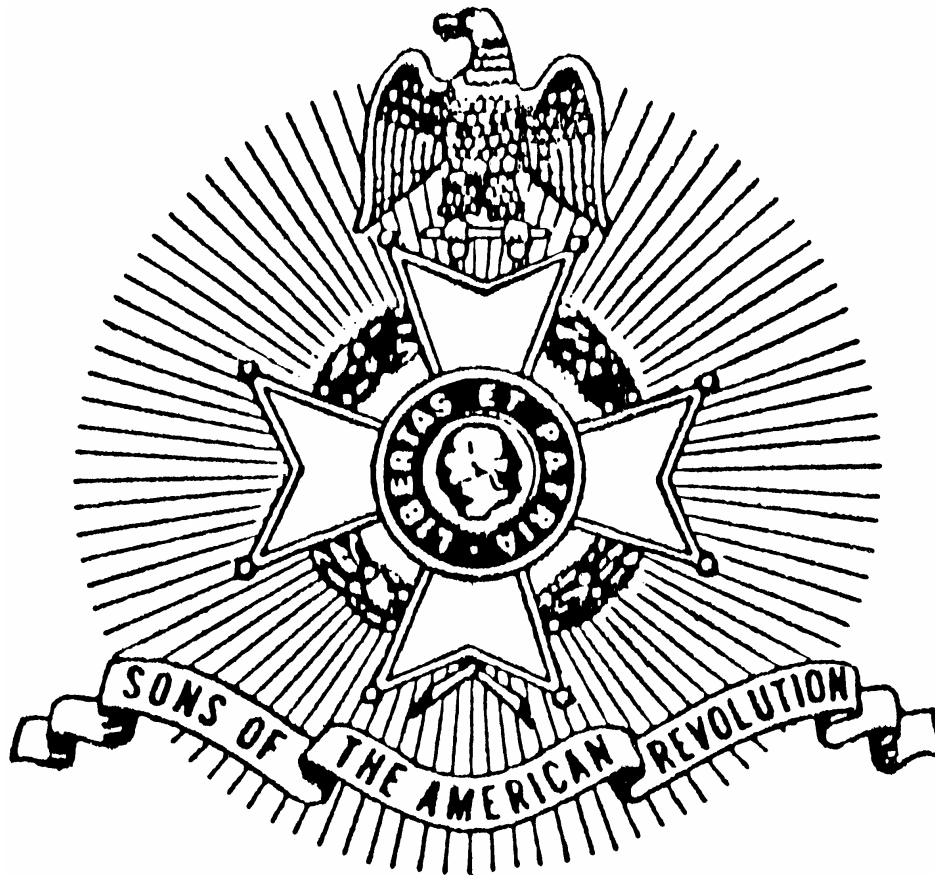


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Spring Board of Management Meeting
Kissimmee
April 24-25, 2009

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
April 24-25, 2009

Agenda

Call to order
Invocation
Pledge of allegiance
Pledge to the SAR
The American Creed
Introduction of National Officers
Introduction of first time attendees
Certification of a quorum
Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
Reports of NSSAR Officers- past & present
Reports of NSSAR Committee Chairmen
Report of NSSAR National Trustee
Reports of State Officers
State Committee Reports
Unfinished business
New business
Closing
SAR Recessional
Benediction
Adjournment

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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

Ron Hamilton

On March 7th I attended the Trustee Meeting in Louisville. The FLSSAR submitted, to the NSSAR Bylaws Committee, a proposed amendment to NSSAR Bylaw 17 – Executive Committee. The proposed amendment would permit any member to communicate his position on a given agenda item if for any reason, he was unable to attend the Committee meeting. I was the sole voting member to support the FLSSAR position. By a unanimous vote, the Trustees, and others authorized to vote, approved the use of available funds to build out the Library portion of the CAAH (maximum funds to be used \$2.2 million).

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

Ronald Toops

“The Center”! Our CAAH Campaign Chairman, Hall Riediger has provided some new fund raising data, as of April 14th. Approximately eighteen chapters (abt. 60%) have reported giving to this fund raising effort. As of this date, approximately 175 members have given something to the SAR Foundation Inc. Campaign, which is approximately **11 %** of the Florida Society membership of 1598 as of Dec 31, 2008. It is 36% of our Florida Society objective of 30% (479) participation, for the period, January 1 thru April 14, 2009. I know that some of the same chapters are continuing their fund raising effort as we go forward. The total giving since September, 2008 is about \$6550 ... It is hoped that the Florida Society Giving will soon exceed \$100,000, with all of your assistance. Note: Compatriot Riediger will have more accurate results to present at the upcoming BOM/Annual Meeting.

After the report presented at the upcoming BOM/Annual meeting, we will again set a data collection date of reporting for Nov. 2009. There are several efforts going on to expand our effort to those members who normally do not attend the chapter meetings. You also will find a form in the Spring “Patriot” which allows a member to make a pledge of some amount over a defined period of time. We will soon have a new cadre of Regional Vice Presidents, and we are confident that they will assist in getting the importance of this effort communicated, especially with the recent NSSAR Trustee approval of the build-out for the Library Portion of the Building. Again it is important that any individual and/or chapter giving be communicated to your chapter treasurer and the CAAH Campaign Chairman, Hall Riediger, using the forms that has been distributed.

The President of the SAR Foundation, Inc. will be our speaker at the Annual Meeting on April 25th. Other NSSAR dignitaries will be also in attendance who will have knowledge of how the various phases, Silent – Capital, are proceeding. Please challenge them w/questions.

NSSAR National Congress (July 3 – 8, 2009/Atlanta): Here is a great opportunity to see the workings of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Trustees meeting is probably the most significant meeting that is held and many of the committee meetings may be of interest. There are also several tours planned. It will be important to have as many delegates as possible attend this National Congress. There are a couple of areas of interest: 1) The increase in NSSAR Application Fees from \$60 to \$120 and 2) our vote respecting those running for office from the South Atlantic District, of which we are a member. There may be additional items brought forward that we are not aware, at this time.

President's Remarks: It has been a pleasure and a real learning experience for me, as we moved from May, 2008 to the present. At this writing, I am still learning and trying to meet your expectations. As we prepare for the various elements of the upcoming BOM and Annual Meeting, new challenges have arisen, which need my attention. The most important one is that associated with the proper presentation of the Bylaws, which will be discussed in both the BOM and at the Annual Meeting. We are also going to present a new way to introduce the newly elected officers to the membership and their guests at the Installation Banquet. I am hoping that it is as impressive to you as it appears to me.

The FLSSAR Nominating Committee has done an admirable job in selecting the candidates for state officers and I am sure that we will all give them our support in 2009-2010. Thank you all for your support during my term.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Senior Vice President

William Stevenson

I polled the chairmen of all committees. Responding to my poll, the following advised they would or would not remain as chairmen:

Audit – Duay, no (recommends David Kelsey, Sr. – OK by me)
Chapter Challenge – Jantzen, yes (all members also yes)
Charter & By-Laws (Meeks to be replaced) mems: Cahoon, no; Bradley no reply – all others yes
Advancing American Heritage (Meeks to be replaced) mems: Greenwood, no; Cahill and Ramseur no reply; all others yes;
Eagle Scout – Day, yes; Hunt & Little no (Murray replaces Hunt) all others yes
Education – Toops, yes; mem. Dubose yes;
Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements – Young, yes
FLSSAR Battle of Pensacola – Young, yes
Finance – (Kelsey recommended, Ok by me)
Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade – Young, yes
Genealogy – Duay, yes
Last Naval Battle – DuBose, yes
Liberty Tree – DuBose, yes; no activity, recommends keep one more year and if no action, cancel
Middle School Outreach – DuBose, yes; recommends possibly merging with Patriotic Education
Patriotic Education – Dubose, yes
Medals and Awards – Meeks, yes; members to be replaced
Membership Promotion & Retention – Meeks (to be replaced); mems Greenwood, no; Cahill and Ramseur no reply – all others yes;
Newsletters and Periodicals – Walton resigned last November 08, not replaced
NSSAR Library – Walton resigned last November
Publicity – Riediger, yes
Rumbaugh Oration Contest – Greenwood

Comp. DuBose recommended that the budget for the Last Naval Battle be \$1750. He advised the reduction from \$2000 to \$1500 was too much, hence the increase by \$250. The affair (future years) will be 6 Mar 2010, 5 Mar 2011, 3 Mar 2012, and 2 March 2013. DuBose also recommends the Patriotic Education and Middle School Outreach Committees be merged and the Patriotic Education budget (proposed \$1,000) be transferred to the new united committee. He also requests a budget of \$500 for the outreach part of the committee – that would give the combined committee a budget of \$1500. The reason being, after the last “Last Naval Battle” affair, the Propeller Club of Cape Canaveral donated \$500, requesting a brochure on the Last Naval Battle be prepared, published, and distributed to the 8th grades of local schools (Brevard County to begin with). Then at its last meeting of the Brevard Chapter they voted \$500 matching funds – totaling \$1000. After discussing with Comp. Hodalski, he agreed that proposed budgets (\$1500) for combined Patriotic Education/Middle School Outreach be used in this program. Thus totaling \$2500. This sum would fund the program for 3 years, then, if successful, the program could be expanded to state-wide and possibly National as well.

With reference to the Liberty Tree committee, Comp. DuBose proposes a budget of \$300. Then, as noted above, if no action, to discontinue program.

Audit Committee: Comp. Duay wishes to resign chairmanship. He recommends committeeman David Kelsey, Sr. for position. The Kelsey would need to be replaced.

Newsletters & Periodicals and NSSAR Library Committees: Comp. Walton advises he resigned these positions last November 2008. Apparently no replacement has be named or elected.

Compatriot Cahill advises he is resigning as RVP and his chairmanships. Replacements needed for this positions.

As noted above, Comp. Greenwood is resigning all positions. He recommends Comp. Scott Bushnell as his replacement for NCRVP.

Comp. Bridges is current chairman of the Veterans Affairs committee. Do not know if he wishes to continue as such. In any event, Com. Meeks recommends Stanley E. Shanch Capt, USN Ret., as a candidate for that position.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President

ACTIVITIES THIS PAST PERIOD:

- Attended all meetings of the Pensacola Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee serving as Chapter Secretary.
- Served the Florida Society as the Commander, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade, Chairman, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements Committee, Advisor to the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee, Chairman, Battle of Pensacola Committee and a member of the FLSSAR Officer Nominating Committee.
- Conducted a meeting of the Northwest Region Chapter Presidents at Simbo's Restaurant in Bonifay, FL on February 7, 2009 to brief the presidents on the Winter BOM and address action items.
- Manned a publicity table for the Battle of Pensacola and recruited in Plaza Ferdinand during the visit of the King and Queen of Spain to Pensacola on February 19, 2009.
- Participated with the Pensacola Chapter Color Guard to Present the Colors at the Constitution Week Tea held by the Pensacola Chapter, DAR on February 21, 2009.
- Judged the Exhibits at the Escambia County History Fair held at the University of West Florida on February 24, 2009.
- Commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration held at Cape Canaveral on February 28, 2009.
- Presented the SAR ROTC Medal to Cadet Christopher C. McKenney at the University of West Florida Army ROTC Awards Ceremony on April 7, 2009.
- Attended the funeral service for departed Compatriot Paul D. Walker in Pensacola on April 10, 2009.
- On April 17, 2009, judged fourth and fifth graders to represent R.C. Lipscomb Elementary School in the 2009 Escambia County 4-H Tropicana Speech Contest.
- Served with the Pensacola Chapter planning committee for the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration on May 8-9, 2009.
- Commanded the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade for the Presentation of the Colors at the Spring BOM in Kissimmee on April 24, 2009 and the FLSSAR Annual Meeting on April 25, 2009.

AARON SNOWDEN CHAPTER: The chapter now meets on the 3rd Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at Ryan's Steak House, 4955 Hwy 98, Pace, FL. Six members attended the February 7 Chapter meeting. Compatriot Lonnie Jones presented a power point program about the "History of the SAR an FLSSAR". The March 7 Chapter meeting was attended by six members and one prospective member and approved the nomination of officers for the 2009-2010 year. Jones presented a report on the February 7 Northwest Region Presidents' Meeting covering notes from the FJSSAR Winter BOM and RVP Action Items. Chapter officers will be elected at the April 18 meeting. JROTC Medal awardees and Good Citizen Certificate recipients in Santa Rosa County elementary and middle schools are being processed.

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, Fort Walton Beach, FL. The Chapter conducted business meetings in February, March and April. The ROTC Committee has begun awarding SAR Silver and Bronze ROTC Medals to the high school and college JROTC and ROTC programs in the Chapter area. We provided a Silver ROTC Medal to a cadet chosen by the cadre at Northwest Florida State College on April 9. We have the names and dates for the six high school programs in our area and have scheduled those presentations as well. The Chapter has planted a Liberty Tree in Marler Park on Okaloosa Island and has had a plaque made. The Chapter will designate the Liberty Tree with an appropriate ceremony at the appropriate time still to be determined.

PANAMA CITY CHAPTER:

The chapter meets regularly on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M. at Po Folks Restaurant on 15th Street and Balboa Avenue in Panama City, FL throughout the year. Visitors are welcome. For information please contact John H. Carter at 850-747-9366. The Chapter is fully involved in the JROTC program. One Bay County School has held an awards ceremony and three others are scheduled as well as one in an adjoining county.

PENSACOLA CHAPTER:

The chapter meets monthly at 5:15 P.M. on the second Tuesday at Sonny's Bar-B-QUE Restaurant, 630 North Navy Blvd, Pensacola, FL. The Chapter approved donations to the Escambia and Santa Rosa County History Fairs and to the Friends of the NSSAR Library. Guardsmen Bowers, Kilgore, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR George Washington Tea at the Scenic Hills Golf and Country Club on February 21, 2009. Legg and Young attired in Color Guard Class "B" uniforms passed out "Battle of Pensacola" flyers and SAR membership material in Plaza Ferdinand during the visit of the King and Queen of Spain and students, commanded by Compatriot Wesley Odom, attired in period uniforms paraded among the crowd and were interviewed on WEAR-TV. Current and past donations to the Center for the Advancement of America's Heritage were received from 30% of the chapter membership. President Lantz inducted new Compatriot Raymond J. Judd into membership at the April meeting.

