found a wonderful "Liberty Tree" lapel pin which costs \$1.75 each when ordered by the hundred.

The Withlacooche Chapter reported that their Liberty Tree marker dedicated in 2002 had been vandalized and will be fixed.

Other places to visit Liberty Trees

The Pensacola Chapter dedicated a Liberty Tree on December 16, 2002 in Plaza Ferdinand, Pensacola.

The Tampa Chapter dedicated a Liberty Tree on May 7, 2005 in Al Lopez Park, Tampa.

The Brevard Chapter dedicated three LIBERTY TREES; 2003 at the Brevard Veterans Complex on Merritt Island; 2004 at the Liberty Bell Museum's Veterans Memorial Garden in Melbourne; 2005 at the Veterans Park in Titusville.

NOTE: Please send me the location of your chapter's LIBERTY TREE and its location to be listed here.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

The following are the BOM meeting dates that have been established with the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway of Kissimmee, FL for the years 2008-2009:

Summer BOM meeting – August 15-16, 2008

Fall BOM meeting – October 31-November 1, 2008

Winter BOM meeting – January 30-31, 2009

Annual BOM meeting – April 24-26, 2009.

Room rates will remain the same (\$63.00 + taxes) for the year 2008. For the year 2009 the room rates will be increased to (\$65.00 + taxes). Plaza tower rooms will also remain at (\$73.00 + taxes) for the year 2008. For the year 2009 Plaza tower rooms will be increase to (\$75.00 + taxes). Plaza tower one-bedroom suites will remain the same (\$99.00 + taxes) during 2008-2009. Meal prices will be essentially in the same price range.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Ron Toops

Charter - Highlights:

Purpose: To Recruit and Retain Members for the Florida Society

Members: The Regional Vice Presidents and other members appointed by the FLSSAR President. The terms concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Functions: Provide guidance to the Florida Society chapters on recruitment and retention objectives and proposed approaches for success.

Since the last meeting, I have received statistical membership growth data from our FLSSAR Secretary. This data indicates membership growth over a period of eight years, for each chapter and region. After reviewing the membership information over the last five years we find: Two of the seven regions had exhibited membership growth (29%); Likewise only thirteen (13) of the 29 chapters experienced growth (44.8%); Over the last year (Dec 2006- 2007): Only one of 7 regions experienced growth (14.3%); Only nine (9) of 29 chapters experience growth (31%).

This data indicates the chapters/regions which have opportunity for increasing their membership. Membership growth is necessary in order to continue to achieve good chapter leadership and participation in our youth and other programs. It is a major interest of the NSSAR, the South Atlantic District and the FLSSAR to address the current decrease in membership. We the members of the RVP Committee and the FLSSAR leadership, need to focus on this task, then define and implement effective action plans.

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Terence Walton

The Committee received the Friends statistical report for the period 01/01/08 through 03/31/08 from the NSSAR Library. The report summarizes membership data for members of the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) for all state societies.

At the beginning of the year we remained in first place with 55 personal and chapter members, followed closely by Georgia with 53 members. By the end of the quarter, we had been badly outdistanced by our smaller neighbor to the north – they had jumped to 59 members out of a membership of 1486, 200 less than Florida's total membership.

With the new national Center for Advancing America's Heritage on the cusp of becoming a reality, our national library is going to become more vital than ever. We need to shift to a digital future so that more of our members and future members can utilize these resources without having to visit Louisville. Your support will bring the digital age closer to reality in Louisville – you can even restrict your donation to "digital conversion" projects if you wish – simply note it on your check for \$25. Send it to **Friends of the SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203**

FLSSAR Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals

Chairman Edward "Bud" Casey

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Hal Miller, Jr.

Date April 20, 2008

On January 9, 2008, I reported that during the first 8 ½ months of the 2007-2008 program year which began on April 29, 2007, “....that 173 emails at a time were sent out on 60 occasions to 173 recipients resulting in about 10380 emails.”

