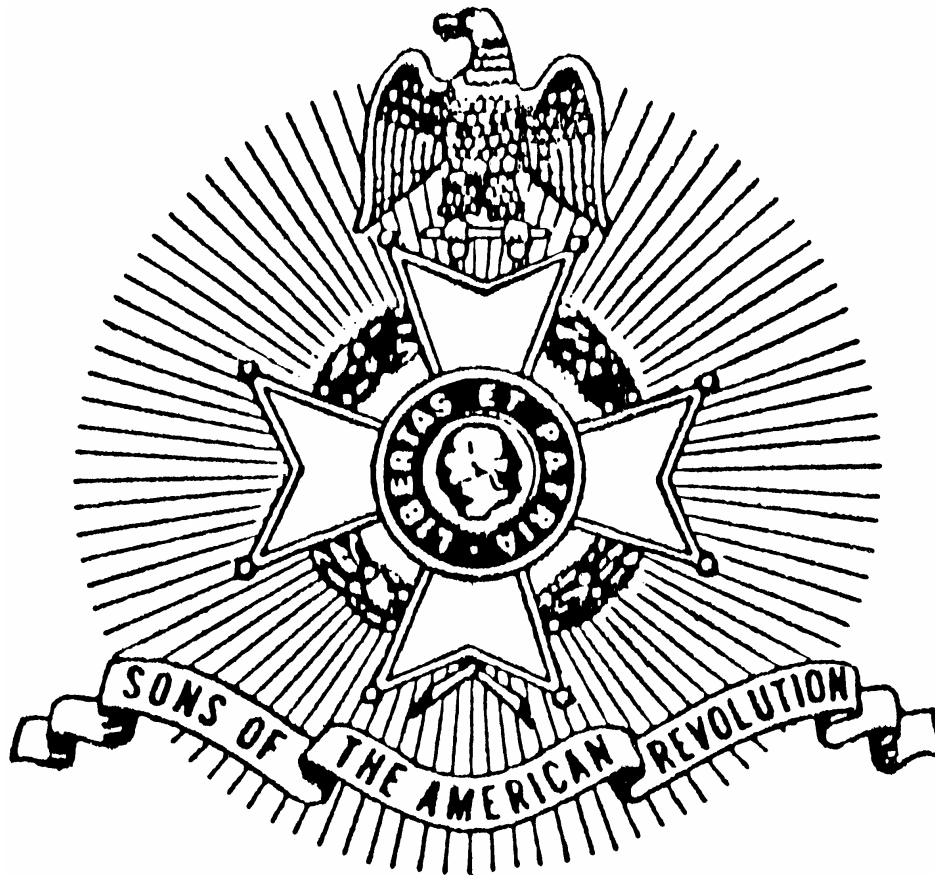


Quarterly Reports
of
The Florida Officers
and Committee Chairmen



Winter Board of Management Meeting
Lakeland
January 6 & 7, 2006

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Pledge to the SAR

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

The American Creed

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

Recessional

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

FLSSAR
Board of Management Meeting
January 6 & 7, 2006

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Pledge to the SAR
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Introduction of first time attendees
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FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

National Trustee

Harold (Hal) F. Miller, Jr.
20 December 2005

My activities since my last report of 22 October 2005:

24 Sept. 2005- Participation in the Nathanael Greene Color Guard, Saramana Chapter SAR, at the joint Constitution Week Celebration Luncheon held at the Bradenton Country Club which was hosted by the Osceola Chapter DAR.

19 October 2005- Participation in the Nathanael Greene Color Guard at the US Navy League Birthday Celebration held at the Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota. Our participation in this event was made possible by Vice Admiral Earl B. Fowler, a member of our Saramana Chapter SAR.

The speaker for this great patriotic event was Joseph D. Kernan RDML, USN UNCLASSIFIED.

11 November 2005- Participation in the Nathanael Greene Color Guard in the Sarasota Veterans Day Parade.

16 November 2005- Participated in the judging of the 21st Annual Manatee County History Fair along with a team of 20 other members from the Saramana Chapter SAR, Sara De Soto and other DAR chapters in the area. 730 project, paper, documentary and performance categories were presented by 1055 students from elementary, middle, and high schools at the Manatee County Convention Center. .