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER: The Chapter meets quarterly at 6:30 P.M. at the Silver Slipper Restaurant, 531 Silver Slipper Lane, Tallahassee, FL. The Chapter held its George Washington Celebration Meeting on March 12, 2009 at the Silver Slipper. Eighteen attended. The speaker, Benjamin Franklin impersonator Lloyd Wheeler, spoke about Franklin's relationship with George Washington. The Chapter is in the process of presenting ten JROTC and four ROTC Medals at the area schools.

WILLIAM DUNAWAY CHAPTER: The Chapter meets monthly on the 1st Thursday at Jim's Buffet and Grill, 4329 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL. The February meeting was devoted to establishing goals. Approval was granted to establish a CAAH Fund. Participation in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest was also approved. A committee was formed to meet with the Jackson County Superintendent of Schools to investigate the establishment of a JROTC Program. Compatriot Jim Dunaway was appointed to begin discussions with the local Boy Scout Leader regarding Chapter participation in the scout program. The Chapter decided to draft a resolution opposing the closing of some state parks with copies to be sent to the Governor and legislators. At the March meeting, the JROTC Committee reported that Superintendent of Schools Lee Miller was receptive to establishing a JROTC Program. President Dunaway reported that at least one contestant would enter the Oration Contest. JROTC Medals were presented to Cadet Lt. Col. Leonard Wiser at Washington County JROTC Award Banquet in Chipley on March 27 and Cadet Lt. Col. Gary Moore at Holmes County High School JROTC Banquet in Bonifay. On April 5, President Dunaway attended a meeting of the Blue Springs Society, CAR and presented the SAR Membership Certificate and Member Rosette to Compatriot John A. Parrish who transferred from the CAR. Compatriot Parrish is leaving immediately for duty serving our country with the U. S. Navy.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

North Central Region Gordon Greenwood, Vice President

GENERAL. It has been a pleasure serving as RVP during the last two years. Dr. Scott Bushnell (sbushnell@USNA64.org, 352-227-4341) has been nominated as my successor and I'm sure that we all wish him the best of luck. Much of my time as RVP has been spent with the Ocala Chapter and the Lake City re-chartering effort. Both seem to be moving along nicely now with Ocala having elected a full slate of officers with Claude Grubbs as its new President and Lake City, under Jim Thrasher's guidance, having held its first re-organization meeting. Jim Partin, the Gainesville Chapter genealogist serves all three groups (Gainesville, Ocala, and Lake City). It is my hope that some other genealogists can be found to relieve Jim of some of the work he is doing. The Withlacoochee and Lake Sumter chapters are well-organized, well-functioning units and need little real assistance. In the case of all NCR chapters, however, the major problems are recruiting, publicity, and getting members to serve as officers and committee chairs. But then these are perhaps state-wide FLSSAR problems. Thanks to all of you who helped make my two years as RVP so enjoyable.

GAINESVILLE. Activities during the quarter include the following. Ray Davis represented the Chapter at the Alachua Co. Veterans Banquet on Jan. 31, made a presentation on SAR at the Heroes of 76 meeting on Feb. 15, presented flag lapel pins to 45 new citizens at the Feb. 19 Naturalization Ceremony with Bob Reeves, presented a patriotic program to the Ocala Scottish Rite on March 2 and to the Cross City Lodge on March 26, presented a JROTC award at Williston H.S. with Bob Reeves on March 28, and at Bell H.S. on Apr. 4. Bob Reeves presented a SROTC award to the UF NROTC on Apr. 14. Ray Davis and Bob Reeves have held discussions with senior veterans about senior activities three times during the quarter. During the quarter, total chapter membership has grown to 72 (63 active, 1 junior, and 8 associates) with 3 new members. In addition, 3 new applications have been submitted and 5 supplementals.

LAKE CITY. A chapter re-organization meeting was held at the Columbia Co. Library on Feb. 24 with 6 members plus 1 whose application is pending. However, not enough men stepped forward to fill the necessary offices and chairmanships needed to seek re-chartering at this time. The chapter has 23 potential members with 3 new applications being approved during the quarter.

LAKE SUMTER

1. ACTIVITIES

January 20, 2009 - Compatriot Bill Piper in uniform presented a Benedict Arnold talk to the Gainesville SAR chapter in Gainesville, Florida.

February 7, 2009 - Compatriot Steve Offutt presented SAR Flag Certificates to Ralph & Dorothy Wagner and Frank & Ellen Blackwood.

February 7, 2009 - Compatriot Bill Piper in uniform presented a flag talk to 30 members of The Villages Virginia Club.

February 18, 2009 - Compatriot Bill Piper in uniform presented a flag talk to 80 members of the Scandinavian American Club.

February 28, 2009 - Compatriots Bill Piper, Joe London, Glen Langston and Bob Krey all in uniform participated in Washington's Birthday Parade Celebration in Eustis, Florida. Hundreds of people were at the celebration.

February 28, 2009 - Compatriot Ron Toops in uniform attended the last Naval Battle celebration at Cape Canaveral, Florida

March 7, 2009 - Compatriot King Forry presented the Lake-Sumter Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Award to Zack Skinner. Zack read his essay to chapter members. Compatriot Forry then forwarded the essay on to state officials. Compatriot's Ron Toops and Glenn Langston have selected winners for the Middle School Essay contest. Awaiting feedback from teacher for date, time and place to present the certificates. Compatriot Ron Toops has made contact with the local high schools for the JROTC awards. All school have responded and chapter members will be presenting the medals and certificates.

2. NEW MEMBERS

Compatriot Bob Moody reports that the Lake-Sumter Chapter has one new member. Total members for the chapter is 53. Several applications are awaiting approval from national.

3. PUBLICITY

Lake-Sumter Chapter had two notifications in two newspapers for the January, February and March meetings.

OCALA. The Ocala Chapter held three regular meeting during the quarter with excellent speakers. It's new officers, installed in Jan., are doing a fine job. It currently has 35 members although no new members joined during the quarter.

WITHLACOOCHEE. The Withlacoochee Chapter engaged in the following activities during the quarter. On February 28th (6) members took part in the Last Navel Battle at Cape Canaveral. At our February meeting a Meritorious Medal was presented to a member, and at the March meeting the Martha Washington's Medal was awarded. A Hero's medal with certificate and a Law Enforcement Medal with Certificate plus a framed Constitution and Declaration of Independence was presented to a local Library. At our April Meeting, (2) Hero's Medals with Certificates were awarded. Also in April (2) members in Bravo Uniform presented a Flag Certificate. On March 17, 2009 (6) Color Guard Members in Alpha Uniforms marched in the Clover Leaf Farms St. Patrick's Day Parade. On March 31st, three members dressed in Bravo uniform visited a Combat Wounded Veteran at the Veteran's Hospital in Tampa, and presented a check for \$250.00 to him and his wife. The Chapter had (2) joint booths with the local DAR for recruiting. The Colors were posted and led the Parade around the track at the Inverness High School for the Cancer Fund Raiser for the American Cancer Society (RELAY FOR LIFE). At the March Meeting one new member was inducted and the Chapter now has (49) regular members and (3) associate members. Also (2) members transferred out.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Northeastern Region David Ramseur, Vice President

Deland Chapter:

The annual collection of items for the local VA Home went well with many of the members providing needed items. Programs for our monthly meetings have been excellent as follows:

1. An outstanding presentation on researching Military Records with each compatriot receiving a personal copy of an outstanding research guide.
2. The presentation of "Spring and the Water Beneath Your Feet" by Mr. Bill Hall. His program is a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation centering on Blue Spring State Park.
3. Our April program will be by Dr. Carl E. Schwenker, MD., from Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach on the subject of "Love Your Heart" and is about heart disease and the Chest Pain Center. Look forward to this timely presentation.
4. Continuing the flag program in the local community and our awards program in the local schools and hope to expand them this year.

Flagler Chapter SAR Report

April 2009

Dec 19, 2008 SAR Eagle Scout medal and certificate presented to Jacob A. Boyd

Jan. 28, 2009 The Philippine-American memorial Tree dedication. 5 members attended

Feb. 10, 2009 New member Jack Fields inducted

Feb. 10, 2009 One new supplemental patriot ancestor approved

Feb. 17, 2009 Showing of "The May Faces of Old Glory" during meeting.

Feb. 17, 2009 SAR Good Citizenship medal and certificate presented to former Supervisor of Elections, Peggy Rae Border

Mar 12, 2009 Boy Scout Golden Eagle Dinner to raise money for boy scouting. 5 members attended

Mar 17, 2009 Four new supplemental patriot ancestors approved.

Mar 21, 2009 Eagle Scout medal and certificate awarded to Joseph E. Gaynor

Apr. 4, 2008 Ret. Sgt. Felix Garcia, 1993-2006, three purple hearts and the Navy commendation for valor in Iraq, was awarded the SAR flag certificate in recognition of his patriotism in the displaying of the American Flag at his home in Palm Coast.

Chef Petty Officer Gerald Carpenter USN Ret. After 21 years and 9 months of service to our country is awarded the SAR certificate for his display of the America flag at his Palm Coast Home.

Apr. 5, 2009. Meeting with Bill DeBrugge, Superintendent of Schools of Flagler County to discuss the Sarah Knight Essay Contest and to discuss American history program to all of the Flagler County schools.

Apr. 24, 2009 Seminar on the American Flag scheduled to be presented to all the fifth graders at Rymfire School.

Jacksonville Chapter related:

Attended all meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee serving as chapter secretary. Participated in Colonial Uniform with the Jacksonville Chapter and other state and out of state SAR and non-SAR organizations color guard in the 226th celebration of the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" at Cape Canaveral, FL on 28 Feb. 2009.

Participated with Dick Cardell and George Lockhart in presenting a history of the American Flags to a group of 300 students and adults. Assisted in preparing Earl Marlin, Stark Memorial and Chapter Challenge Contest Forms for FLSSAR and NSSAR reports.

The Jacksonville Chapter is now heavily involved in the presentation of JROTC and ROTC awards at 23 various schools and colleges in North East Florida. The chapter is also involved in presenting awards to youth in the Eagle Scout and Knight Essay contests.

On a sad note the Jacksonville Chapter regrets the passing of Compatriot Richard E. Bauchspies on 16 March 2009. Many of you know his brother Bud Bauchspies and his wife Peggy and would like to extend your sympathy to them of his brother's passing.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

East Central Regional Vice President

East Central Region Hall Riediger, Vice President

Brevard Chapter 1st Quarter report 2009

Ben Dubose reporting Period 1/1/2009 - 3/31/2009

The Brevard Chapter held three membership meetings during this period in January, February and March.

1/3/09 - We held our 3rd Annual Genealogy Fair in conjunction with the 5 local DAR

Chapter and various genealogical societies. Between 60 to 80 people attended including 6 chapter members; D. Cooper, G. Darby, B. Dubose, r. Ryan S. Williams and P. Wright. (Dubose, Williams and Wright in uniform). the guest speaker was Dr. Deborah Duay.

1/17/09 - 3 members of our color guard were involved in the opening ceremonies of our January meeting. B. Dubose, S. Williams and P. Wright. Over 40 people in attendance.

1/28/09 - 1 Compatriot P. Wright in uniform spoke to the 1st of four 5th grade classes at Jupiter Elementary School in Palm Bay about the Last Naval Battle and various topics on the Revolution.

1/30-1/31/09 - 3 Compatriots attended the winter BOM; B. Dubose, S. Williams, P. Wright. Dubose and Williams joined the State Color Guard on 1/30/09.

2/3/09 - 5 Compatriots attended the funeral services for Compatriot Howard McClellen; G. Darby, F. Dunagan, B. Dubose(spoke on behalf of the Chapter in uniform), J. Patton, S. Williams.

2/4/09 - 1 Compatriot P. Wright, in uniform, spoke to the 3rd and 4th grade classes at Jupiter Elementary School in Palm Bay about the Last Naval Battle and various topics on the Revolution.

2/5/09 - 1 Compatriot P. Wright, in Uniform, spoke to the 4th of four 5th grade classes at Jupiter Elementary School in Palm Bay about the Last Naval Battle and various topics on the Revolution.

2/21/09 - Our 7th Annual Joint DAR/SAR Washington's Birthday meeting was held and over 70 people were in attendance. The colors were presented by 6 Compatriots: J. Davenport, J. Dibble, B. Dubose, C. Green, F. Smith and S. Williams.

2/24/09 - Compatriot B. Dubose gave a talk on the LNB, in uniform, and did recruiting to over two dozen members of the Cape Canaveral Propeller Club.

2/27/09 - Our chapter hosted the 3rd annual Last Naval Battle dinner at the Country Inns & Suites and over 40 were in attendance. Judge A.J. Majeed was awarded a SAR Silver Good citizenship medal that evening. 4 Compatriots were in attendance: s. Baker, B. Dubose, S. Williams(in uniform) and P. Wright(in Uniform). Wright spoke about his co-lateral ancestor who assisted in building the USS ALLIANCE.

2/28/09 - Our chapter hosted the 3rd Annual Last Naval Battle celebration and about 150 participated in the line of march, along with over 100 spectators. Compatriots in attendance; B. Dubose, C. Green, F. Smith, S. Williams, and P. Wright were in uniform. J. Malcolm worked behind the scenes. A follow up newsletter was sent out to over 250 people and organizations.

3/ 14/09 - 2 Compatriots in uniform; B. Dubose and P. Wright were joined with Wright's daughter Katie and 3 representatives from Boy Scout Troop 509 at Melbourne's, St. Patrick's Day Parade.

3/17/09 - Compatriot B. Dubose gave a historical talk and did recruiting to over 2 dozen members of the Melbourne Beach Rotary Club.

3/21/09 - we held our March meeting and over 40 attended including 3 prospective members. 6 members of the Color Guard joined in the ceremonies; J. Davenport, F. Dunagan, B. Dubose, F. Smith, S. Williams and P. Wright.

3/28/09 - 4 Compatriots with B. Dubose, C. Green, and S. Williams in uniform, along with J. Williams manned a recruitment booth at the North Brevard Historical Society Annual Bar-B-Q in Titusville. 4-6- prospective members were found.

3/28/09 - 2 compatriots; P. Wright, in uniform, and R. Bonnett manned an information booth at the Manatee District Boy Scout Camporee in Palm Bay. One prospective member was found.

Please see further information about Brevard Chapter involvement in the following FLSSAR committee reports: LAST NAVAL BATTLE and PATRIOTIC EDUCATION.