Since the date of this prior report, 1/09/08, through the date of this current report, 4/20/08, 156 emails at a time were sent out on 22 occasions, a total of about 3432 emails. Adding this number of 3432 emails to the 8 ½ months report above of 1/09/08, which amounted to 10380 emails, **resulted in about 13812 emails, as emails to 168 (average) recipients at a time were sent out on 82 occasions (60 + 22) over about a 12 month period, 4/22/07 through 4/20/08. This year’s total number of emails, therefore, at 13812 almost doubled the total of the prior program year, April 29, 2006, through April 28, 2007, when 175 recipients on 45 occasions had received only about 7875 emails.**

Thanks again to the following members of this committee for your assistance:
Bud Casey (St. Lucie River) 772-460-2754 Lonnie Jones ((Pensacola) 850-474-9029
Vice Adm. Earl Fowler (Saramana) 941-377-7366 Al Little (Deland) 366-734-5074
(Passed away at sea 2/8/2008) Owen Malcolm (Ocala) 352-873-8878
Frank X. Hodalski (Saramana) 941-377-8232 David H. Ramseur (Jacksonville) 904-737-0590
Ralph O. Ward (Panama City) 850-535-2378

And, of course, many of the recipients who have shared their patriotic messages with me.

Most important, our Committee Charter includes as one of its functions the administration of **the Flag Program for the Florida Society** which includes competition for the NSSAR Rear Admiral William R. Furlong Award to the State Society with the best Flag Program, awards and presents the NSSAR Flag Certificate to individuals and activities in the name of the FLSSAR, encourages FLSSAR chapters to participate in Flag Day, June 14, ceremonies, and promotes respect and honor to the Flag of the United States.

My thanks to Frank Hodalski for accepting this function duty of our Committee, especially considering he is currently acting as State Parliamentarian, Chairman of the State History Committee, and the Chairman of the NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee.

Unfortunately the last minute efforts by President Grant Wallin, SVP Ron Toops, Secretary Kevin Yarnell and our 7 Regional VPs were unsuccessful in finding enough chapters that may have presented flag awards during the calendar year 2007 and not reported them to us.

In order for our State Society to earn the Admiral Furlong Ribbon Award from the NSSAR Flag Committee, at least 50% of its chapters (15 chapters) must present at least one or more Flag Certificates during the **calendar** year. Since Walter Baker, Chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee, has asked that all St. Patriotic Committees forward their chapter report to him by April 1st, we respectfully ask all chapters to respond to us whenever they make a presentation but never after March 15th.

<u>Chapters Presented 2007</u>		<u>Chapters Presented 2008</u>	
1. Clearwater	5. Pensacola	1. Brevard (3/15/08)	5. Panama City (1/31/08)
2. Gainesville	6. Saramana	2. Central Florida (4/7/08)	6. Saramana (1/11/08)
3. Jacksonville	7. Withlacoochee	3. Clearwater (3/27/08)	
4. Lake Sumter		4. Flagler (2/19/08)	

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Education (Formerly Public Relations)

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Frank Hodalski

RE: Distribution of KEY HOLE TO HISTORY Public Service Announcements.
The Central Florida Chapter delivered a copy to WLOQ FM, Smooth Jazz 103.1 in Winter Park & WHTQ FM & AM, 4 stations including Classic Rock in Orlando.
The Clearwater Chapter - delivered a copy to Infinity Broadcasting, Cox Radio & Clear Channel Radio
The Lakeland Chapter - Delivered a copy to Hall Communications with 3 radio stations, WLKF, WONN & WPCV
The Jacksonville Chapter Delivered a copy to WERD

FLSSAR Committee Report Procedures Manual

Chairman: Steven Williams

There was no activity in this last quarter.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Public Service and Heroism

Chairman: Daniel Shepherd

Date: **27 April 2008**

Clearwater Chapter

October 2007 the Clearwater Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at Dunedin, FL.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Thomas Carvella, Sergeant Largo Police Department, Largo, FL

No media coverage for this October 2007 presentation.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Kelly Intzes, Deputy Fire Marshall Dunedin Fire Department, Dunedin, FL

No media coverage for this October 2007 presentation.

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

William Barrs, District Chief Dunedin Fire Department, Dunedin, FL

No media coverage for this October 2007 presentation.

Flagler Chapter

15 April 2008 the Flagler Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 15 April 2008 chapter meeting at the Palm Coast Yacht Club, Palm Coast, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Jonathan Dopp, Deputy Sheriff Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Flagler Co., FL

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

Tom Ascone, Lieutenant City of Palm Coast Fire Dept., Palm Coast, FL

No media coverage for these 15 April 2008 presentation.

Palm Beach Chapter

18 March 2008 the Palm Beach Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 18 March 2008 chapter meeting at the Sailfish Club, Palm Beach, FL

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Brian Cullen, Corporal Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County, FL

Robert McGinley, Police Officer West Palm Beach Police Dept., West Palm Beach, FL

Carlos Rodriguez, Police Officer Palm Beach Police Dept., Palm Beach, FL

James Walley, Police Officer Palm Beach Police Dept., Palm Beach, FL

Layford "Brandon" West, Deputy Sheriff Palm Beach County Sheriff Office, Palm Beach County, FL

No media coverage for this 18 March 2008 presentation.