17 November 2005- Participated in the Nathanael Greene Color Guard, presenting and posting the Colors before students, parents, teachers and sponsors at the Awards Night prior to the presentation of the awards. It took place at the same Convention Center where the judging was done the day before. In uniform, I accompanied the former President General and Saramana member, Carl K. Hoffmann, who presented our 3 SAR Eagle Plaque Awards to the winners of the American Revolutionary History Board Projects.

5 December 2005- Attended Al Snapp's Memorial Service, held in Bartow, FL, at the United Methodist Church. I was given the opportunity to speak briefly about Al at the service on behalf of FLSSAR after recognizing those members present.

18 December 2005 – Assisted in uniform at the Sara De Soto Chapter DAR's Silver Tea which was very well attended at their Chapter House by, not only SARs and DARs, but also by many in the community such as foundations, politicians, and other historical and Patriotic organizations.

During this period, as Chairman of the NSSAR Investment Committee, I communicated by phone and email with members Jim Say, Rick Hollis, and NSSAR's Director of Finance, Craig Johnson. Also as a member of the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Fund Board Distribution Committee, similar contact was made with Chairman John Wallace. Finally, as a member of the FLSSAR Nominating Committee, many phone conversations were held with Chairman Dick Fowler.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

President

Harry F. Hollien

The undersigned visited several chapters during this period -- primarily to swear in new officers and present an overview of the FLSSAR "Communication - Visibility" program. Also led the Camp 6 Color Guard in the Veteran's Day ceremonies at Kanapaha Veteran's Park, Gainesville. Our participation included 1) erecting and maintain a "camp", 2) providing an Honor Guard at the memorial and 3) placing the wreath honoring the Revolutionary War dead.

Also carried out routine administrative duties; especially those focused on further structuring our thrust focused on upgrading our image throughout Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Hollien, PhD

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Senior Vice President

Lindsey Brock

Date: 29 December 2005

Since our October 2005 BOM meeting I have communicated with various FLSSAR officers, committee chairmen and with our chapters relating to upcoming ceremonial events, new members and other matters. I have also communicated with various NSSAR officers, staff personnel and committee chairmen.

During this reporting period the Jacksonville Chapter's color guard participated in the annual Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. We, the Jacksonville color guard, also participated in the half time ceremonies, which paid tribute to our veterans at the Jacksonville Jaguar's NFL game versus the Baltimore Ravens on November 13th in Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium. Other military organizations including representatives of the American Legion also attended the November 13th tribute to our veterans. I also attended the November and December monthly meetings of the Jacksonville Chapter. At the December meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter I was given the privilege of presenting the chapter's annual monetary donation to Mrs. Lois Swan, Senior President of F.S.C.A.R. and Senior President of the Princess Malee Society. This marks the fourth year that the Jacksonville Chapter has been a sponsor of the Princess Malee Society of Jacksonville.

The SAR Flagler Chapter and the DAR Old Kings Highway Chapter held a joint Christmas Brunch at the Halifax Plantation Club on December 3rd. I was given the honor of being their guest speaker for this occasion. The meeting also included "The Missing Man Ceremony" which was read by Lynne Churchin, DAR Old Kings Highway Chapter. That evening, Saturday December 3rd, I participated in the annual "British Night Watch" in St. Augustine, FL with the C.A.R. Princess Malee Society and various other Florida C.A.R. Societies. All participants were dressed in period attire and F.S.C.A.R. President Robyn Carroll led the procession.

I attend the memorial service for Albert B. Snapp, FLSSAR Past President (1992-1993), which was held at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Bartow, FL on December 5, 2005. There were approximately thirty-five FLSSAR members in attendance, including PG Carl Hoffman, National Trustee Hal Miller and Alternate Trustee Frank Hodalski.