Central Florida Chapter Activity Report

Spring 2009 Report

Those attendees to the 2009 "Last Naval Battle of the Revolution" were treated to a very special song entitled "The Last Day the Cannonballs Did Fly". This great rendition was written and sang by Chris Kahl. The Chapter presented its special wreath during this gathering. Chapter activities during February, March and April included the following: (1) Conducted our regularly scheduled monthly meetings and (2) recognized and honored our annual Eagle Scout selection. Web master Steve Williams did a great job of restructuring the Central Florida Web Page. Chapter

representatives attended ROTC/JROTC and Sea Cadets programs to present its special awards to the outstanding Cadets at several High School AFJROTC programs and to the USNSCC Stallion Division of the Sea Cadets. Chapter Compatriots have attended and participated in all scheduled BOMs and the April Annual meeting. On April 18th the Chapter will hold its annual Patriot Dinner during which the attendees will be treated to a very special recognition of Historic Flags conducted by the National Sojourners Heroes '76 of the Seminole Chapter #373. The May meeting, the last of our 2008-2009 SAR year, will recognize special achievements of several Chapter members. This will be followed with the induction ceremonies of the Chapter's new officers for 2009-2011.

St. Lucie River Chapter

First Quarter 2009 Report

January 10th was the regular meeting and the program featured a member of the Treasure Coast Muzzleloaders Club discussing muzzleloader rifles, their manufacture and safe use and a display of artifacts from the Revolutionary era. Jan. 30 and 31st our Chapter hosted the winter 2009 BOM in Kissimmee. Six members and three wives successfully manned the registration desk and hospitality room for the two day meeting. Donations to date to the CAAH Fund from our Chapter were \$225.00. The February 14th regular meeting program was a discussion and demonstration of Colonial and Militia uniforms for use in SAR functions and ceremonies. Feb 21st six members judged contestants entries at the St Lucie County School District annual History Fair. Feb. 28th three members in uniform participated in the Last Naval Battle color Guard and Wreath ceremony in Cape Canaveral. March 14 at the regular Chapter meeting R. H. Ivers was inducted as a new member. The nominating committee announced a slate of officer candidates for the 2009/10 year. An officer nominating Committee for the 2010/11 year was elected. Dennis McCullum presented a flag Certificate and the JROTC Chairman announced there would be ten units receiving Medals and Certificates this year.

Treasure Coast Chapter

William Stevenson reporting

Listed below is an accounting of my activities during the last three months: January, February and March 2009.

1. 15 Jan - Gave "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" at the regular meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter.
2. 7 Feb - Gave "The Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" at the Sebastian River Chapter, DAR, in Roseland, Florida.
3. 9 Feb - Gave "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" at the open meeting of the Fort Pierce Masonic Lodge #87.
4. 16 Feb - Gave the "Toast to the Flag" and "Voice of Old Glory" at Ruth Chapter 7, Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Pierce, Florida.
5. 3 Mar - Gave "Toast to the Flag" at the meeting of the Cape Canaveral Chapter, 366, National Sojourners.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

West Central Region Nelson Jantzen, Vice President

Clearwater:

Members of the Color Guard joined the other chapters in posting the colors at the Winter BOM.

On 2/28/09 the Color Guard participated in the Cape Canaveral Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War...

On 2/26/09 Member took part in the History Fair at the Heritage Village in Largo, Fl.

On 2/14/09 a uniformed guardsman attended the Pinellas County Genealogy meeting in Largo, Fl.

On 1/28/09 a guardsmen in uniform spoke at the Caladesi DAR Chapter on how to become an SAR member.

In late Feb. a chapter member mad a presentation to the Sea Scouts.

They had a speaker speak about the Plymouth, Jamestown rivalry at their 2/18 luncheon meeting.

They had a luncheon meeting on 3/18.

On 4/15 they had the Mayor of Clearwater speak.

St. Petersburg:

They had luncheon meetings on 2/21, 3/21, & 4/21 with speakers.

Maj. John DeVane:

No report

Lakeland:

1/21, the speaker spoke at the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

2/17, the speaker spoke on the use of Ft. Johnson on the Cape Fear River.

2/21, the speaker spoke on the "Gov't. & the Constitution "

3/21, the speaker spoke on "The More Things Change "

4/18, the program was on SAR Public Service Awards.

Tampa Chapter

January: The chapter was pleased to have former FLSSAR President Grant Wallin attend our monthly meeting and install the new officers. The program, given by Vice President Robert Yarnell presented a review of the Revolution in east Florida. Members in attendance at the December meeting were nearly universally stumped by a question in the crossword puzzle solved by teams of SAR and CAR members regarding the battle of Alligator Creek. In light of this Compatriot Yarnell thought a refresher course in Florida history was in order. The excellent presentation was well received.

February: With the largest attendance in several years the chapter welcomed President Ron Toops to the February meeting. Ron presented two recently approved supplemental certificates to Tampa members and then spoke on his efforts to increase membership and giving the The Center.

March: The chapter color guard presented the colors at the CAR State meeting held in Tampa. At the monthly meeting the chapter presented their annual Fire Safety award to Captain Derrick Ryan a 23 year veteran of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue.

April: The chapter hosted its 10th Annual ROTC Luncheon. The chapter provides ROTC awards to 4 for college units and 18 high school units. Each year the chapter invites the cadets receiving this award to attend our April meeting. A program specifically geared to the mixed audience of members, cadets, and guests is presented. This year Kevin Yarnell presented "A Flat World: The Role of Technology in Maintaining Freedom" based on the book, "The World is Flat" by Thomas L. Friedman. Cadets from 9 units attended the luncheon.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southeast Region Gerald Meeks, Vice President

Report will be given orally at the BOM.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

Southwest Region Don Cahill, Vice President (dcahill37@hotmail.com)

April 15, 2009

CALOOSA: by Don Cahill

A highlight of our meetings this quarter was a visit by FLSSAR President Ron Toops. He spoke of the need to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, our headquarters in Louisville, KY. Elections for 2009-2010 program year were completed with new officers being installed at the May 13 meeting. Our April 1st meeting was again our Annual Good Citizenship/JROTC Awards banquet. On April 24th Caloosa will have a ceremony to dedicate a Liberty Tree at the corner of Broadway and MLK Blvd. It will be a live Oak tree and the public is invited to attend the ceremony. The Chapter meets the second Wednesday each month at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers with the May meeting the last until next October.

CHARLOTTE: by Bradley Lines, President (ablines@embarqmail.com)

February we celebrated George Washington's birthday. March incoming member Don Blake gave us his bio. April the Chapter recognized Deputy Sheriff Nancy Henshaw and Firefighter/EMS Matthew Jesse with SAR medals and certificates. May's meeting will be presented by Vernon Peebles about the early days of the Charlotte Chapter SAR.

NAPLES: by John McCullough, President (jmccullough1@peoplepc.com)

In January we had our Rumbaugh Oration competition with our winner coming in third at State. The February highlight was the JROTC meeting which included an excellent essay read by our Outstanding JROTC Cadet candidate, Lt. Alexandra Morris. Our March meeting was a successful Charter Day picnic that included a lively demonstration by the Barron Collier High School JROTC drill squad. April was our Boy Scout meeting with Southwest Field Executive (number two Scout executive) Paul Penttila and Eagle Scout James M. Calow. We also had our Poster Contest judging. We had good poster entrants from public, private and home schooled students and we have an entry for the State contest.

SARAMANA: by Phil Tarpley, Past President (mp18pht@verizon.net)

by Harold Crapo, President (hbcejc@tampabay.rr.com)

The February 21st George Washington Birthday SAR/DAR combined luncheon with 90 attending enjoyed an female actor taking us back to time to just after the American Revolution as we celebrated the women in the revolution and presentations of Abigail Adams awards to many ladies present. Saramana in March presented 7 Fire and Safety Awards & medals. Friday April 10 we presented 7 Police & Law Enforcement Awards with medals and 2 Police Heroism awards and medals for bravery. They are cited with saving several lives during the Tanker Truck accident and explosion in Ellenton at the underpass.

13 JROTC medals were presented and we have a JROTC Best of the Best winner who is also now submitted for the State contest. Our Chapter Rumbaugh Oration winner also won the state contest and will be at the NSSAR Congress in July. Several Color Guard members were present for Posting of Colors and setting up a camp table for recruiting during the Manatee Historical Park Fair Day Sat. March 21. We have several new member applications in the pipeline at present.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

Kevin Yarnell

Most of the work this quarter has been routine items and the volume of requests for information was significant at times. A few current items are particularly noteworthy.

- National finished processing our Annual Report on April 13th. I am in the process of double checking their review.
- I'm currently working on a the listing of the 2009-2010 committees as information is received from William Stevenson and the committee chairs
- National has requested a current listing of chapter and state officers by May 1st. A number of our chapters conduct elections at this time of the year and I'm in the process of compiling the most up to date list I can for the National office

We continue to try to respond to emails as quickly as possible. My work, at times, prevents me from spending much time answering email during the week and I appreciate the patience of those who must wait a few days for a response.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer

Leon Hammock

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVES (BUDGET AND ACTUAL) 3-31-2009

	2009 Annual Budget	2008 Actual
Receipts		
Dues - net of rebates	\$32,850	\$27,625
Donations	2,250	2,249
BOM Income net of expenses	600	37
Other Income	<u>450</u>	<u>126</u>
Total	36,150	30,037
Disbursements		
State Officers	\$17,600	\$2,391
Youth Programs	9,250	\$4,250
Other Committee	<u>11,250</u>	<u>4,279</u>
Total	38,100	10,920
Receipts over Disbursements	\$(1,950)	\$19,117

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2009

ASSETS

Checking	42,607.08
Wachovia CD's	34,009.35
Money Market Account	<u>4,945.37</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$81,561.80

Investments (restricted) 4,992.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$86,553.80

LIABILITIES 0.00

EQUITY \$86,553.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$86,553.80

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar

Ted Duay, III

This report follows on the next pages

**FLSSAR REGISTRAR STATISTICS
FROM MAY 1, 2008 TO APRIL 20, 2009**

CHAPTER	NEW SENT	NEW APPROVED	NEW PENDING	SUPPLEMENTAL SENT	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED	SUPPLEMENTAL PENDING
AARON SNOWDEN	9	4				
BREVARD	8	4		4		
CALOOSA	6	2	2	8	6	2
CENTRAL FLORIDA	3	6		4	2	1
CHARLOTTE		1				
CLEARWATER	25	23	1	5	2	3
DAYTONA-ORMOND	4	1	1			
DELAND					1	1
EMERALD COAST	1	1				
FLAGLER	1	2		13	10	1
FORT LAUDERDALE	8	4	1			
GAINESVILLE	17	18		6	1	
JACKSONVILLE	13	9		15	10	3
LAKE SUMTER	5	2		1		
LAKELAND	5	3				
MAJOR JOHN DEVANE	1	1				
MIAMI	3	3		2	3	
NAPLES	3	4	1			
OCALA	3	3				
PALM BEACH	5			11	3	1
PENSACOLA	8	11		4	2	
ST AUGUSTINE	3	1		3	1	
ST PETERSBURG	4	4		5	3	
SARAMANA	4	8		3	3	
ST LUCIE RIVER	6	7				
TALLAHASSEE	1	1				
TAMPA	8	3	1	3	4	
TREASURE COAST	4	3			3	
WILLIAM DUNAWAY	5	7	1			
WITHLACOCOCHEE	4	8		5	4	1
TOTALS	167	143	8	92	58	13

NOTE: NEW APPLICATIONS INCLUDE REGULAR, JUNIOR, CAR TRANSFERS, AND YOUTH REGISTRATIONS.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT
SPRING 2009 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Dear Compatriots:

I recently attended the March 2009 NSSAR Leadership Meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky. I found the event to be most disappointing.

Despite my best efforts, the Genealogy Committee, at the urging of National Officers, overwhelmingly refused to support the motion to overturn the ruling by Genealogist General Joe Dooley made in September 2008 that prohibited the use of DAR Record Copies with center check marks as proof of lineage and service for SAR applications. The events at the Genealogy Committee meeting were as follows:

- (1) There were approximately 70 people in the room and, from what I am told, another 50 people listening outside the room.
- (2) Secretary General Ed Butler was sitting behind me. Before the meeting even started, he made an announcement that a number of contentious e-mails had circulated about the DAR center check mark issue and if people did not behave themselves in the meeting and show proper decorum, they would NOT be on the Genealogy Committee when he became President General.
- (3) The rules for the center check mark debate were read to the Committee. These are included as Exhibit 1.
- (4) I read the motion to the Committee (Exhibit 2). Chairman Fetzer erroneously called for the vote prior to any debate and had to be corrected. He seemed confused and ineffective throughout the meeting and Genealogist General Joe Dooley spoke much more during the meeting than did Chairman Fetzer.
- (5) I made my presentation. I included an SAR Genealogical Policy approved by the 2004 Annual Congress (Exhibit 3) that states that the NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the NSDAR and other specific hereditary societies. I also included a copy of a letter from the Director of the NSDAR Genealogical Division that explains what center check marks are and how they are used as part of DAR's application verification process (Exhibit 4). During the debate, one compatriot did comment that the Genealogy Committee could not undo any Genealogical Policy approved at an Annual Congress.
- (6) Following my presentation, Genealogist General Joe Dooley made his presentation. Part of his presentation was a letter signed by President General Appleby and Secretary General Butler in support of his genealogical ruling prohibiting the use of DAR Record Copies with center check marks for SAR applications (Exhibit 5). He presented three DAR Record Copies with center checks and showed how the three applications were supposedly flawed. He did

not mention how many DAR applications he had to look at to find these three flawed applications or how many center checked DAR Record Copies he had examined that were okay. Of the SAR Genealogical Policy that I presented as Exhibit 3 that stated that NSSAR will accept DAR Record Copies dated 1986 or after, Genealogist General Dooley said that since center check DAR Record Copies dated 1986 or after could rely on older DAR Record Copies, these "would be getting in through the back door." I disagree with Mr. Dooley's misinterpretation of SAR Genealogical Policy.