Richard Warren, Police Officer Greenacres Public Safety Dept., Greenacres, FL

Media coverage – Article covering this presentation appeared in the Greenacres Observer newspaper 27 March 2008.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Alphonso del Rasario, Lieutenant West Palm Beach Fire Rescue, West Palm Beach, FL

Ed Herrmann, Captain Boynton Beach Fire Rescue, Boynton Beach, FL

Ed "Rocky" Kennedy, Mechanic Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Co., FL

Doug McGlynn, Lieutenant Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County, FL

Craig Stanfield, Lieutenant Palm Beach Fire Rescue, Palm Beach, FL

No media coverage for this 18 March 2008 presentation.

Sue Malloy, Fire Marshall Greenacres Public Safety Dept., Greenacres, FL

Media coverage – Articles covering this presentation appeared in the Greenacres Observer newspaper 27 March 2008 and the Palm Beach Post newspaper 2 April 2008.

Rafael "Ray" Vazquez, Lieutenant Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County, FL

Media coverage – Article covering this presentation appeared in the Greenacres Observer newspaper 27 March 2008.

Heroism Medal and Certificate

Palm Beach Ocean Rescue Unit Palm Beach Police Dept., Palm Beach, FL

The Florida Beach Patrol Chief's Association selected the Palm Beach Ocean Rescue Unit as the "Beach Patrol of the Year" at their 21 December 2007 meeting as the best lifeguard agency in the State of Florida. They were selected for their overall operation, training, certification and having zero drownings since it was organized in the 1950s.

No media coverage for this 18 March 2008 presentation.

St. Augustine Chapter

10 January 2008 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Palatka, Fl.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Kimberly Greenwood, Crime Analyst Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Palatka, Fl
Kimberly Traber, Detective Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Palatka, Fl

No media coverage for this 10 January 2008 presentation.

15 January 2008 the St. Augustine Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the City of St. Augustine, St. Augustine, Fl.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

John Rayno, Assistant Fire Chief St. Augustine Fire Department, St. Augustine, Fl

No media coverage for this 15 January 2008 presentation.

St. Lucie River Chapter

9 February 2008 the St. Lucie River Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 9 February 2008 chapter meeting at Port St. Lucie, Fl

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Dale K. Howland, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Martin County Sheriff's Office, Stuart, Fl

No media coverage for this 9 February 2008 presentation.

EMS Commendation Medal and Certificate

Jeffrey Alter, Division Chief Martin County EMS, Stuart, Fl

No media coverage for this 9 February 2008 presentation.

Tampa Chapter

18 March 2008 the Tampa Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at their March 2008 chapter meeting at Tampa, Fl

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Bob Vanek, Lt. Paramedic New Port Richey Fire Department, New Port Richey, Fl

No media coverage for this 18 March 2008 presentation.

Withlacooche Chapter

22 March 2008 the Withlacooche Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 22 March 2008 chapter meeting at Inverness, Fl

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Nancy Argenziano, Public Service Commissioner/Former Florida State Senator was instrumental for the input and passing of the "Jessica Lumsford Act of 2005" and the "Jessica Lumsford Reform Act of 2007" which provides detailed requirements for registration of sexual predators and offenders, increased mandatory imprisonment and background checks for persons in and around schools, and makes it a criminal offense for anyone harboring or failing to notify law enforcement of a sexual predator's violation of the act.

Florida Senate, Tallahassee, Fl

Richard B. Nugent, Sheriff Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Brooksville, Fl

No media coverage for these 22 March 2008 presentation.

FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity

Chairman: Hermann Riediger

The chairman sent to 31 newspaper outlets a April 19th Patriot's Day editorial letter, it is not known how many papers picked this up but please look out for it in your local newspaper. Also, the letter was sent to all Public Radio Stations in the State of Florida and it would be easily transcribed for broadcast, please listen for this also.

Rev. James Welch handled the Earl Marlin Contest, we will find out the results at the Awards Banquet.

Over the summer until the August BOM I will asking for input into revising the rules for the Earl Marlin Contest, there have been changes in the manner that the contest has operated over the years; plus there are new media that are available to us these days, there are no provisions for Radio, Internet, and websites. Over the next few months we will have correspondence on how this will be done with the Chapter Presidents and/or the Chapter Publicity Chairmen, coming up with a new set of fixed rules for the 2009 year.

FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC

Chairman: Lonnie Jones

The Committee is pleased to announce Cadet Ensign David Towle, Allen D. Nease High School, Point Veda Florida, St. Augustine Chapter as the 2007-2008 Outstanding JROTC Cadet. The 1st Runner-up is Cadet Captain Stephanie Molchan, Pensacola High School, Pensacola Chapter and second runner up 1st LT Sebastian Bernal, Golden Gate High School, Naples Florida, Naples Chapter A total of six nomination packages were submitted (Central Florida, , Emerald Coast, Naples, Pensacola, ST. Augustine, Tampa), and the final selection was extremely close and a difficult task for the Committee.

Under the explained rules from National, none of the Essays were disqualified for word count or title change. The deciding factors are the points for Extra curricular Activities and Recommendations by Principal and Instructors. The best Essay does not win. The overall best Cadet wins.

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

The State Chairman provided JROTC Medals and Certificates to the three High Schools in Highlands County as none of the existing Chapters would include them under their responsibility. 2 Medals and certificates were sent to each School to honor the Cadets selected Last year and not received and this years selected cadets. A ROTC Medal and certificate was provided to Embry Riddle by the State Committee due to lack of response from the local Chapter.

Communications is the benchmark for success with any program. Over the past two years extensive effort has been made to "get the word out". The National and State Committee Chairman continue to receive numerous requests for Bronze JROTC Medals from the JROTC Units from the web sites. I find that it is usually lack of communications between the Senior Instructor and the Cadet making the plans.

As noted in the Winter BOM Report, the communications between the Chapter Chairmen and the State Chairman is to the point where all correspondence from the State Chairman goes to the Chapter President and hopefully gets to the JROTC Chairmen.

FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs

Chairman: John Camillo

Only three FLSSAR Chapters participated in the USS Stark contest for 2007; Emerald Coast, Jacksonville, and Withlacoochee.

This minimal participation by our chapters is a sad commentary, especially so, since our State Society's ranks are filled with veterans. I am aware that many chapters engaged in veterans endeavors but failed to file a report. It is my belief that all of the FLSSAR chapters actually do engage in activities that are criteria for accumulating Stark points, not only for the chapter, but also for the FLSSAR report to National.

Participation or attendance at special observances e.g. Veterans Day Parades, Memorial Day services and our own "Last Naval Battle" are a few examples for accumulating points. Also attendance at a Veteran's funeral (does not have to be SAR) is another criteria for points

The updated Stark Memorial contest rules and form are easily located on the FLSSAR website under "FORMS".

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: Ron Toops

Since the last meeting and that of the Leadership Conference, President General, Bruce Wilcox, has announced the purchase of the Fulton Conway Building in Louisville Kentucky. This purchase was authorized by the State Trustees by a wide margin. At the most recent South Atlantic District meeting, PG Wilcox confirmed that a leader and a committee had been formed to initiate a new fund raising strategy. The initial efforts were to identify local (Louisville) and other potential large donors. It is expected that a significant amount of the monetary requirements for completing the "build-out" of the Fulton Conway Building will come from these sources. At some time, once the level of this financial support is defined, the NSSAR will again begin a membership oriented fund raiser. At this time, the amount of funds that needs to be obtained is not clearly visible.

Recently, your FLSSAR Trustee, Lindsey Brock, attended a meeting which identified the progress of the fund raising effort to date. Lindsey will provide additional information based on this meeting.

FLSSAR Committee Report American History Teacher Award

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

No entries were received from the chapters for this contest prior to the deadline. We continue to encourage local chapters to use this contest or some other method more appropriate to their situation to acknowledge excellent teaching of American History in our schools.

FLSSAR Committee Report Americanism Elementary Poster Contest

Chairman: Wesley Odom

April 27, 2008

The FLSSAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was held at the Spring BOM at 3:00 P.M. on May 2, 2008 in "The Boardroom", Room 260. The winners were announced at the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday, May 3, 2008 and checks were presented to their sponsoring Chapters.

FLSSAR Committee Report Middle School Outreach

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Frank Hodalski

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Constitution & ByLaws Review

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

Nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report New Chapter Development

Chairman: Steve Williams

Milton

Work continued on Milton Chapter and culminated with the chartering and officer installation on April 26th for the Aaron Snowden Chapter SAR. In attendance were FLSSAR President Grant Wallin, committee members Lindsey Brock, Ray Lantz, and chair Steve Williams. Committee member & RVP Ed Young acted as Master of Ceremonies for this the second new chapter in the NW Region. Compatriot Lonnie Jones is to be commended for his role as mentor for the final stages of the new chapter organizing effort. Also, compatriots Lantz and Young deserve thanks for their invaluable assistance in reviewing applications and overseeing the necessary activities involved herein.