On December 8th I attended the 80th Birthday Luncheon of the DAR Lakeland Chapter, which was held at the Lakeland Yacht & Country Club in Lakeland, FL. The guest speaker was Merry Ann Wright, NSDAR Development Director. And on December 14th I attended the Holiday Luncheon of the DAR John Call Chapter in Celebration, FL. The honored guest at this meeting was Rebecca Lockhart, FSSDAR State Regent and the guest speaker was Lucia St. Clair Robson who is the author of several books including the "Shadow Patriot" which is a novel about the American Revolution. George Lockhart, FLSSAR's Recording Secretary and Chairman of DAR Liaison also attended these two DAR meetings.

Lastly, on December 17th I conducted the installation ceremony for the newly elected 2006 officers of the St. Augustine Chapter. The new officers of the St. Augustine Chapter are: Sydney A. Spink, President, Edward H. Neely, First Vice President, Major Bruce T. Beal, USA (ret.), Second Vice President, S. Robert Tarrant, Treasurer, George E. McCabe, Secretary, John D. Tinny, Recording Secretary and Registrar, John D. Tinny, Thomas S. Canfield, Genealogist, Norman L. Antle, Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northwestern Regional Vice President

Northwestern Region Edward D. Young, Vice President

Date: January 2, 2006

Report and Recommendations:

ACTIVITIES THIS PAST PERIOD:

- Attended all meetings of the Pensacola Chapter and the Chapter Executive Committee serving as Chapter Secretary.
- Participated with the Florida Brigade for the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Fall BOM at Lakeland, Florida on October 28, 2005.
- Participated with the Florida Brigade on November 5, 2005 at the Grave Markings of Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Civil War soldiers in Lyeffion, Alabama with Sons of Liberty contingents from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas.

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the second Saturday at 8:00 A.M. at The Neighborhood Café in the Sun Plaza Shopping Center in Mary Esther. The chapter mourns the loss of long time member James Young and made a donation to the American Cancer Society in his name. Philip Rechnitzer, Jr. joined the chapter bringing total membership to 20. More members attended the November meeting than in recent memory. The chapter has been working with the Fort Walton Beach Parks Department to gain approval for the development of our Liberty Tree Project.

PANAMA CITY CHAPTER:

The chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month throughout the year and continues to grow. Two new members have joined the chapter during this period and one additional membership application is being developed. It has been a great year for the chapter and we look forward to 2006 with enthusiasm.

PENSACOLA CHAPTER:

The chapter continues to meet monthly. Three Guardsmen participated in the Presentation of the Colors at the FLSSAR Fall BOM on October 28. Four Guardsmen, marching as the Florida Brigade, joined with SAR Color Guards from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas at the Presentation of the Colors, grave markings and dedications of Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War soldiers at Lyeffion, Alabama on November 5. Also on November 5, through the efforts of Compatriot George W. Tate, a new gravestone was purchased, erected and dedicated at the gravesite of Mary Willis Lewis Willis, the granddaughter of George Washington's sister Betty at St. John's Cemetery in Pensacola. The chapter made donations to the NSSAR Friends of the Library and the FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund. The NSSAR Flag Certificate was presented to Jack and Pat Rawley in recognition of their regular and proper display of the American Flag.

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER:

The chapter's quarterly meeting was held on November 3. Dr. Curry spoke on the Battle of Saratoga. The chapter added two new members, Randy and Ralph Scott.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

North Central Regional Vice President

North Central Region Ron Toops, Vice President

General: Two of the region's chapters have defined their officer slates for 2006 and are prepared to install them in January and February. I will be participating in these installations. The other two will be setting up their nominating committees shortly. I have documented the highlights of the last VP and BOM meetings and distributed them to the four chapters. Emphasis was placed on the American Heritage Center, Flag Certificates/"Admiral William R. Furlong Award", Sales Tax Exemption Opportunities and the Reinstatement Contest.

Gainesville Chapter

The Gainesville chapter participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies, where they presented the "Toast to the Flag". They again wanted to note, that their color guard participated in the University of Florida's Home Coming Parade. This chapter also honored one of their local citizens with a "Flag Certificate."