- (7) After the initial presentations were made, only a handful of people spoke for and against the motion. One of the people speaking against the motion was Secretary General Ed Butler, who said that he had written an article years ago where he said that DAR center checks were acceptable, but he subsequently realized he was wrong and changed his mind. He did not mention when this "change of heart" had occurred. The relevant portions of Secretary General Butler's article affirming the acceptability of DAR center checks was written in 2004 and is STILL included on NSSAR's website (Exhibit 6). Secretary General Butler also stated that when he was Genealogist General, a rule was passed allowing the Genealogist General to make rulings during meetings on genealogical matters of such importance that they could not wait until the next meeting of the NSSAR Genealogy Committee. Mr. Butler did NOT provide any written documentation to corroborate his recollections that such a rule ever existed NOR did he provide the authority under which such a rule, if it existed at all, had been made.
- (8) Despite the rules of debate agreed upon prior to the meeting (Exhibit 1), Chairman Fetzner and others ended debate prematurely which prevented me from giving my agreed upon summary. In addition, despite the agreed upon rules that the vote would be by secret ballot, it was instead a voice vote. No reason was given for the breach of the agreed upon rules, especially the decision to eliminate the secret ballot.
- (9) Despite all the assurances of support that I received from various SAR State Societies prior to the Genealogy Committee Meeting, it did not translate into support or votes during the meeting.
- (10) After the Genealogy Committee Meeting, several compatriots told me that they had witnessed National Officers meeting privately with Genealogy Committee members prior to the meeting and were urging them to vote against the motion to overturn the ruling by Genealogist General Joe Dooley. These observations are consistent with the letter of support for Genealogist General Joe Dooley signed by President General Appleby and Secretary General Butler, as well as the Secretary General's comments during the Genealogy Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Duay, Registrar



Proposed rule for the debate at the Genealogy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 10:56 AM

From: "Bob Fish" <bob.bbfish@suddenlink.net>

To: "Richard Fetzer" <treeclimber123@yahoo.com>, tedduay@yahoo.com, joexyz@verizon.net

Here is the rule, to which I believe all are agreed. As you know, the rule is not debatable and requires a 2/3 vote so people representing both sides should assure their members that this vote should be supported. Otherwise, we could be there quite a long time! 8<

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail or land line (304-485-4443) through this evening or by cell phone (304-615-2718) up to the time for the meeting.

Bob Fish, President
WSSAR

Text of the rule as it will be presented by the person serving as secretary:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee establishes the following rules for the debate on the motion to amend the genealogy policy.

1. That debate following the motion shall be limited to 10 minutes allotted to the maker of the motion followed by 10 minutes allotted to the Genealogist General followed by 30 minutes for debate speeches of no longer than 3 minutes per speaker alternating between those for and those against the amendment followed by summary speeches of up to 5 minutes by Genealogist General and then by the maker of the motion or his designee. That no person shall be permitted to speak a second time in debate unless all desiring to speak have already spoken.
2. That following the expiration of the time limits, the debate shall be closed and the question shall be put to vote.
3. That the vote shall be taken by secret ballot with three tellers being appointed by the chairman.

EXHIBIT 1

**MOTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF DAR RECORD COPIES
WITH CENTER CHECK MARKS
MARCH 6, 2009**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Genealogy Committee rescinds the SAR policy interpretation prohibiting the use of DAR Record Copies with center check marks as proof of lineage and service for SAR applications that was announced by Genealogist General Dooley on SAR-Talk on September 29, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that center check marks on DAR Record Copies constitute verification of the applicable genealogical facts. As such, DAR Record Copies with center check marks are acceptable as proof of lineage and service for SAR applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Genealogy Committee directs the Genealogy Staff to immediately and fully approve any SAR application that was "pending" or "grandfathered" due to the SAR policy interpretation prohibiting the use of DAR Record Copies with center check marks.

EXHIBIT 2

SAR GENEALOGICAL POLICY

A. Applications from Other Heritage Societies; B. Documentation from CD and Internet Sources

Policy Approved by the 2004 Annual Congress

The Genealogy Committee shall establish policies and procedures regarding the conditions under which new member and supplemental applications are accepted, to ensure that there is reasonable evidence which eligible applicants or members must provide; recommends methods of search for an applicant to follow where proof is missing on any essential fact; reviews all pending new member applications over six months old or any pending applications not accepted by the Genealogist General that has been appealed to the President General, and recommends a course of action for each application reviewed; and conducts a workshop on genealogical sources and procedures at the Annual Congress.

GR040704-A

The NSSAR will accept record copies of applications (dated 1986 or later) from the

- NSDAR
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Society of the Cincinnati
- Founders and Patriots of America
- The Society of Colonial Wars

with respect to related sections of the SAR application that require proof of service and/or proof of the applicant's lineage,

GR040704-B

The NSSAR will accept certain vital record data that is available on the Internet or sold on a CD-Rom, that have been compiled from reputable sources and would otherwise be acceptable to the NSSAR as documentation. In all cases of Internet documentation, a hard copy that identifies the URL and/or source of the document shall accompany the submission so its authenticity can be verified if necessary.

<http://www.sar.org/committee/genealogy/gr040704.htm>

EXHIBIT 3



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL – Genealogical Division
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9 January 2009

Mr. Joseph W. Dooley
Genealogist General
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street
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Dear Mr. Dooley,

Recently, it has come to our attention that some confusion exists within the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) with regard to our long-standing practice of using center check marks when we verify applications for both prospective members and for current members submitting supplementals.

First, let us dispel the notion that this is a new practice on our part. Quite the contrary, it has been a part of our verification procedure for at least 15 years. Further, all check marks are for our use exclusively. Whether the S.A.R. chooses to accept any or all is not relevant to their use.

As an explanation, center check marks are made when a verifying genealogist compares an earlier verified application, generally for the same Patriot ancestor, with one that has been submitted recently. The genealogist compares each and every entry, line by line. When there is a deviation, he/she either will bracket that which has not been proven or will place an individual check over the entry when new information has been seen. (Consequently, both center check marks and individual check marks can occur on a single line.) From the foregoing then, a single center check mark on each line indicates that all data have been scrutinized meticulously. Subsequent new applications will be compared to the most recent verified Long Form for that Patriot. (It is not this Society's practice to 'go back' to reprove each date and place.) Much earlier applications may not have either individual check marks or any check marks whatsoever. If the latter is the case, we accept that information until new information comes to our attention.

If the S.A.R. chooses not to accept any center check marks on our recently verified applications, then it would appear that the only alternative is for each prospective S.A.R. member to submit all needed documentary evidence to 'prove' one's lineage and the correct service for a Patriot.

EXHIBIT 4

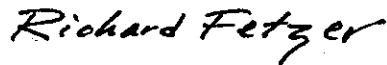
We hope this clarifies the misconception, and helps explain one of our internal verification procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry D. Ward".

Terry D. Ward
Director

Cc: Susan Acree

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Fetzer".

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March 6, 2009

Members of the Genealogy Committee:

We understand that among the topics you will be discussing today is the matter of the DAR's "single, center check mark" methodology. As President General, and as an *ex officio* member of the Genealogy Committee, and as Secretary General and having served two terms as Genealogist General we would like to let our position on this topic be known to you.

We understand that for many of you, it might seem that if the DAR has approved an application, the SAR should simply accept the DAR's review of the genealogical data, and accept record copies of DAR applications as sufficient proof of lineage and patriotic service, without any further review. We also understand that the DAR's policy regarding this "single, center check mark" methodology, is that such check marks mean that the information on one DAR application has been compared by similar information on an older DAR application.

The long-standing policy of the SAR has been to accept DAR record copies, only insofar as relevant genealogical facts are verified on those record copies. In many cases, the SAR Genealogy Staff has discovered that the older DAR applications, which are the basis for the more recent ones that have single, center check marks, are not adequately documented. We believe our Genealogy Staff needs to have the tools to do their jobs, and one of these tools are DAR record copies that are fully documented, and cite evidence that complies with our genealogical standards. DAR record copies that are not fully documented are not sufficient for our use. Sometimes, record copies with single, center check marks are based on older DAR applications that are not adequately documented.

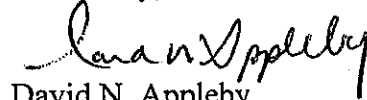
We have spoken with many officers in the DAR, and it has surprised us that they have heard about this issue within the SAR. Without exception, these ladies believe the DAR should do what is best for the DAR, and the SAR should do what is best for the SAR. We agree with this sentiment.

EXHIBIT 5

What does this mean for chapter and state registrars? It means if they acquire a DAR record copy with single, center check marks, then they should seek the earlier DAR application which actually cites the necessary proofs, or they should seek to obtain their own original documentation.

So, we support the current policy, and we support the interpretation of the current policy that has been espoused by the Chairman of the Genealogy Committee, the Genealogist General and the Genealogy Staff. We ask you to vote to uphold this policy, and this interpretation.

Fraternally,



David N. Appleby
President General



Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.
Secretary General
Genealogist General 2004
2005, 2005-2006

EVIDENCE, PROOF AND BURDEN OF PROOF IN GENEALOGY:

A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE

by JUDGE EDWARD F. BUTLER, SR.
GENEALOGIST GENERAL

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CHAPTER SIX: APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

OLD DAR APPLICATIONS

If you are applying to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) based on an old Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) application you must first obtain a "Record Copy" of the old DAR application from DAR.

Currently under DAR rules based upon privacy concerns, if the person applying for "Record Copy" is not a DAR, SAR or CAR member, the two most recent generations will have all information blacked out. If the person seeking the "Record Copy" is a member of DAR, SAR or CAR, and places their respective membership number on the application form, the record copy, minus the cover page will be sent.

When you receive the "Record Copy", look to see if there are check marks (sometimes called "tick marks") indicating that the DAR membership department verified each birth, marriage and death even. There should also be perpendicular marks connecting each generation, indicating that the DAR membership department has verified the connection between the generations in question. If your old DAR application has both the perpendicular lines and the check marks you are almost home. If there are no lines or check marks, then you must submit documentary proof for each generation.

Older DAR applications did not have a blank for the applicant to insert the place of each birth, marriage and death. If your application doesn't show the place for each event, you must submit proof for each place.

Under current SAR rules, only one proof is required for each generation. Suggested proofs include census reports, deeds, wills, tax lists, family Bibles, family histories, county histories, mortality census, special census, slave census, military pension application files, church records, obituary, burial records, tombstones, newspaper clipping, transcription of old newspaper articles, etc. Even census records before 1850 which list by name only the heads of household offer proof that a child of the right sex and age group lived in the family.

If you submit a family Bible, always include a copy of the Bible cover sheet reflecting the publication date, owner, etc. Newspaper clippings should contain the name of the newspaper, the date and page number where the article can be found. Sometimes you come into possession of a transcription of a newspaper clipping, obituary, etc., and don't know when or where it appeared in print. If you have a family Bible or a newspaper article or clipping my suggestion is that you prepare a notarized affidavit in which you would describe the Bible or article; tell how and when it came into your possession; who transcribed it if you know, giving as much detail as possible. Attach a copy of the information in question to the affidavit. If the family Bible has valuable genealogical information, I would record the sworn affidavit with a copy of the Bible pages attached to the affidavit.

Applications with one set of tick marks, usually down the middle of the page, will be presumed to have been completely verified, and no further information about that information will be required.

OLD SAR APPLICATIONS

SAR Applications with one set of tick marks, usually down the middle of the page, will be presumed to have been completely verified, and no further information about that application will be required.

All the documentation from old SAR applications was either lost or trashed when the SAR moved its office from Washington D.C. to Louisville, KY. Many of the old SAR applications do not contain either the check marks or lines connecting the generations discussed under the OLD DAR APPLICATIONS section above.

The question then arises is it fair to deny membership to the son, grandson, nephew or great nephew of a SAR member without the applicant being required to reprove the information that was submitted to the SAR by the applicant's ancestor. Some past Genealogist Generals have taken the view that obtaining the documentation is

EXHIBIT 6

SUPPORT OF
CERTAIN
CHECKS

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Randy Moody

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

Compatriot	National	State	Chapter
Dr. Thomas H. Calvin	151283	7731	Deland
Lt. Col. Howard McClellan	143555	7064	Brevard
Dean Keith Russell	150384	7649	Lake-Sumter
Marion Lee Ashley	141408	6860	Naples
Col. Richard E. Bauchspies	137942	6477	Jacksonville
Cdr. Paul Donald Walker	170985	9094	Pensacola
Henry N. Collar	138417	6563	Lake-Sumter
Charlie H. Schafer	118490	4548	Clearwater

It is important that someone from each chapter report deaths to me and the FLSSAR Secretary in a timely manner so we can properly pay our respects to the families. There is a form on the FLSSAR web site that can be used; if you report a death by email, please include the next of kin and address to which I can send condolences. Thank you for your cooperation.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

Terence Walton

The following minutes of the 2nd session of the Winter BOM Meeting (Saturday, January 31, 2009) supplements the Winter BOM Minutes as published in the Spring Issue of The Florida Patriot. They appear in this format due to circumstances beyond the Recording Secretary's control. The latter is deeply indebted to Albert E. Myers, President of the Caloosa Chapter, and Kevin Yarnell, FLSSAR Secretary, for their invaluable assistance.

The meeting was reconvened by President Toops on Saturday, January 31, 2009

The invocation was given by Chaplain Randy Moody

Quarterly Reports of the Florida Officers and Committee Chairmen, Winter Board of Management Meeting, Kissimmee, January 30-31, 2009 (BLUE BOOK) continued.

There was a motion by Carl Hoffmann to give \$50 to the Patriot Education Committee to enable them to increase their sponsorship of the State History Fair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lindsey Brock, as committee chairman, proposed that the current ad hoc SAR/CAR Aide Committee be changed to SAR Junior Members and CAR Aide Committee. It was noted that the President has the power to make this change and was so ordered.

There was a motion made by Carl Hoffmann and seconded by Gerry Meeks that the FLSSAR instruct the FLSSAR Trustee to vote against the NSSAR taking out any loan to be used in conjunction with the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The motion was passed.

There was an additional motion by Carl Hoffmann, seconded by Gerry Meeks: The Florida Society SAR proposes the following amendment to NSSAR Bylaw 17-Executive Committee:

AMEND Bylaw No. 17, Section 5, as follows: At the end of the second sentence of the second paragraph, add the following sentence:

“A committee member who is unable to attend a committee meeting for any reason may communicate his position on a given agenda item by electronic mail sent to the Secretary General in advance of or during the meeting. The committee member’s vote shall be honored in the final committee vote on the subject.”

Motion was seconded and passed.