Officers for the new chapter are:

President - Nathan Vernon Williams
Vice-President - Carroll Edward France
2nd Vice President and Genealogist - Lonnie Gerald Jones
Secretary and Historian Brandon Christopher Caris
Treasurer - Charles Fonda Williamson Jr.
Chaplain and Registrar - Bryan Franklin Harper
Sgt/Arms - Eddie Leonard Nelson, Jr.

Lake City

Efforts are continuing in efforts to re-establish the Lake City chapter.

Other

Suggested locations for new chapter efforts are Wesley Chapel area, Munroe County, Tallahassee, and Highland County.

FLSSAR Committee Report SAR-CAR Aide

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock, III

This is our second year that F.S.C.A.R. youth have participated as Aides at our Annual Youth Awards Luncheon. Last year we had three young men participate. Four have expressed and interest in serving as Aides at our Saturday May 3, 2008 Annual Youth Awards Luncheon.

As many of you know, one of the purposes of this committee is to develop a better understanding of SAR's youth programs among the membership of the Florida Society C.A.R. and more importantly enhance relations between the SAR and Florida Society C.A.R.

The establishment of this committee has already generated positive PR from the Florida Society C.A.R., the NSSAR and other state societies throughout the country. As mentioned previously, at the chartering ceremony of the William Dunaway Chapter, one Florida Society C.A.R member began the process of becoming a member of our 30th FLSSAR Chapter.

FLSSAR Committee Report Support the Troops

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

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Report and Recommendations: The FLSSAR Support Our Troops effort continues to be successful. Donations of supplies and cash donations have allowed us to send thirty boxes since the January BOM meeting. The following is a letter received from Marine Cpl. Raquel Gomez:

Frank and Barbara,

My name is Raquel Gomez and I recently received a package from 1st Lt. Vickers with your names on the return address. This letter is to say Thank You for the items that were included. The comics were great and the Lord knows I love jelly beans. Everything that was inside has either already, or is soon to come in handy. During this time when we are separated from our families and friends, acquaintances and loved ones, every little thought counts. Your package sure did bring a smile to my face.

There isn't too much going on over here seeing as the Iraqi's are cooperating more and more with the U.S. Armed Forces everyday. The time passes slowly and every minute that we are away from home is another second missed with our families. None the less we tough it out and fight our nations battles with our heads high and pride in our hearts. Serving our country is an honor and as you all appreciate us, we appreciate your keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Again, Thank You. I hope that all is well on your side of the world and Happy Belated Easter.

With much appreciation,
Cpl. Gomez, Raquel M.

Status of funds available for "Support the Troops" activity:

Balance Forward	\$ 625.54
Purchases and Postage	412.62
Balance	\$ 212.92
Donation (Judy Herman)*	500.00
Current Funds Available	\$ 712.92

Receipted purchases included \$79.27 from Walgreen and \$58.85 from Dollar General resulting in a total of \$138.12 for the quarter. Three postings totaling thirty boxes were sent at a cost of \$274.50, resulting in total expenses for this quarter of \$412.62.

*Please note the donation from Judy Herman. This lady has now donated \$1,000 to our effort. In addition, she has given over 500 beanie babies and dozens of her hand crocheted baby sweaters for Iraqi children. She will call us and ask if she can come by and drop of things for the troops. A number of trunk loads of very nice things have been sent through her generosity and patriotism. I am recommending that she be recognized by the Florida Society for her outstanding contributions to FLSSAR "Support Our Troops."

Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for the encouragement, donations and continued support of SOT.

Other Reports

FLSSAR Report

Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

These reports appear on the next 4 pages.