Lake Sumter Chapter

This chapter again was able to participate in a young man's Eagle Scout Honors Court. They had one scout apply for the Eagle Scout Scholarship. Even though he presented his application, essay and four (4) generation chart, he was not able to complete the process through his council's board of review in time. It is hoped that this scout will make another effort in 2006. Lake Sumter chapter participated in a local Veterans Memorabilia Day, where they had a table. Their color guard commander, Bill Piper, made a presentation to a Retired Military (Veterans) of The Villages, which was later televised on the local TV station. They also participated in the Leesburg Christmas Parade. The chapter was honored to have the FLSSAR State Genealogist, Alvie Davidson present to their membership.

Ocala Chapter

This Ocala Chapter, in their effort to continue their link with the Daughters of the American Revolution, had a joint meeting there. There apparently was a joining of DAR and SAR members in a play at a local middle school. The subject of the play was the Boston Massacre. At the chapter meeting, the FLSSAR President, Harry Hollien spoke to the membership on the importance of communication within the state society. The chapter's program for December was appropriately oriented around the singing of Christmas songs accompanied by an organ.

Withlacoochee Chapter

This chapter, with its continuing emphasis on veteran programs, gave NSSAR medals to several World War II veterans. It is this Regional VP's opinion, that this chapter is a standard for chapter and state participation in Veterans Affairs. I will just list a few of the veterans programs they participated in during the recent reporting period: Veterans Fair w/booth at Crystal River; Veterans Day Parade; Selected as primary presenter for Massing of the Colors; Brooksville Christmas Parade; Christmas Present distributions to veterans without families; \$2500/Presents distributed to Veterans Home; The chapter recognized some vintage car owners who carried the various chapter members in a parade; With all of the time involved with veterans, they were still able to achieve the participation and approval of an Eagle Scout for the NSSAR Eagle Scout contest and honor some of their members who reached the fine young age of 90 yrs. Great Job! Oh' and the chapter president says he is going to win the Publicity Award this year from the FLSSAR ... I accepted his challenge.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Northeastern Regional Vice President

Northeastern Region Tom Beauchamp, Vice President

1 January 2006

Flagler County Chapter

The annual Chapter Christmas Holiday meeting was held on 3 December 2005 in conjunction with the Old Kings Highway Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This was held as a breakfast buffet at the Halifax Plantation Golf Club. The program was Patriot of Philadelphia by Muriel Levy and Cast.

Memorial membership application has been made to FLSSAR for Lance Corporal Timothy R. Creager, United States Marine Corps, a direct descendant of Patriot Ensign Adam Creager and grandson of Flagler Chapter Compatriot William S. Creager. Lance Corporal Creager was killed in action on July 1, 2004 due to hostile action in Anbar Province, Iraq. This memorial membership is the result of months of work by Flagler Chapter President, David Kelsey. Prior to this there were no provisions for a memorial membership in the NSSAR. President Harry Hollien and others within FLSSAR supported Compatriot Kelsey in this endeavor and a delegation led by Senior Vice President Lindsey Brock, Trustee "Hal" Miller and alternate Trustee Frank Hodalski met with NSSAR in Louisville, KY to present the proposal to create a memorial membership. The Veterans Committee voted to support the proposal and Compatriot Hodalski presented the proposal to the full session of the NSSAR meeting. With the help of the Maryland and Washington, D. C. Societies the proposal passed unanimously.

Jacksonville Chapter

Chapter President, George Lockhart visited nine elementary schools explaining the American Poster Contest put on by the SAR. He left poster guidelines and rules along with a submittal form as well additional instructions for the schools to use.

Compatriots Lindsey Brock, David Ramaeur, Dick Cardell and Loyd Puckett participated in the Veterans day parade marching through downtown Jacksonville. They joined forces with the DAR and CAR for the parade with Lindsey, David and Dick in their revolutionary uniforms and Loyd in Class C. On 13 November the chapter participated in the Jaguars game halftime ceremony honoring American Veterans. Pictures of the participants appeared in the Jacksonville Times Union newspaper on 14 November 2005.