By consensus the group agreed to give the option for a member to request a paper copy of the report booklet (Blue Book) on the BOM registration form.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Chancellor

Carl Hoffmann, PG

No report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Parliamentarian

Frank Hodalski

No report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Genealogist

Gerald Meeks

The Genealogy Committee has had no activity during this reporting period. Ted Duay has assumed the duties, and has done a wonderful job reviewing and processing all applications sent to State for review. His report is very detailed and contains all the information that is worthy of reporting concerning Genealogy activities.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Sergeant at Arms

Phillip Tarpley

No report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Historian

Robert Murray

No report

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER’S REPORT

Editor, Florida Patriot

Dick Fowler

I had to call up our publisher's representative, Bonnie Fairbank, of All Service Graphics, and compliment her company on the excellent job they are doing in publishing *The Florida Patriot*. Everything is so clear and crisp in the images. The front and back covers, particularly, are really sharp.

The wording on the front cover flyer for The Battle of Pensacola was not all legible on my computer, but in the printed magazine every word stands out, crisp and clear. The wording on the monument on the back cover is equally outstanding.

Statutory Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Audit, Chairman: Ted Duay, III

This report follows on the next pages

THE FLORIDA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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, 2008. The Audit Committee performed the following procedures during its internal audit:

- (1) Reviewed copies of all bank statements of the Florida Society for 2008.
- (2) Reviewed copies of all cancelled checks that cleared the Florida Society's accounts during 2008.
- (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, 2008 noting that the balances agreed to the books and records of the Florida Society at December 31, 2008 (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, 2008 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, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Duay
Chairman, Audit Committee

Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2008

As of 12/31/2008 (Cash Basis)

3/19/2009

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Account	12/31/2008 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	23,490.09
Wachovia CD's	33,902.24
Money Market Account	4,941.17
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	62,333.50
Other Assets	
Investments	7,104.00
TOTAL Other Assets	7,104.00
TOTAL ASSETS	69,437.50
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	69,437.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	69,437.50

Profit and Loss Statement - Last year

1/1/2008 through 12/31/2008 (Cash Basis)

2/8/2009

Category Description	1/1/2008- 12/31/2008
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INCOME

Accounts Payable	0.00
Accrued Interest	659.36
BOM Receipts	14,460.70
Donations Received	3,443.27
Dues Income	64,868.00
Interest Inc	17.25
Investment Income	428.00
New Membership Fees	6,510.00
Other Inc	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	90,486.58

699.12

90,524.40

EXPENSES

Uncategorized	0.00
Bank Charge	0.00
BOM Expense	15,041.11
Donations Expenses	1,500.00
Dues Rebates	3,789.00
Dues Refund	705.00
Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee	1,605.69
Editors Expense	9,036.86
Elementary School Poster Contest	350.00
JROTC Committee	2,634.95
Knight Essay Contest Committee	1,750.00
Last Naval Battle Committee	4,946.71
Medals And Awards Committee	503.54
National Dues	33,340.00
New Chapter Committee	949.03
Oration Committee	2,794.86
Other Committees	1,095.00
Other Officer's Expenses	500.00
Patroit Medal Committee	220.66
President's Expenses	37.45
Publicity Committee	182.77
Public Relawtions Committee	15.50
Reg. Vice Presidents Expenses	103.18
Registrar's Expense	695.81
Secretary's Expenses	5,616.82
Support The Troops	1,024.63
Treasurer's Expense	572.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	89,010.60

<CAR DONATIONS>

① NET COST OF UNSOLD LAST ANNUAL BATTLE MEDALS. 430 MEDALS IN INVENTORY.

OVERALL TOTAL

~~1,475.98~~

1513.80

CHANGES IN VALUE OF INVENTORY < 4628.00 >

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS < 3114.20 >

FLSSAR Committee Report

Executive

Chairman: Ronald Toops

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Finance

Chairman: Leon Hammock

Revised 2009 budget

Acc. No.	Acc. Name	Proposed 2008 Budget	Actual Through Ded. 31, 2008	Proposed 2009 Budget
601	Dues Income	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 71,378.00	\$ 72,900.00
503	Donations Received	3,000.00	3,443.00	2,250.00
	Operating Trust Fund			
504	Investment Income	450.00	428.00	450.00
505	Other Income	150.00	100.00	None
510	BOM Receipts	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>14,461.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	Total Income Budget	\$ 96,600.00	\$ 89,810.00	\$ 90,600.00
601	Presidents Expense	1,200.00	37.00	700.00
602	Sr. Vp. Expense	200.00	None	None
603	Reg. Vp. Expense	100.00	103.00	100.00
604	Secretarys Expense	6,800.00	5,617.00	6,000.00
605	Treasurer's Expense	700.00	572.00	600.00
606	Registrar's Expense	500.00	696.00	700.00
607	Recording Secretary	200.00	None	None
608	Editor's Expense	9,000.00	9,037.00	9,200.00
609	Other Officers Expense	300.00	500.00	300.00
611	Donations Paid	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,062.00	\$ 18,600.00
701	BOM Expenses	17,500.00	15,041.00	14,400.00
725	National Dues	34,000.00	33,340.00	35,450.00
750	Dues Rebate	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,494.00</u>	<u>4,600.00</u>
		\$ 55,500.00	\$ 52,875.00	\$ 54,450.00
801	Audit Committee	500.00	None	None
805	Eagle Scout Committee	2,750.00	1,606.00	1,900.00
808	Executive Committee	500.00	None	300.00
	Elementary School Poster			
809	Contest	350.00	350.00	350.00
810	Geneology Committee	100.00	None	

				None	
812	Good Citizenship Certificates	1,200.00	None	None	600.00
815	Knight Essay Committee	1,800.00	1,750.00		1,750.00
	Battle Of				
816	Pensacola	None	None		1,500.00
817	Last Naval Battle Committee	2,000.00	4,946.00		1,500.00
820	Medals & Awards Committee	700.00	504.00		500.00
822	National Trustee Committee	100.00	None	None	
825	NSSAR Library Committee	100.00	None		100.00
827	New Chapter Committee	1,000.00	949.00		1,700.00
830	Newsletter & Periodicals comm. Oration	100.00	None	None	
835	Committee	2,500.00	2,795.00		2,500.00
840	Patriot Medal Committee	300.00	221.00		300.00
843	Procedures Manual Committee	500.00	None	None	
	Publicity				
845	Committee	800.00	183.00		400.00
847	Public Relations Committee	500.00	16.00		300.00
850	ROTC Committee	2,750.00	2,635.00		2,150.00
855	Sons of Liberty Brigade	300.00	None		400.00
	Support The				
857	Troops	1,000.00	1,025.00		1,000.00
860	Other Committees	500.00	1,095.00		1,200.00
864	Webmaster Expenses	<u>300.00</u>	<u>None</u>		<u>1,050.00</u>
		\$ 20,650.00	\$ 18,075.00		\$ 19,500.00
	Total Expense Budget	<u>\$ 96,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,012.00</u>		<u>\$ 92,550.00</u>
		\$ 450.00	\$ 798.00		\$ (1,950.00)

FLSSAR Committee Report

Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald Meeks

Several Certificates of Appreciation, SAR Medal of Appreciation, Meritorious Service Medals and a Distinguished Service Medal are being presented by the State Society at the Awards Banquet and Installation Dinner. No other medals requiring State approval have been requested by the Chapters during this reporting period.

FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating

Chairman: Grant Wallin, Jr.

Shown below are the nominations recommended by our committee for the Officer position of the Florida Society for the 2009-2010 Program Year:

2009-2010 FLORIDA SOCIETY OFFICERS NOMINEES

	Nominees:	Chapter
President	William R. Stevenson	Treasure Coast
Senior Vice President	Gerald E. Meeks	Palm Beach
Secretary	Kevin Yarnell	Tampa
Treasurer	David Ramseur	Jacksonville
EC Member at Large	Ben DuBose	Brevard
RVP Northwest	Edward D. Young	Pensacola
RVP North Central	Scott Bushnell	Lake-Sumter
RVP Northeast	Skip Brown	Jacksonville
RVP East Central	Hermann Hall Riediger	St. Lucie River
RVP West Central	Nelson W. Jantzen	Clearwater
RVP Southeast	Dan Shepherd	Palm Beach
RVP Southwest	Phillip Tarpley	Saramana
Recording Secretary	Steve Williams	Brevard
Registrar	Ray Lantz	Pensacola
Chancellor	Carl K. Hoffmann	Saramana
Chaplain	Rev. Randy D. Moody	Caloosa
Genealogist	Ted Duay, III	Fort Lauderdale
Editor FL Patriot	Richard Q. Fowler	St. Lucie River
Historian	Robert G. Murray	Central Florida
Sergeant at Arms	Harold Crapo	Saramana

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal

Chairman: John Carter

This year's Patriot Awards will be announced at the Saturday evening dinner.

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

We continue the long process of adding past records into our database. At present we have some information on 8,221 of the 9,293 men who are or were members of the Florida Society. One means to find the missing members is to go through old annual reports. Since my last report I finished the 1978 report. Normally, I work on the annual reports by tracing a chapter from their chartering through to the present. I'm currently working on the Caloosa chapter's reports in an effort to help them determine which of their current members have reached milestones in their SAR membership. The file copy of the 1978 report was not broken down by chapter so it was necessary to enter the entire report. I hope to finish Caloosa this summer as well as one other chapter.

FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Nelson Jantzen

The Chapter Challenge reports have been rated & the ribbons will be presented at this BOM.

FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: William Stevenson

In response to my request, only four members replied. These four members voted yes on Prop. #1, #2, #3, and #4. One voted no on Props. #1, #3, and #4, and yes on #2. Three voted yes on Prop #5 and one no. On Prop. #6, two voted yes, and one voted no and one no vote. On Prop. #7, two voted no, one voted yes, and one cancelled out – voting yes on both 7 and 8. On Prop. #8, two voted yes, one no vote, and one cancelled out voting yes on both 7 and 8.

The one member on Prop #1 noted Budgetary items should be handled as such. On Prop. #3, he stated “Custom” should conform to By-Laws. On Prop. #4, he stated Chapter had no address, only officers. On Prop. #5, he noted amendments should not be easy to make. On Prop. #6, he did not vote only noted then 3, then 2, then 1, then none. On Prop. #7, he noted webmaster only should be appointed. On Prop. #8, he noted Editor only should be elected.

FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

Since our last BOM meeting the members of the Florida Society C.A.R. elected Abaca Davine Downing as President-elect at the 78th Annual Florida Society C.A.R. State Conference in Tampa, FL on March 14, 2009. Abaca is a member of the Princes Malee Society in Jacksonville, FL and she will be sworn in at the upcoming National Society C.A.R. convention in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 19, 2009. Abaca's State Project and Theme is: **“Preserving Florida's Waterways”**.

The Tequesta Society of C.A.R., which is located in Miami, FL met at the home of their President, Michael Prahla to assemble “comfort packages” that will be sent to our troops serving in Afghanistan. Compatriot Doug Bridges, President of the SAR Miami Chapter will be bringing the packages to the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Florida Society SAR for shipment to Afghanistan by Compatriot Frank Hodalski, FLSSAR's Chairman of our Support the Troops Committee.

FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

Hundreds again attended the celebration of **“The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution”** on Saturday, February 28, 2009 in Cape Canaveral, FL. The guest speaker was Commander Stephen Tomlin, from the Naval Station in Cape Canaveral. This year's dinner which was held on Friday night and arranged by the Country Inns & Suites and it was delicious. Future celebrations of this ceremony will be held on the first weekend of March annually.

Plans have already been completed to celebrate **“The Battle of Pensacola”**, which will be conducted by the Pensacola Chapter on May 8 & 9, 2009. We now have two Revolutionary War Battles that will be celebrated by the Florida Society.

However, stay tuned, we are already looking into the possibility of adding a third Revolutionary War Ceremony sometime in the near future.

Lastly, with the permission of our President, Ron Toops, I have asked Hall Riediger to be 2009-2010 chairman of this committee and he has graciously accepted and I shall remain on this committee as a member.

FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

As of this writing, 13 FLSSAR members have expressed their desire to attend the next National Congress in Atlanta. They are: Doug Bridges, Lindsey Brock, Robert Burt, Dick Cardell, Renaldo Hamilton, Frank Hodalski, Randy Moody, Albert Myers, David Ramseur, William Stevenson, Phil Tarpley, Ron Toops, and Terry Walton. Florida will be permitted approximately 30 delegates so additional members are needed to attend.

It has been the practice of the society that those attending are given credentials to vote unless the number of members that plan to attend exceeds the number of voting delegates permitted. Seeing that this latter situation will not apply this year, I will be producing the credentials in early to mid June after receiving the necessary forms from National and mailing them to those individuals who will be attending the Congress.

FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison

Chairman: Steve Williams

Two members of the DAR Liaison Committee, Steve Williams and George Lockhart, represented the Florida Society at the recent FSSDAR Annual Meeting at the Airport Marriott Resort, Orlando. I would like to express my thanks to the following compatriots who also supported our display & information tables during the two days of this event: John Camillo (Withlacoochee), Bucky Bishop (Ocala????), and Hal Miller (Saramana). Frequently stopping to chat with us were Dan Shepherd (Palm Beach), James Atkins (Clearwater), and Robert Withey (Naples). Of the almost 400 DAR ladies in attendance (!!!), half stopped by our table to discuss SAR membership and to take in our display table. As usual from this activity, we fielded many inquiries concerning SAR membership and the application process for their male relatives or friends. Once again, the Brevard and Jacksonville chapters had the opportunity to make contact with local DAR chapter members for SAR membership. Other SAR Chapter should seriously consider sending a chapter member (perhaps the Registrar) to staff this table at the Fall Forum. A chapter that is represented is more likely to gain personal contact with DAR referral possibilities and can take the time to develop those referrals. We spoke with one DAR lady who wants to have her son's membership transferred from Kansas to Florida.

Spending a good deal of time with us were two prospective members from the Daytona Beach area, Mr Crader (already in contact) and Ed Malo. Ed felt that his French Canadian ancestry (ultimately French immigrants) precluded him from being SAR. However, we encouraged him to track those immigrants down since there could be a link to the French forces (army/navy) that supported the Revolutionary War.

Our Display table was a good drawing card for the SAR (along with our uniforms, of course). Our display table had the following:

3 flintlocks with cartridge box, pick/whisk (2 from Jacksonville and 1 Brevard), a display board (Jacksonville) of Rev War uniforms and information, a display board for the Last Naval Battle and the Battle for Pensacola, flyers and handouts for these 2 events, period replicas of playing cards, marble set, knife, glasses, fife, canteen, and several coins.

Notwithstanding the usual and expected interest from DAR ladies, we also had several CAR and children attendees of the ladies stop by and be entertained by our artifacts.