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

	INCOME	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	3,443.27	94,075.59	97,518.86
II. Receipts Schedule A:	582.56	-	582.56
III. Disbursements Schedule B:	-	-	-
IV. Distributions Schedule C:	(3,443.27)	-	(3,443.27)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	-	-
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period Schedule E: Cash, Stocks, and Mutual Funds	582.56	94,075.59	94,658.15

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

SCHEDULE E ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Mutual Funds		
4,999,988 Shares American Century Equity Income Fund	36,499.91	42,547.57
291,885 Shares UMB Scout International Fund	10,364.84	9,573.07
TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS	46,864.75	52,120.64
Preferred Stocks		
100 Shares Federal National Mortgage Series N 5.5% Preferred	4,100.00	4,882.95
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS	4,100.00	4,882.95
Cash		
Schwab Cash Reserves	37,654.56	37,654.56
TOTAL CASH	37,654.56	37,654.56
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	88,619.31	94,658.15

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

	INCOME	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at			
Close of Last Accounting Period	12,535.99	316,115.75	328,651.74
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	2,884.63	106.00	2,990.63
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	(18.00)	(18.00)
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	(723.64)	-	(723.64)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	-	-
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash, Stocks, and Mutual Funds	14,696.98	316,203.75	330,900.73
Income Available to Spend in 2008	11,812.35		

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

SCHEDULE E ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Common Stocks		
250 Shares Altria Group Inc	5,550.00	4,617.82
290 Shares BP PLC	17,588.50	19,852.43
400 Shares Citigroup Inc	8,568.00	20,282.87
393 Shares Wachovia Corp New	10,611.00	8,124.37
600 Shares General Electric Company	22,206.00	17,431.90
360 Shares GlaxoSmithKline PLC	15,274.80	19,848.92
300 Shares Johnson & Johnson	19,461.00	19,710.66
173 Shares Kraft Foods Inc	5,364.73	4,766.16
250 Shares Philip Morris International Inc	12,645.00	10,608.85
315 Shares Proctor & Gamble	22,072.05	19,840.78
260 Shares 3M Company	20,579.00	19,947.50
380 Shares Rohm & Haas Co	20,550.40	20,102.79
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	180,470.48	185,135.05
Preferred Stocks		
200 Shares Federal National Mortgage Series N 5.5% Preferred	8,200.00	9,862.95
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS	8,200.00	9,862.95
Cash		
Schwab Cash Reserves	134,506.45	134,506.45
Wachovia Bank Checking	1,396.28	1,396.28
TOTAL CASH	135,902.73	135,902.73
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	324,573.21	330,900.73

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Ed Young
April 27, 2008

This report covers the period January 1, 2008 through April 27, 2008. At the beginning of this year \$723.57 was paid to the chapters for their unreimbursed 2007 expenses. During this period, eight applications for reimbursement grants were received by the committee. Three approved applications have been forwarded to the Treasurer, FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund for payment of 50% of the authorized amounts. Two applications are being processed and three applications are waiting to be sent to the committee members for their consideration.

The current Endowment Trust Fund Grant Request Guidelines and Application Form are on the FLSSAR Web Site (www.flssar.org). They can be located under FORMS. At the top of the Guidelines page are directions on how to complete the application and e-mail one copy to me at ednoy@earthlink.net. (Contact Steve Williams at swilliams16@cfl.rr.com if you need assistance.) These two pages will be maintained in current status. Please check them from time to time in insure that you are using current information.

FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Report Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young

April 27, 2008

The period of this report is from 20 January 2008 through 3 May 2008. Twenty-five Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Winter BOM on 18-19 January 2008. We welcome to the Brigade, Outpost D at the Caloosa Chapter, Randy Moody, Commander formed on 26 January 2008. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. The Brigade Color Guard, with Guardsmen Oscar Bellamy, Lindsey Brock, Lonnie Jones, Ray Lantz, Price Legg, Steve Williams and Ed Young Presented the Colors for the Institution Ceremony of the new Aaron Snowden Chapter at Milton, FL on 26 April 2008. The Brigade Color Guard will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 2-4 May 2008 FLSSAR Spring BOM and Annual Meeting. Individual camp and outpost activities during this period are as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform.)

A. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Compatriots Bauchspies, Lockhart and Owens presented the "History of the Stars and Stripes" program to 125 residents of Fleet Landing Retirement Community in Atlantic Beach on 20 February 2008. On 8 March 2008 Guardsman Brock participated in the Last Battle of the American Revolution Celebration in Cape Canaveral. Compatriots Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur, with other members in "Bravo" uniform, conducted the SAR Grave Marker Dedication Program in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville at the grave site of departed Compatriot Harvey Clark on 26 April 2008.