Compatriots George Lockhart and Loyd Puckett and World War II Veterans Henry Anner, James Bradfield, Joseph B. Love and Father Johnson H. Pace attended a World War II Commemoration Ceremony honoring the Veterans of the 4th Congressional District of Florida and celebrating the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. The event was held in an aircraft hangar at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville. About 250 Veterans attended with nine being recognized as members of the 4th Congressional District.

St Augustine Chapter

Chapter conducted their first annual celebration of "Victory at Yorktown" on 15 October 2005. Guest speaker was Brigadier General Jack Quinn, USA, Retired.

On 17 December 2005, my wife Bobbe and I attended the chapter annual Christmas holiday party and chapter meeting at the home of Compatriot George McCabe. During this meeting Senior Vice President Lindsey Brock inducted the chapter officers for 2006.

Deland Chapter

FLSSAR President Harry Hollein was the featured speaker and delivered a most interesting talk at the Constitution Week Banquet held in Deland.

Chapter presented a local SAR award at the Air Force JROTC Drill Team competition at Pine Ridge High School in Deltona, FL.

My wife Bobbe and I attended the December Holiday Chapter meeting. At this meeting I was honored to be the installation officer for the 2006 slate of elected officers and board members.

Daytona – Ormond Chapter

Chapter established a program committee under Compatriot Howard Griffin who has come up with a most interesting group of presenters. Presenters to date have been :

20 Sept 2005 Ann McFall – The Election Process
17 November 2005 Sylvia McAuliffe – History of French Huguenots
15 December 2005 Jason Caros – Separation of Church and State
Scheduled: 20 January 2006 Joe Cahill – Sam Adams
17 February 2006 Col Daniel Redner, USA,(RET) – Surviving Vietnam

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

East Central Regional Vice President

East Central Region Fred F. Gaines, Jr., Vice President

Brevard Chapter 4th Quarter Report

October 28 - 2 members of the Color Guard in uniform joined the Florida FLSSAR Color Guard at the BOM.

November 3 - 3 members of the Color Guard in uniform at Memorial Service for Past President Gene Claghorn III. - Darby, DuBose & Ryan..

November 7th - 4 members of the Color Guard in attendance at Funeral Service of WASAR Nola Mahaffey - Darby, DuBose, Lane & F. Smith.

November 11 - 2 members of the Color Guard in attendance at the Annual Brevard Massing of the Colors - Darby in uniform, along with Ryan.

November 18 - 4 members of the Color Guard in uniform at the Funeral Service for Past V.P. Dave Robinson - Darby, Davenport, DuBose Ryan. Joined by 4 members of the Central Florida Chapter - FLSSAR Regional V.P. F. Gaines, P. May, Tom McElroy & R. Murray.

December 10 - 4 members of the Color Guard in uniform road in the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade - DuBose, Ryan, F. Smith & Williams. Convertible supplied by GATOR CHRYSLER.

December 17 - 8 members of the Color Guard in uniform at the induction ceremony for a new member - Corman, Darby, Davenport, DuBose, Mustin, Ryan, F. Smith & Williams. This was also our annual Christmas party

December 17 - At the Chapter Christmas party about 20 packaged gifts were collected for a homeless shelter and delivered by one member of our Color Guard in uniform - DuBose.

December 21 - 4 members of the Color Guard, 4 in uniform attended the Funeral service for Compatriot Ray Mahaffey - Darby, DuBose, Ryan & F. Smith. Also Lane.

Central Florida Chapter:

At the November 12th meeting of the Central Florida Chapter the EMS Award and the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal were presented. On December 13th the Fire Safety Commendation Medal was presented at the Kissimmee City Council meeting. Both Channel 9, Kissimmee access channel, and Fox 35 filmed the presentation for TV.

The Chapters color guard participated in several events for Veterans Day:

Six members, in Colonial uniform, with muskets posted the colors, along with the Marine Corp JROTC from Apopka High School, at the Mayflower Centers annual

program. Five members, in Colonial uniform, with muskets presented the colors at the Highland Prep.

School/Orlando Veterans Day presentation held at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center. Four members marched in the Orlando Veterans Day Parade.

See Color Guard report.