Also stopping at our tables were the Georgia and Oklahoma State Regents who equally impressed with what we are doing at these DAR Forums. Once again, the Florida SAR Society is setting an exemplary example of a society willing to reach out and work with others to mutual benefit. Would that this could be carried on in other circles instead of the usual confrontational atmosphere.

Unfortunately, there were a number of scheduling conflicts that prevented local and nearby SAR compatriots from providing a Color Guard for the Saturday Banquet. Hopefully, this will not be the case for the Fall Forum (September).

“The Jacksonville Chapter President always sends invitations to members of the ten DAR chapters in Jacksonville to attend our meetings and some of the DAR Chapters in Jacksonville do likewise. There are ten DAR chapters in the Jacksonville metro area, plus the Regents Council which, in some years, we have joint meetings.

George Lockhart recently attended the Jacksonville Chapter DAR 114th birthday celebration. Turns out their guest speaker, James Chris Miller, COL, USAF (Ret) is eligible for SAR membership. He seems interested in pursuing it. I also worked with the Chapter Regent, Sara Gann, in getting her grandson submitted for a Junior membership in SAR. He is a C.A.R. member.

FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: Charlie Day

I would like to thank the FLSSAR for the opportunity of serving as your chairman for this committee this past year. Next, I would like to thank my predecessor David Ramseur who served faithfully for four years as FLSSAR Eagle Scout Chair and as my Co-Chair this past year. Other current committee members who have served faithfully with me this year are Robbie E. Burt, Doug North, Steve Stevenson, Grant R. Wallin Jr., Lester K. Hunt and John Little. These members will continue on again for the next year with the exception of Lester K. Hunt and John Little. Robert (Bob) Murray, Central FL Chapter, will be joining the committee for 09/10.

Next, I want to publicly thank the chapters which submitted applicants for this year's program. These chapters were: Treasure Coast, Clearwater, Central Florida, Jacksonville, Brevard, Tallahassee, and Lake Sumter. This level of participation is on par with previous years.

Paul Rivera from Tallahassee 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 Andrew Shaaber of the Jacksonville Chapter was judged to be the Second Runner-up and will be presented with a Florida Society check in the amount of \$250 at their annual May meeting.

Our 2008 FLSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship winner is Eagle Scout Brandon Scholet. Brandon has earned 64 merit badges. He has served in a number of scouting leadership roles and activities – such as Senior Patrol Leader of his Troop and Lead Staff Trainer for the National Youth Training Session at Sandhill Scout Reservation in 2008. He has an extensive short and long term camping background. He has camped a week or more at Rainey Mtn. GA (2002 & 2005), Bob Hardin, NC (2003), Eagle Week at Sandhill, FL 2003-2004), Woodruff, GA (2006) Daniel Boone, NC (2007), Camp Buck Toms (2008), and High Adventure – Northern Tier Canoe Trip – Canada (2007). Brandon also has a very impressive resume in his Church work and Community activities showing Leadership.

Brandon will receive the first place FLSSAR state award of \$1,000 and the winners Eagle Trophy. 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

There are two bills in the Florida Legislature: HB13 and SB2174. They both are focused on Civics Learning. HB13 establishes a pilot for Civics Learning in the Middle School with an end of course assessment; SB2174 is wider in scope and asks for assessment of Civics Learning at all grade levels. More details will be provided at the BOM.

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

The Electronic Technology & Information Study Committee recommends that the current Electronic Technology Committee be re-chartered so that the committee's primary duty would be to establish policies and procedures regarding the FLSSAR.org website and serve as an advisory board to the webmaster. To this end, we submit the following charter for approval of the BOM.

Name: **Technology Advisory Committee**

Status: Standing

Purpose: To improve the use of technology in the Florida Society.

Authority: Florida Society By-Laws, Article V, Section 6. b.

Members: A Chairman and Members who shall be appointed by the President, Florida Society, and whose terms shall be concurrent with that of the appointing officer.

Functions:

1. To develop policies and procedures for the FLSSAR website (flssar.org),
2. To advise the current webmaster on issues related to the FLSSAR website.
3. To act as a conduit for FLSSAR member suggestions and complaints regarding the FLSSAR website.
4. To research and recommend to the BOM for implementation other uses of technology that might be used by the Society to further its objectives and programs
5. To act in an advisory role to chapter webmasters offering guidance, suggestions, and support

FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

At the Winter 2009 BOM, approximately thirty people attended the workshop conducted by Debbie Duay, Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR Regent. Her workshop covered locating and documenting Revolutionary War patriot ancestors.

At the Spring 2009 BOM, Debbie Duay and Registrar Duay will present a workshop titled "No More Center-Check Marks – Now What?" This workshop will provide ideas on how to gather documentation for an SAR application when working with a center-check-marked DAR Record Copy or when proving lineage from scratch. Below is an outline of the topics that will be covered:

DAR Photocopy Service

- How to order the supporting documentation submitted with an approved DAR application

Free Census Records with Images

- FamilySearch Labs

Free Online Death Certificates

- FamilySearch Labs

- Ancestry.com

- Other

Probate Records

- Sampubco
- Family History Library Catalog

Deeds

- Family History Library Catalog

DAR Genealogical Records Committee (GRC) Index

- The Best-Kept Secret of the DAR

State Libraries and Archives

Military Records

- Revolutionary War Pensions (Footnote.com, HeritageQuest.com)
- War of 1812 Pension Index (Ancestry.com)

Local and Family Histories

- Google Books
- HeritageQuest
- Ancestry.com
- Family History Library Catalog

FLSSAR Committee Report George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

We received 15 essays at the state level and while the general quality improved over last year, the number of entries is still very troubling. The Florida Society will have spent \$1,750 in prize money and approximately \$50 for the trophy to conduct this contest. Thus we will have spent \$120 per entry and the chair believes the time has come to seriously consider dropping the Florida Society's participation in this contest and free up the money for other programs that will have greater impact.

The results of the 2008-2009 contest are as follows:

- 1st Place: Morgan Finkelstein, Sarasota: "Hebrew Heroes of the Revolution", \$1,000 and award
2nd Place: Katrina Linares, "The United States Constitution: Is it Really Special?", \$500
3rd Place: Andrew Szarejko, Palm Harbor, "James Madison and the Constitution", \$250

FLSSAR Committee Report Good Citizenship

Since May 2008, the secretary has mailed or delivered 1,225 certificates to various chapters. Chapters may, at any time request certificates. We save postage if they can be delivered at Board of Management meetings.

FLSSAR Committee Report History Fairs

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

No report

FLSSAR Committee Report Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Gordon Greenwood

The FLSSAR Rumbaugh Contest was conducted at the Ramada Hotel in Orlando on Jan. 30, 2009, at the winter BOM Meeting. Judges were Dick Cardell (Jacksonville), Bob Murray (Central Florida), and William Roberts (St. Augustine). David Ramseur (Jacksonville served as timer and Gordon Greenwood (Gainesville) was the prompter. Randy Moody and Fred Learned (both from the Caloosa Chapter) were the doormen.

Contest results were as follows: (1) 1st prize: Jinan Martiuk (Saramana), (2) 2nd prize: Danielle Namour (Caloosa), (3) 3rd prize: Matthew Berning (Naples).

Jinan Martiuk will represent FLSSAR at the NSSAR contest in Atlanta on July 5, 2009. David Ramseur will handle the arrangements (travel, hotel, meals) for Jinan and her coach at this event. We wish her the best!

FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

Compatriots if you have not already done so; please make plans for your special lady to attend the upcoming 2009 National Congress in Atlanta, GA on July 4th to 8th, 2009 – more details relative to the 2009 National Congress can be found at: www.sar.org. 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. Your special lady can be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, at both the state and national level, for a mere \$5.00 annually.

The next President of the Florida Society's Ladies Auxiliary will be Dianna Lantz, wife of Compatriot Ray Lantz of the Pensacola Chapter. Congratulations to Dianna and let's give her our support as she serves our society in this very important position. Evelyn Sympson, First Vice President of the National Ladies Auxiliary will conduct the installation ceremony of the new 2009-2010 Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary Officers at our Saturday, April 25th banquet meeting.

FLSSAR Committee Report Last Naval Battle

Chairman: Ben DuBose
1/1/09 - 3/31/09

The LAST NAVAL BATTLE dinner on 2/27/09 was a huge success after changing the location to the Country Inns & Suites. The noted Surf Restaurant of Cocoa Beach presented a Bar-B-Q buffet that was out of this world and everyone who attended asked that we repeat this same dinner next year. It was not your ordinary Bar-B-Q. In fact, it was a gourmet meal cooked to perfection. Arrangements are being made to repeat this dinner next year.

The event itself, held on Saturday 2/28/09, could not have had better weather. It was in the low 70's with just a light breeze. Nothing like last year's 30-40 mph gusts. There were about 175 marchers in our parade representing three out-of-state SAR Societies as well as NSSAR and 11 FLSSAR Chapters that created a SAR Color Guard of about 75 Compatriots in uniform. Plus there were representatives of the DAR, CAR, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of the War of 1812, the FLSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, along with about a dozen local groups in uniform. The parade was led by the Florida Institute of Technology Band, who also played a few selection for everyone entertainment. There were well over 100 spectators and about three-dozen wreaths were dedicated. Over 250 copies of a Commemorative newsletter were sent out with about half going to SAR officers and Chapters throughout the state and others, as well as groups who joined us. We are looking forward to next year. Here are the dates for the next four years. It will be held on the first Saturday in March: 3/6/2010; 3/5/2011; 3/3/2012 & 3/2/2013. Please try to join us.

Also see more information under my Patriotic Education Report.

FLSSAR Committee Report Liberty Tree

Chairman: Ben Dubose

Nothing to report. I suggest this committee be reviewed to be disbanded or placed within another committee. It might well fall under the Historic Sites Committee.

FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman: Lindsey Brock

Listed below are the upcoming dates for our 2009-2010 BOM meetings at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn Gateway in Kissimmee, FL:

August 28-29, 2009
October 23-24, 2009
January 15-16, 2010
April 23-25, 2010

For the year 2009 and 2010 the room rates will remain at (\$65.00 + taxes). **Plaza tower** rooms will likewise remain at (\$75.00 + taxes). **Plaza tower one-bedroom suites** will also remain the same (\$99.00 + taxes) during 2009 and 2010. It is anticipated that beginning in August, 2009 our meal prices will be increased by a maximum of 10%, which comports with the contract, which states that our meal rates cannot increase more than 10% in any contract year.

FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: William Stevenson

The chairman indicates that the committee has nothing to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl Hoffmann

The chairman indicates that the committee has nothing to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Terence Walton

The Committee received the Friends statistical report for the period through March 31, 2009 from the NSSAR Library. The report summarizes membership data for members of the Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) for all state societies. While our efforts to increase Florida's individual and chapter memberships have been highly successful (we surpassed our next door rival, Georgia, by 58 to 33), Florida's first-place status was relinquished to a newcomer that appeared out of nowhere to take the lead, 81 to our 58. Considering that less than a year ago, Tennessee, the Volunteer State, had a mere 8 FOL members, their achievement has been nothing short of breathtaking! Tricorns off to a worthy competitor! And let's do our best to regain the edge between now and the Annual Congress.

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. Since the SAR Library will be the major occupant of the CAAH, fundraising should be the primary focus of this committee until adequate funding is in place – please send your check for \$25 to Friends of the SAR Library, 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203, with CAAH noted on the memo line.

FLSSAR Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals

Chairman Terry Walton

The "Best of FLSSAR Newsletters" Contest has been revived for 2008-2009. Contest guidelines and instructions conform to the Guidelines for Judging that appear on the NSSAR website (www.nsar.org) for the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards based on any two issues submitted to the Committee through March, 2009. The Newsletter & Periodicals Committee will meet on Friday, April 24th, 2009 to review and judge submissions. To assure total objectivity, contest judges will recuse themselves if a chapter submission poses a conflict.

Newsletters have been received from the following chapters: Brevard, Caloosa, Flagler, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Miami, Palm Beach, St. Lucie River, Saramana, Tampa, Withlacoochie

All chapters are encouraged to participate in both the state and national newsletter awards contests. Addresses for both are:

Terry Walton, FLSSAR Newsletter Chairman
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Fort Myers , FL 33916-1860
Terence.walton@comcast.net

George S. Pittard, NSSAR Newsletter Chairman
414 Wilder Drive
Fayetteville , NC 28314
Gpworth123@nc.rr.com

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Hal Miller, Jr.
941-924-1444; Email <halmiller@verizon.net>
April 18, 2009

On January 24, 2009, I reported that during the first nine months of the 2008-2009 program year which began on May 4, 2008, that 164 emails at a time were sent out on 110 occasions to 165 (average) recipients resulting in about 18160 e-mails.

Since the date of this prior committee report, 1/24/09, through the date of this report (almost three months) currently 167 (average) emails at a time were sent out on 13 occasions, a total of about 2171 emails.

Therefore, adding the first 9 months emails of 18160 during the program year 2008-2009 (5/4/08 through 4/24/09), to this last 3 months' figure of 2171 emails, resulted in about 20331 emails for the program year. Since emails to 165 recipients (average) at a time were sent out on 141 occasions (110 + 31) over the 12 month period, 4/20/08 through 4/18/09, this program year's total number of emails, therefore, increased to 20331 over last year's figure 13812, up 47%

My Thanks to the Committee members below who have agreed to serve for another year,

Doug Bridges (Miami) 305-248-8996
Bud Casey (Treasure Coast) 772-460-2754
Lonnie Jones (Aaron Snowden) 850-474-9029
Al Little (Deland) 386-734-5074

David H.Ramseur (Jacksonville) 904-737-0590
Ralph O. Ward (Panama City) 850-535-2378
ADMINISTRATOR OF FLAG PROGRAM
Frank X. Hodalski (Saramana) 941-377-8232

Due to their efforts and those of all SAR's, friends, and recipients much great patriotic material has been sent to me to work with and forward on. Please keep it coming.