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

C. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen DuBose, Williams and Wright participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen DuBose, Green, Smith and Wright and members Bonnett, Carter, Norman and Richardson manned a recruiting table at the Brevard 2nd Annual Genealogy Fair sponsored by the SAR, five DAR Chapters and four other genealogy groups on 5 January 2008. On 23 January 2008, Guardsman DuBose attended the Central Florida Naturalization Ceremony in Melbourne. Guardsmen DuBose and Wright Presented the Colors at the South Brevard Genealogy Society meeting and did recruiting on 13 February 2008. Also on 13 February 2008, Guardsman DuBose spoke on the "Last Naval Battle" at the South Brevard Genealogy Society in Melbourne. Guardsmen DuBose and Williams spoke on the "Last Naval Battle" at the Local History Club in Satellite Beach on 16 February 2008. On 18 February 2008, Guardsman DuBose spoke on "The Last Naval Battle" to the AARP of North Brevard and recruited. Guardsman DuBose gave an historical talk to the Annapolis Alumni of Brevard and recruited on 20 February 2008. Guardsmen DuBose, Dunagan, Green, Hinman, Ryan, Smith Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at the Annual SAR/DAR George Washington Luncheon for over 100 people on 23 February 2008. On 24 February 2008, Guardsman DuBose spoke to the Space Coast Navy League on "The Last Naval Battle." Guardsmen Darby, Davenport, DuBose, Dunagan, Green, Hinman, Ryan, Smith Williams and Wright took part in The Last Battle of the American Revolution ceremonies at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. Ground support was provided by Malcom, Norman, Spellman Trousdale and Wiedenhafer. On 15 March 2008, Guardsmen DuBose and Wright took part in the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade. DuBose and Wright in "B" uniform with Darby and McClellan attended the funeral services for Chapter member V. Martin Burnette on 19 March 2008. On 5 April 2008, Guardsman DuBose gave an historical talk to the David McCampbell Sea Cadets and the Sea Cadets of the Training Ship "Lassen." Compatriots DuBose and Williams attended the dedication of the Korean War Monument in the Veteran's Garden on Merritt Island on 13 April 2008.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. On 8 March 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Kitchen and Wallin participated with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 9 March 2008, Guardsmen Jantzen, Tanner and Wallin attended the 28th Massing of the Colors honoring the Armed Forces.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 3 February 2008, Guardsmen North and Wise joined the United Veterans of St. Lucie County in the annual memorial service of the Four Chaplains Service held at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie. Fifteen Veterans organizations attended.

F. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. No report received.

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Jones and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Lantz and Young attended the Ft. Pickens Chapter DAR Lineage Workshop and recruited on 2 February 2008. On 16 February 2008, Guardsmen Bellamy, Kilgore, Lantz and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter DAR George Washington Tea. Guardsmen Jones and Young marched with the Brigade at the Last Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 9 April 2008, Young in Class "B" uniform, presented the Silver RORC Medal to Army Cadet Nicole Herndon at the University of West Florida. Young, in Class "B" uniform, presented the Silver ROTC Medal to an Air Force Cadet at the University of West Florida on 19 April 2008. On 26 April, Guardsmen Bellamy, Jones, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors with the Brigade at the Institution Ceremony of the new Aaron Snowden Chapter in Milton.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Crapo, Miller, Riegler and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Ashcraft, Barrette, Barry, Cradle and Regime Presented the Colors at the Joint DAR – SAR George Washington Birthday Celebration.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen Bridges, Friberg and Pelton participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Bridges, Miller, C. Pelton and D. Pelton marched with the Brigade at The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Hamilton, Little, MacLean, Murray and Myers participated with the Brigade at the Last Battle Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. Guardsmen Hamilton, Little and Murray Presented and Posted the Colors during the Orlando Chapters DAR Monument Dedication for their original 13 founders in 1906 at Greenwood Cemetery.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Sumner participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend participated with the Brigade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Ceremony at Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 17 March 2008, Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend marched in the Clover Leaf Farm Community St. Patrick's Day Parade. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend Presented and Posted the Colors at a Chapter meeting honoring recipients of Public Service Awards on 22 March 2008.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade at the Winter BOM. Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Lady Lakes' Elks Club #728 on 28 January 2008. On 2 February 2008, Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Villages VA Club. Guardsmen London, Moody, Piper and Schukis participated in the Eustis George Washington Day Parade on 23 February 2008. On 3 March 2008, Guardsman Piper presented a Flag Talk for the Stonecrest Veterans Club. Guardsmen Piper and Toops presented a Revolutionary War Talk for the Clermont Elementary School on 5 March 2008. On 8 March 2008, Guardsmen Moody, Nelson, Piper and Toops marched with the Brigade at the Cape Canaveral Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War Celebration. Guardsmen London, Piper and Toops participated in the service commemorating the Etching of the 1776 Patriotic Spirit at Spruce Creek Del Web on 18 April 2008. On 30 April 2008, Guardsmen Piper and Toops presented Good Citizenship Certificates at the Mt. Verdi Elementary School.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsmen D. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. The Camp Color Guard performed the Flag Retreat Ceremony at the 'Patriotic Moment on 5th Avenue' in Naples on 27 January 2008. On 7 March 2008, Guardsmen Applegate, Ballou, D. Cahill, S. Cahill, Lopez and McCullough participated in the Naples Chapter Charter Day.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. No report received.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 5 January 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" at the chartering of the William Dunaway Chapter in Marianna, FL. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" to the Cape Canaveral Sojourners Chapter 366 on 8 January, 5 February and 4 March 2008. On 12 January and 9 February 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" to the Heroes meetings – Merritt Island Masonic Lodge. Guardsman Stevenson represented the Chapter at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new JROTC Center at Sebastian River High School on 15 January 2008. On 25 March 2008, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Build the Flag" program at the MOWW "Youth Leadership Conference" at Patrick Air Force Base.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