Treasure Coast

The Treasure Coast Chapter held regular monthly meetings in each of three months comprising this quarter with designated speakers. Attendance has been light. Only registration committee activity has taken place. It was learned during this quarter that one current member died previously this year. One current member died and a previous member and chapter president also died during this quarter

St. Lucie River

On Veterans Day One member in uniform participated in the Port st. Lucie veterans Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Park. 2 members in uniform marched in the Stuart Veterans Parade and after two members in uniform visited and paid honor to Reidar Waaler's grave in Palm City. Waaler is the Medal of Honor winner buried in the Forrest Hill Cemetary .

On December 4 four members in uniform marched in the Ft. Pierce Christmas Parade.

On December 7 two members participated in the Pearl Harbor Day Service for WWII Veterans.

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

West Central Regional Vice President

West Central Region Nelson Jantzen, Vice President

January 6, 2006

Clearwater: Chapter Color Guard joined the FLSSAR Brigade in posting the colors at the BOM in Lakeland in October..

On 10/19 at their monthly luncheon they presented the Law Enforcement & Fire Safety Certificates & medals to respective recipients..

On 9/11 the Color Guard attended a Liberty Tree planting in Spring Hill, FL.

On 9/21 at their luncheon they presented a silver certificate to the Toymakers of New Port Richey, FL.who voluntarily make toys & give them to the Ronald McDonald House in Tampa & other areas.

Many compatriots & their guests attended the Caladesi Chapter of DAR's birthday luncheon on 10/17.

St Petersburg: 9/14 luncheon they celebrated Constitution Day with the DAR Chapters.

Pres. Scott attended the dedication of the Tampa Chapters Liberty Tree ceremony.

At there 9/24 luncheon they had the Law Enforcement Officer winner speak & was presented the certificate & medal.

There last luncheon meeting was held on 10/8..

At their 10/8 luncheon they presented the annual Fire Safety Award.

Maj. John DeVane: At their last meeting they presented the JROTC & Good Citizenship awards.

They also presented a wreath in Plant City Memorial Sq. on Veterans Day.

Lakeland: They meet once a month for a luncheon meeting from Sept. through May.

At the May 2004 meeting they elected the new officers for the coming year.

On 9/13 they attended the DAR's Bartow Chapter 's Constitution Day luncheon.

At their 9/17 meeting they had a speaker & Memorial Service for Deceased Members.

On 10/15 a luncheon meeting was held at the Cleveland Heights Golf Club in Lakeland.

Had a speaker on the Famous Residents of Polk County.

Tampa: Met monthly during this period. At their 9/17/05 meeting they had a program on the Revolutionary War in the South. Also presented the Law enforcement certificate & medal.

They previously had a Liberty Tree planting.

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FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southeast Regional Vice President

Southeast Region Gerald Meeks, Vice President

Palm Beach: Attended a joint meeting of the Palm Beach Chapter and Palm Beach Chapter, DAR, Holiday Luncheon Saturday, December 17, 2005 at the Sailfish Club, Palm Beach, FL.

I have been unable to attend each of the Chapters during this reporting period due to a total left knee replacement the end of September. I will visit each chapter in the region during this next reporting period.

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NOTE: There has been difficulty with my email address during the past quarter. My office email is gerrym@gdw.net as listed. I will have an additional email address after January 9, 2006. My URL will be gerrym44@bellsouth.net. Thanks for your patience, I hope this works better for everyone. Many Thanks—Gerry

FLSSAR REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Southwest Regional Vice President

Southwest Region Basil Lancaster, Vice President
02 January 2006

CALOOSA: We had a very special guest at the annual holiday season luncheon. Compatriot T. M. Jacobs, a member of the Connecticut Society, has started up a new website and publication dealing with the American Revolutionary War. Both the website and proposed bimonthly publication are entitled Common Patriots. Installation of Officers for 2006 was also on the agenda. Luncheon Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, October - May, at Myerlee Manor with lunch served at noon.