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 Again Congratulations For Flag Award Presentations

During Calendar Year 2008

We have come a long way in the last six months. As of the date of our Blue Book Report dated Oct.24th we had **only 7** Chapters that had made a flag presentation and reported it to us. **Today we have 17 Chapters that have done so, as well as two flag Certificate presentations made by President Ron Toops on behalf of FLSSAR to deserving organizations at Florida Chapters.** In order for a State Society to earn the Admiral Furlong Ribbon Award from the NSSAR Flag Committee, at least 50% of its chapters (16 chapters for us) must present at least one or more Flag Certificates during the calendar year. **These results were given to Walter Baker, Chairman of the NASSAR Flag Committee on March 7, 2009, at the NSSAR Leadership/Trustee Meeting**

Since Chr. Walter Baker has asked that all State Patriotic Committees or Flag Committees forward to him by April 1st their report of their chapters' prior calendar year presentations, we respectfully ask all chapters report any flag presentation to their Regional Vice President rather than to our committee, i.e. Frank Hodalski or me by March 15th. He will report this data when he makes his quarterly Blue Book Report for the BOM Meeting. The chapter need only to report one flag certificate a year, so PLEASE DON'T ADVISE THE RVP ABOUT ANY MORE PRESENTATIONS. ONCE THE CHAPTER HAS DONE SO.

17 Chapters presented to date in 2008

1. Aaron Snowden (9/13/08)	7. Gainesville (Fall BOM)	12. Palm Beach (11/18/08)	Our <u>Special Thanks</u> to President RON TOOPS, on behalf of the FLSSAR who presented <u>two</u> Certificates to deserving organizations at Florida chapters
2. Brevard (3/15/08) *	8. Jacksonville *	13. Panama City (1/31/08)	
3. Caloosa *	9. Lakeland *	14. Pensacola *	
4. Central Florida (4/7/08) *	10. Lake Sumter (12/6/08)	15. St. Lucie River *(6/5/08)	
5. Clearwater (3/27/08)	11. Naples *	16. Saramana (1/11/08) *	
6. Flager (2/19/08)		17. Withlacoochee *	

3 Chapters presented to date in 2009

1. Central Florida *
2. Saramana (Feb. Newsletter-event1/9/09)
3. Withlacoochee *

Please note above that the * after a chapter name indicates emails have been received by us. Also note that if a date follows a chapter name it has been reported by the R.V.P.'s in the Quarterly Reports of the Florida Officers & Comm. Chairmen" distributed at the BOM meetings.

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Education

Chairman: Ben DuBose

As you all know, I give numerous talks on the Last Naval Battle to groups throughout Brevard County. One such group, the Cape Canaveral Propeller Club, was so impressed by this little know event that they went to their national organization and sent the Brevard Chapter a check in the amount of \$500 to create a booklet aimed at our local school children. In discussions with the Brevard School District it was agreed that we should zero in on the 5th grade, since they are taught both American History and Florida History. We were informed that there are about 4,000 students enrolled in the 5th grade. Thus, at least 4,000 booklets would have to be published.

Not wanting to make this a "One Shot Project" the Brevard Chapter voted to add another \$500 to this project and I will be requesting more funding from the FLSSAR at this BOM to allow us to publish 20,000 booklets. Approximate cost for 5,000 black and white tri-fold booklets is about \$400, in color it would run almost double that. We will also be seeking funding from our local Daughters of the American Revolution and other interested groups. Plus, we will be creating a teachers syllabus explaining how to introduce this to their class, and some questions and answers for a next day follow-up.

Another program they asked us to assist with is a new 3rd Grade Project titled "EMBARC." It will include a web site that will focus on various points of interest in Brevard County where teachers can plan field trips. One of the locations will be the Cape Canaveral cruise area. In their preliminary planning they saw our Historic Plaque and Cannon Monument and asked if we could write something about it for their web site at the 3rd Grade level and also produce a teacher's "Class Outline," to prepare the teacher's for their visit to our dedication site. They felt this would be the perfect tie-in to introduce 3rd graders to the LAST NAVAL BATTLE, who would then learn even more when they become involved in our 5th grade project. If this 5th grade program is successful in Brevard County we would like to see it go state-wide. Wouldn't it be wonderful if ALL our young people knew about this important Revolutionary War event? In addition, it could very well instill a bit of patriotism and pride in Florida's youth when they think of the American Revolution.

On April 3rd fellow committeeman Phil Wright and I met with representatives of the Brevard's Elementary, Middle and High Schools to discuss not only this project but also ALL of the programs the SAR has to offer. Compatriot Wright did his homework and created an agenda we would like to share with all of you that can be use when you meet with your school representatives.

Agenda – SAR Programs for Brevard County Schools April 3, 2009

- 1 Last Naval Battle brochure- link: <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/LastNavalBattle.pdf>
 - 2 History Fairs
 - 3 Elementary programs
 - A Americanism Poster Contest (grade 5)- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/americanism.html>
 - B Flag Certificates
 - C Good Citizenship certificates (grade 5)- link: <http://www.flssar.org/Docs/GoodCitProg.pdf>
 - 4 Middle School
 - A Middle School Essay (grade 8)
 - 5 High School
 - A "1776" support (grade 11 Note: A Brevard program)
 - B Knight Essay (grade 10-12)- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/knight.html>
 - C Rumbaugh Oration (grade 9-12)- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/rumbaugh.html>
 - 6 All grades
 - A American Heritage CD- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/americanheritage.html>
 - B American History Teacher Award- link: <http://www.sar.org/committee/americanism/Lawrence.html>
 - C Keyhole to History - new blog with audio- link: <http://keyholetohistory.blogspot.com/>
 - 7 Other programs
 - A Eagle Scout- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/eagle.html>
 - B JROTC- link: <http://www.sar.org/youth/jrotc.html>
 - 8 The Center for Advancing America's Heritage
- SAR Web sites:
- National www.sar.org
 - State www.flssar.org
 - County www.brevardsar.org

We believe the meeting was very productive and envision several SAR programs will be up and running by the beginning of the next school year.

In talks with my co-chair, Frank Hodolski, I have agreed to continue working on 52 weekly newspaper articles; much like our KEYHOLE TO HISTORY program over this summer. He has told me that NSSAR is VERY interested in such a program and just like the KEYHOLE TO HISTORY public service announcements, they would turn this into a nation-wide program.

Lastly, I suggest that the MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTREACH ad-hoc committee be incorporated into this committee ASAP and that any budget allocations made to that committee be transferred over to this committee. If a motion is needed, "I so move to abolish the ad-hoc Middle School Outreach Committee and incorporate it into the Patriotic Education Committee and that any funds allocated to that committee be transferred over to the Patriotic Education Committee."

FLSSAR Committee Report Procedures Manual

Chairman: Phil Wright

No report submitted by April 18th deadline.

FLSSAR Committee Report Public Service and Heroism

Chairman: Daniel Shepherd
April 19, 2009

Committee Members: Compatriots: Lindsey C. Brock – Vice Chairman, Jacksonville Chapter; Herbert M. Greenleaf, St. Augustine Chapter; Jim R. Armitage, DeVane Chapter; Cyril P. Gamber, Tampa Chapter; Robert H. Moody, Lake Sumter Chapter.

Palm Beach Chapter

17 March, 2009, the Palm Beach Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 17 March, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Dominic Fusca, Sergeant	Greenacres Police Department, Greenacres, FI
John Angelone, Officer	Jupiter Police Department, Jupiter, FI
Ken Young, Officer	Lantana Police Department, Lantana, FI
Eduardo Donate, Deputy	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach Co., FI
James Fortwangler, Deputy	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach Co., FI
Lisa Murray, Deputy	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach Co., FI

Media coverage – An article covering these presentations appeared in the Greenacres Observer on 26 March 2009.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Wayne Dorcas, Lieutenant	Delray Beach Fire Rescue, Delray Beach, FI
Tim Thomasson, Field Training Officer	Greenacres Fire Rescue, Greenacres, FI
Bill Rowley, District Chief	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Co., FI
Craig Prusansky, Captain	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Co., FI
John Harsch, Fire Inspector	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach Co., FI

Media coverage – An article covering these presentations appeared in the Greenacres Observer on 26 March, 2009.

Withlacoochee Chapter

11 April, 2009, the Withlacoochee Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 11 April, 2009, Regular Meeting.

Heroism Medal and Certificate

Joseph Casola, Corporal	Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Inverness, FI
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In October 2008, Corporal Casola physically disarmed a man pointing a loaded handgun at him and two other individuals without drawing his own gun. He then placed the man under arrest.

Rick Mendigutia, Deputy	Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Inverness, FI
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On July 4, 2008, Deputy Mendigutia physically disarmed a man with a handgun who was threatening a fifteen year old girl, her uncle and her boyfriend. While restraining the subject with the subject's own gun, Deputy Mendigutia used his own gun to control a second subject who was accompanying the first and kept both under control until backup arrived and placed them under arrest.

No media coverage for this 11 April, 2009, presentation.

FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity

Chairman: Hermann Riediger

No report

FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC

Chairman: Lonnie Jones

The following is the results from the recent "Best of the Best" state competition:

#1 is Cadet Major Victoria Glass, Pensacola High School with 430 points

#2 is Cadet LT Sarah Knapp, Allan E. Neese High School with 382 points

#3 is Cadet 1st Sergeant Alexandra Morris, Golden gate High School

FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs

Chairman: John Camillo

No reportt

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: William Stevenson

The chair indicates that the committee has nothing to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report American History Teacher Award

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

No chapter submitted a nomination for the 2008-2009 contest. As this is the 2nd year we have gone without a nomination and the Society is not in a position to fund a contest at the state level, the chair will recommend to the next state President that this committee be disbanded.

FLSSAR Committee Report Americanism Elementary Poster Contest

Chairman: David Ramseur

No report

FLSSAR Committee Report Battle of Pensacola

Chairman: Ed Young

No report

FLSSAR Committee Report Middle School Outreach

Chairman: Ben DuBose & Frank Hodalski

My report can be found under Patriotic Outreach. I suggest this committee be reviewed and its duties placed within the Patriotic Education Committee; there is too much overlap.

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Constitution & ByLaws Review

Chairman: Frank Hodalski
No report

FLSSAR Committee Report New Chapter Development

Chairman: Steve Williams

Lake City Re-Chartering effort

An informal meeting of local members and prospective members was held at the Columbia County Library on Tuesday evening, February 24, 2009.

Local members/prospective members present: Jim Thrasher, Jim Craig, Bill Pfeil, George Clemons, Barrus Clemons, Ralph Wright, Robin McDaniel (Application at NSSAR)

Local Members absent due to other commitments who would have otherwise attended this meeting: Rev. Dr. Roy Martin, Samuel Martin (Junior Member), Charles Kime (Application at NSSAR), Bill Williams, Jerry Greene (prospective member)

About half of our membership lives in the local area. The primary purpose of the meeting was to identify those willing to serve in elected/appointed positions as well as those willing to serve on various committees to support programs of the chapter. While much progress was made, it is the consensus of the group that chartering should be delayed until we are able to fill the leadership positions and define those programs we will initially support. We plan on having another informal meeting mid-March to continue our efforts for rechartering.

Each person present was challenged to seek out additional prospects for membership. I believe we will have another 8-10 applications submitted during 2009 as well as bringing some former members back to an active status.

Sincerely, Jim Thrasher.

Sebring/Highlands County Chapter

Continued contact and coordination with DAR members Ramona Glenn and Joyce Holmes is speeding this effort along quite well. At the recent DAR Annual meeting, discuss for the organizing meeting was broached with an understanding being worked out for the invitation letter and arrangements for the venue. The likely venue will be the Church of the Redeemer in Avon Park - a venue that the DAR uses frequently. The likely timeframe for the meeting will be May 30th at which time the prospective members (mentioned below) will be able to provide the 1st and 2nd line documentation (and checks!) to complete their applications.

Ramona Glenn has provided in a 1st package (others to follow) 17 prospective members with DAR relatives ranging from sons to grandsons, Regular memberships to Junior/Youth memberships. This first group looks to be about half of the likely prospects referred from that area's DAR members. At this point and even if there were no more prospects developed, we would have enough to charter a chapter.

For the near future, I will order another set of flags and stands for this serious chapter charter contender so that a late summer or early fall – August to September - charter meeting will be successful. At the organizing meeting, I would like to have as many members of the committee in attendance as can possibly schedule their time. The FLSSAR Registrar or immediate past Registrar, the FLSSAR President, the Regional VP, and the FLSSAR Genealogist attending this meeting would show the level of interest and serious commitment that the Florida Society has in this endeavor. And, it would also show the local DAR chapter our appreciation for their efforts.

FLSSAR Committee Report SAR Junior Members and C.A.R. Aide

Chairman: Lindsey C. Brock, III

Please note that the name of this committee has been changed from SAR-C.A.R. Aide Committee to SAR Junior Members & C.A.R. Committee. This will comport with recent changes made at the National level. As many of you know, Junior Members of SAR are sometimes also members of C.A.R., however, not all SAR Junior Members are members of C.A.R, thus, the need for this change. We anticipate sufficient SAR Junior Members of SAR and young gentlemen of the Florida Society C.A.R. will participate as Aides at our Saturday April 25, 2009 Annual Youth Awards Luncheon. Each of our chapters should encourage its Junior members and the local C.A.R. Society in their respective area to participate in this program.

As you know, one of the purposes of this committee is to develop a better understanding and relationship between the SAR and the C.A.R. and also encourage our Junior Members to actively participate in our Florida Society BOM meetings and our Annual Meetings. This committee also provides SAR members an opportunity to promote the many youth programs that SAR offers. The Florida Society has received positive PR since the inception of this committee and will continue to do so in the future.

FLSSAR Committee Report Support the Troops

Chairman: Frank Hodalski

No report

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology & Information Study Committee

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

This committee completed its work last fall. Here is a summary of their recommendations.

1. That the position of Editor and Webmaster be treated equally in the Bylaws
2. That both positions be appointed rather than elected
To affect this change, amendments to the bylaws were submitted last fall to the Charters and Bylaws committee. While the committee recommended that both positions be appointed they submitted bylaws changes that would allow the membership to choose one of three options: a) leave things as they are; b) have both positions appointed; or c) have both positions elected.
The Charter and Bylaws Committee may not have sufficiently reported their work at the Winter BOM meeting and so these changes may not be voted on at the upcoming Annual Meeting. If this is the case, we will resubmit the amendments to the next chair of the Charter and Bylaws committee.
3. That the current Electronic Technology Committee be re-chartered so that the committees primary duty would be to establish policies and procedures regarding the FLSSAR.org website and serve as an advisory board to the webmaster.
4. That a similar committee to that mentioned in item #3 be chartered with regard to the Patriot Editor.

As our work is complete, we will disband following this meeting.

Other Reports

FLSSAR Report Florida SAR Endowment & Operating Budget Trust Funds

Chairman: Ted Duay, III

These reports follow on the next several pages.