Q. Outpost C (Emerald Coast). Terry Doan, Commander. The Chapter Color Guard was not active during this reporting period.

R. Outpost D. (Caloosa). Randy Moody, Commander. On 18-19 January 2008, Guardsman R. Moody participated with the Brigade at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen P. Moody and R. Moody marched with the Brigade at the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution in Cape Canaveral on 8 March 2008. On 12 March 2008, P. Moody and R. Moody Posted the Colors for the Caloosa Chapter meeting.

**May 3, 2008 – 112th Annual Meeting
Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution**

President Grant called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Following the opening ceremonies a few announcements were made. Vice President General George Thurmond spoke to the members regarding National programs and issues.

The secretary certified a quorum.

Minutes of 2007 annual meeting were approved.

By Law changes:

Ron Toops, chair of the Charter & ByLaws committee presented the proposed changes to the Florida Society By Laws. Three changes were proposed. A vote by ballot followed discussion.

Proposal #1: A proposal to clarify the powers of the Executive Committee

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES, Section 1 – Executive Committee, paragraph. 2, pg 11, line 4
Underlined text indicate the words which were inserted.

... During intervals between meetings of the BOM, the members of the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the Chairman and to act for the Board of Management , including utilizing the powers of the Board of Management delineated in Article II Section 2. of these Bylaws. on any matter that the Chairman deems to be of such urgency and importance that the action must be taken before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the BOM.

The amendment was successfully amended so that the phrase , including utilizing the powers of the Board of Management delineated in Article II Section 2. of these Bylaws. was replaced with the phrase: ad interim.

Proposal #1 passed 38-9.

Proposal #2: A proposal to add the office of “President-Elect”.

Text of Amendment – Indicates Some Affected Articles, Sections ...

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1 - President ...

Insert the following text:

Section 2 President-Elect

President-Elect, Florida Society Presidency Training Oriented: Will join the FLSSAR President in the implementation of all Society activities that are expected of a sitting Florida Society President. He will attend all chapter, state, district and national meetings which the President attends. This position is intended to allow an incumbent President to begin his term with a thorough knowledge of the operation of the Office of Florida Society President. The sitting President may also assign appropriate committee chairmanships to the President-Elect which will enhance the President-Elect's ability to perform his duties when he does take office.

If the President is absent, the President-Elect shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the BOM. He shall succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President and he shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.

The amendment was successfully amended to replace the word "will" in line 3 with the word "may". So the sentence read, "He may attend all chapter, state, ..."

Proposal #2 was defeated 10-37.

Proposal #3: A proposal to clarify the procedures regarding endorsements of candidates to National Office.

Insert the following "new" section:

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 7. Endorsement of Candidates for National Office

Candidates who have declared for election to General Offices in the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society. Formal endorsements will not be made by the Florida Society before the Fall Meeting of the Board of Management.

Proposal #3 passed 40-7.

Election of officers

Lindsey Brock as chair of the nominating committee read the slate of nominees as determined by the committee and placed them in nomination.

President - Ronald E. Toops, Lake Sumter
Senior Vice President - William R. Stevenson, Treasure Coast
RVP Northwest - Edward D. Young, Pensacola
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There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominated candidates.

The final item of business was the selection of nominees for the offices of National Trustee and Alternate Trustee. These positions are elected at the National Congress. Ron Hamilton was nominated for the office of National Trustee. Phil Carr was nominated for the office of Alternate Trustee. Both nominations were passed without dissent.

Motion was made to destroy the ballots. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.