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	11,937.94	318,967.39	330,905.33
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	2,189.96	88.00	2,277.96
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	(16.00)	(16.00)
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	-	-	-
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	(26,977.76)	(26,977.76)
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash, Stocks, and Mutual Funds	14,127.90	292,061.63	306,189.53

THE FLORIDA SAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

SCHEDULE E ASSETS ON HAND AT CLOSE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

	Estimated Current Value	Carrying Value
Common Stocks		
250 Shares Altria Group Inc	4,005.00	4,617.82
290 Shares BP PLC	11,629.00	19,852.43
600 Shares General Electric Company	6,066.00	17,431.90
360 Shares GlaxoSmithKline PLC	11,185.20	19,848.92
300 Shares Johnson & Johnson	15,780.00	19,710.66
173 Shares Kraft Foods Inc	3,856.17	4,766.16
250 Shares Philip Morris International Inc	8,895.00	10,608.85
315 Shares Proctor & Gamble	14,833.35	19,840.78
260 Shares 3M Company	12,927.20	19,947.50
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	89,176.92	136,625.02
Cash		
Schwab Government Money Fund	653.88	653.88
Wachovia Bank Checking	2,166.65	2,166.65
ING Direct Savings	116,743.98	116,743.98
GE Capital Finance 3.5% CD, FDIC Insured Due 4/16/09	25,021.00	25,000.00
Morgan Stanley 3.45% CD, FDIC Insured Due 7/15/09	24,962.50	25,000.00
TOTAL CASH	169,548.01	169,564.51
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	258,724.93	306,189.53

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

	INCOME/ UNITRUST	PRINCIPAL	TOTALS
I. Starting Balance			
Assets per Inventory or on Hand at Close of Last Accounting Period	2,249.44	93,154.13	95,403.57
II. Receipts			
Schedule A:	378.65	-	378.65
III. Disbursements			
Schedule B:	-	(24.61)	(24.61)
IV. Distributions			
Schedule C:	(2,249.44)	-	(2,249.44)
V. Capital Transactions and Adjustments			
Schedule D: Net Gain or (Loss)	-	(4,701.91)	(4,701.91)
VI. Assets on Hand at Close of Accounting Period			
Schedule E: Cash, Stocks, and Mutual Funds	378.65	88,427.61	88,806.26

THE FLORIDA SAR OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND
 JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

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	27,099.93	42,547.57
305,539 Shares UMB Scout International Fund	5,906.07	9,858.71
TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS	33,006.00	52,406.28
Cash		
Schwab Government Money Fund	25,424.24	25,424.24
GMAC Bank 3.0% CD, FDIC Insured Due 4/17/09	10,000.00	10,000.00
Wachovia Bank Checking	475.60	475.60
ING Direct Savings	500.14	500.14
TOTAL CASH	36,399.98	36,399.98
TOTAL ASSETS ON HAND	69,405.98	88,806.26

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Ed Young
April 18, 2009

This report covers the period January 1, 2009 through April 25, 2009. During this period, four applications for reimbursement grants were received. Two applications have been approved by the committee and two applications are in processing to the committee members. Reimbursements to the Chapters for 50% of the authorized amounts by the Treasurer, FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund total \$135.00. **NOTE: Please submit applications for this calendar year by November 15, 2009 to insure sufficient time for processing and payments to the chapters by the end of the year.**

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. Alternatively, mail 9 copies to Edward Young, 10100 Hillview Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514-5452. 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 and the current application form.

FLSSAR Committee Report Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Report Florida Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young
18 April 2009

The period of this report is from 1 February 2009 through 25 April 2009. Seventeen Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Winter BOM on 30 January 2009.

Brigade Camps and Outposts 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 will Parade, Present and Post the Colors at the 24-26 April 2009 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 30 January 2009, Guardsmen Brock, Cardell and Ramseur participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Cardell, Lockhart and Ramseur presented the "History of the Stars and Stripes" program for students and teachers at the San Jose Elementary School in Jacksonville on 13 February 2009. On 28 February 2009, Guardsmen Lockhart, Pelton and Ramseur marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in the parade and Guardsman Brock was in the program at the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Cape Canaveral.

B. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Claude Grubbs, 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 30 January 2009, Guardsmen DuBose and Williams participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsman DuBose attended the funeral services for Compatriot Howard McClellan and spoke on behalf of the Chapter on 3 February 2009. On 4 February 2009, Guardsman Wright spoke to the first of five 5th Grade classes about the Last Naval Battle and various topics on the Revolution at Jupiter Elementary School in Palm Bay. Guardsman Wright spoke to the second of five fifth

Grade classes about the Last Naval Battle and various topics on the Revolution at Jupiter Elementary School in Palm Bay on 5 February 2009. On 21 February 2009, Guardsmen Davenport, Dibble, DuBose, Green, Smith and Williams Presented the Colors at the 7th Annual DAR/SAR Washington's Birthday meeting. Guardsman DuBose gave a talk on the Last Naval Battle and did recruiting at a meeting of the Cape Canaveral Propeller Club on 24 February 2009. On 27 February 2009, Guardsmen Williams and Wright attended the Brevard-Chapter-hosted 3rd Annual Last Naval Battle Dinner at the Country Inn and Suites Hotel. Judge A.J. Majeed was awarded the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Guardsmen DuBose, Green, Smith, Williams and Wright marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in the parade at the Brevard-Chapter-hosted third Annual Last Naval Battle Celebration on 28 February 2009. On 14 March 2009, Guardsmen DuBose and Wright, Wright's daughter Katie in colonial dress and 3 members of Boy Scout Troop 509 in uniform attended the Melbourne St. Patrick's Day Parade. Guardsman DuBose gave a historical talk and did recruiting at a meeting of the Melbourne Beach Rotary Club on 17 March 2009. On 21 March 2009, Guardsmen Davenport, Dunnagan, DuBose, Smith, Williams and Wright Presented the Colors at the Chapter's March meeting. Guardsmen DuBose, Green and Williams manned a recruiting booth at the North Brevard Historical Society Annual Bar-B-Q in Titusville. Also on 28 March 2009, Guardsman Wright manned an information booth at the Manatee District Boy Scout Camporee in Palm Bay.

D. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsmen Jantzen and Wallin participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsman Honeywell spoke at the Pinellas County Genealogy Society meeting on 14 February 2009. On 28 February 2009, Guardsmen Kitchen and Wallin marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in the parade at the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Cape Canaveral.

E. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. No report.

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

G. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsmen Lantz and Young participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Kilgore, Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Annual Meeting and Memorial Service, Pensacola Chapter, Military Officers of America Association on 17 January 2009. On 19 February 2009, Color Guard members Legg and Young, attired in "Bravo" uniforms, manned a publicity and recruiting table in Plaza Ferdinand, Pensacola during the visit of the King and Queen of Spain. Guardsmen Bowers, Kilgore Lantz, Legg and Young Presented the Colors at the Pensacola Chapter, DAR Constitution Week Tea on 21 February 2009. On 28 March 2009, Guardsmen Lantz and Young marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in the parade at the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution commemoration at Port Canaveral.

H. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsmen Miller and Tarpley participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Crapo, Cushing and Tarpley participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 28 February 2009. Guardsmen Ashcroft, Bradley, Cushing and Williams participated in a large Color Guard with two JROTC units and other Color guard units at the Manatee Historical Village Park fair. The Color Guard also staffed a camp table for recruiting.

I. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) David Mitchell, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsman Bridges participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. No report.

J. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsman Myers participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Hamilton, Little and Murray marched with the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade in the parade at the Last Naval Battle Celebration at Cape Canaveral on 28 February 2009. In addition, Guardsman Meyer presented the Chapter wreath.

K. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) John Pardee, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsman Sumner participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner and Townsend participated in the Last Naval Battle Celebration in Cape Canaveral on 28 February 2009. On 17 March 2009, Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner, Townsend and Tucker marched with the Colors in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Brooksville Clover Leaf Farms Community. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee and Tucker Posted the Colors at the Chapter meeting in honor of Senator Charles S. Dean Sr. and Corporal Shannon Phillips of the Citrus County Sheriffs Department on 21 March 2009. On 3 April 2009, Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P. Pardee, Sumner, Townsend and Tucker Marched with the Colors for the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society event at the Citrus High School in Inverness. Guardsmen Nelson, J. Pardee, P.

Pardee and Tucker Posted the Colors at the Chapter meeting in honor of Corporal Joe Caola and Deputy Rick Mendigutia of the Citrus County Sheriffs Department.

L. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bob Krey, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsman Toops participated with the Brigade at the Winter BOM. Guardsman Piper presented the Flag Talk to the Villages of Virginia Club on 7 February 2009. On February 18, Guardsman Piper gave the Flag Talk to the Scandinavian-American Club in the Villages. Guardsmen Krey, Langston, London and Piper participated in the Washington's Birthday Parade in Eustis on 20 February 2009. On 28 February, Guardsman Toops took part in the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution Celebration in Cape Canaveral.

M. Bernardo de Galvez Camp #13, (Naples) Paul Young, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsmen D. Cahill and McCullough participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Applegate, D. Cahill, S. Cahill, Lopus and McCullough Presented the Colors at the Chapter meetings during this reporting period.

N. Hillsborough River Camp #14. (Tampa) Alan Bell, Commander. On 21 March 2009, members Bell, Bolton, B. Yarnell and K. Yarnell provided the Color Guard for the CAR State Convention held in Tampa.

O. Outpost A (Treasure Coast). William Stevenson, Commander. On 15 January 2009, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" at the regular meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter, SAR. Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" to the Sebastian River Chapter, DAR on 7 February 2009. On 9 February 2009, Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" at the open meeting of the Ft. Pierce Masonic Lodge #87. Guardsman Stevenson gave the "Toast to the Flag" and the "Voice of Old Glory" to the Ruth Chapter 7, Order of Eastern Star in Ft. Pierce on 16 February 2009. On 3 March 2009, Guardsman Stevenson presented the "Toast to the Flag" at the meeting of the Cape Canaveral Chapter, 366, National Sojourners.

P. Outpost B (Lakeland). Inactive

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

R. Outpost D. (Caloosa). Randy Moody, Commander. On 30 January 2009, Guardsman R. Moody participated with the Brigade Color Guard at the Winter BOM. Guardsmen Kennedy and Moody Presented the Colors at Caloosa Chapter meetings on 11 February 2009 and 11 March 2009. On 1 April 2009, Guardsmen Kennedy and Moody Presented the Colors at the Caloosa Chapter Annual Awards Banquet at which the Chapter awarded two Silver Good Citizenship Medals, thirteen Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and twelve JROTC Medals. Guardsmen Kennedy, P. Moody and R. Moody Presented the Colors at the dedication of a Liberty Tree by the Caloosa Chapter in Kiwanis Park in Fort Myers.

Addendum: The following is provided as reference for the annual meeting.

Charter & By Laws Committee Report, Winter BOM, 2009

Chairman: William Stevenson

As noted at the mid-year BOM, a number of By-law Changes had been received copies made and distributed to members. Most, those from the State Secretary Kevin Yarnell, were household clean-up types. One of the other s included the reduction of the number of "State" meetings. A Telephone poll revealed that this was the only proposal that raised questions. Most opposed a reduction.

FLSSAR Bylaws: Section 3 Amendments

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

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

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting April 25, 2009

President Toops opened the annual meeting at 2:00pm and Chaplain Moody gave the invocation. Pres. Toops led the session through the introductory pledges.

Secretary Yarnell certified a quorum.

The introduction of national officers and candidates for national office began with Registrar General David Sympson who is also running for Secretary General. Sympson noted that as Registrar General he works primarily with state secretaries rather than with state registrars.

Florida's own Lindsey C. Brock presented his candidacy for national Historian General.

Barney Ellis, President of the SAR Foundation, was introduced as a candidate for Secretary General.

Larry Magerwurth, Inspector General, was introduced as a candidate for Treasurer General, whose primary plank is to assure compliance with the Zorbain Oxley requirements for tax-exempt organizations.

Larry Guzy, also a candidate for Treasurer General, discussed the upcoming National Congress in Atlanta. Tim Bennett, from D.C., a former Registrar General, introduced himself as the third candidate for Treasurer General.

Clark Weiser, A candidate for Chaplain General, chairman of the national chaplain's committee, is running unopposed.

Former PG Carl Hoffmann spoke at length on the JROTC program, including his youthful experience with JROTC and later Naval ROTC.

Sam Powell, chairman of the capital campaign, and the next VPG for the South Atlantic Region, spoke at some length about the CAAH and a \$6 million five-year campaign. It is expected plans will be finalized and that bids will be sought this year. The project will be in three phases, the library being the first. The society has \$1.8 on hand, for the \$2.2 million first phase. No contracts will be signed until SAR has the money in the bank. He also spoke of his family association with Osceola and the Seminoles.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were approved by acclamation. President Toops raised the issue of the bylaw amendments and declared that they were out-of-order based on advice from the parliamentarian and reasons stated on April 14, 2009. Secretary Yarnell asked why and that members were entitled to an explanation.

Parliamentarian Hodalski stated that on April 14th he submitted an opinion that the bylaw proposals as submitted would have to be rewritten to conform to existing bylaws. He also stated that proposed amendments have to be submitted to the bylaws committee at the Fall BOM meeting, presented by the committee with recommendations at the Winter BOM meeting, and approved by the membership at the annual meeting. He analyzed the proposed amendments in detail, both in terms of substance and process, without taking a formal position which, as parliamentarian, he is prevented from doing. Compatriot Hodalski volunteered to assist the authors of the proposed amendments to represent them so that they conform to Roberts Rules of Order and to existing bylaws. A question was asked by a member why issues with the proposed amendments were not raised until now.

The ruling was that the amendments were out of order because proper procedures were not followed. President Toops pleaded mea culpa because he had created the ad hoc committee that authored the amendments, without due oversight. Chaplain Moody suggested that unless someone wanted to make a motion to over-rule the decision of the presiding officer, then we should move on to the next order of business. No motion was made, and Grant Walling, nominations committee chairman, and Ron Toops read the list of 2009-2010 nominees. President Toops asked if there were additional nominations from the floor, and there were none. The nominated officers, as listed on the FLSSAR website, were elected by acclamation.

President Toops described a new installation procedure to be followed at the evening banquet. It was noted from the floor that it was customary for a national trustee to be nominated at the annual meeting. Ron Toops was nominated for national trustee, and Phil Carr as alternate trustee. Both were

elected by acclamation. Caloosa Chapter President Myers made a motion to express appreciation to all those who had served as officers during the past year. It was seconded and passed by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.