CHARLOTTE: Victoria Estates was damaged by hurricane and will no longer be serving our luncheons, so, we will meeting for our luncheons in 2006 at Pilgrim Church, 24515 Rampart Blvd in Port Charlotte. Our year 2006 Officers will be installed by Basil Lancaster, Southwest Regional Vice President. The Officers will be President: Bradley T Lines; Secretary - Treasurer: Wilmer L Smith; Chaplain: Rev Leo S LaFontaine; Sargent at Arms: Norman S Ashworth; Editor - Historian: Rex W Warden, Member at Large: Robert L Croft, and Registrar - Publicity: Endwell Buell.

NAPLES: Chief Greg Smith, Head of Operations for Collier County Sheriff's Office honored two Deputies on our Law Enforcement Appreciation meeting on our Law Enforcement Appreciation meeting in November at Naples Elk's lodge. Past President Paul Young and the election workers were thanked for building up the coffer - and it was noted that there will be two elections in our assigned Precinct in 2006. Sheriff's Department Chief of Operations Kevin Rambaugh followed with an informative update on the activities of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, including "homeland" security, biological threats, human trafficking, and the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma. How about some Revolutionary Period Threads? Remember, for a limited period, the Naples Chapter, SAR will pay half the expense for the purchase of a revolutionary period uniform! A celebration of Bob Grasham's life was held November 12 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Bob was a great friend of the SAR and of the Naples Chapter, a past President of the Chapter and long-time Treasurer. He was also a past Regional Vice President for Southwest Florida.

SARAMANA: The October luncheon was held at our new location, Sarasota Cay Club [formerly Holiday Inn Airport] and was attended by fifty hardy souls in spite of the threat of hurricane Wilma. There were 49 in attendance at the December Luncheon meeting and three generations of the Tarpley family were inducted/introduced during the meeting. Two students participated in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Michael Bellis and Mathew Vogler. Our thanks to Charles and Dorothy Churchill for their outstanding presentation of a program honoring his ancestor Freegift Patchin who spent several years in captivity from 1780 - 1783. They were both in colonial dress and gave a most interesting presentation. Regional Vice President Basil Lancaster installed Officers and governors for 2006. They are listed in the 2006 yearbook that all should have received by now. A unique event occurred during the December luncheon in that three generations of the Tarpley family were made members of SAR and our Chapter. Father Phillip H Tarpley and son Grian A Tarpley were inducted into Saramana Chapter and grandson John H Tarpley was introduced as our newest Youth Member. To the best of anyone knowledge this was unique not only to our chapter but also to FLSSAR and very possibly to NSSAR.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary

Kevin Yarnell

January 4, 2006

The primary work this quarter dealt with the collection of dues and the annual report. In many respects the reporting process went much smoother than last year however there is still room for improvement. Two main items come to mind.

First, we need to find easier and better ways for membership information to go from the local chapters to the state secretary. A good illustration of this need can be found in the chaplain's report. A large number of compatriots were reported for the first time on the annual report. Delays in reporting these items, address changes, and officer changes hurt the accuracy of our membership data. This has financial implications as every returned copy of the *Florida Patriot* cost the society \$0.75.

Second, we continue to struggle with collecting dues on time. As of this writing, 221 members have been dropped from our rolls for non-payment of dues. This is a staggering 12.7% of the membership and doesn't include a chapter that has yet to report.

Concrete suggestions to address these issues would be most welcome.

In the next few weeks I will be mailing to each chapter an updated copy of their roster to double check the accuracy of the report sent and to settle up any outstanding financial matters.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasurer

James R. Holyfield

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar

William R. Stevenson

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Chaplain

Charles Schafer

The following compatriots have died since the last BOM or were not previously reported.

Benjamin H. Ayres, Ocala, 12/26/2005
George L. Cansler, Deland, (date unknown)
William P. Darst, Lakeland, (unknown)
Charles E. Forker, Lakeland, (unknown)
William H. Foster, Ocala (date unknown)
Scott K. Gibson, Saramana, 1/16/2005
James D. Goodman, II, Treasure Coast, 11/7/2005
Thomas L. Gray, Miami, 9/24/2005
William A. Hagerman, Lakeland, (unknown)
William Stanley Hanson, Jr., Caloosa, 10/5/2005
Frank P. Hooper, Jr., Treasure Coast, (date unknown)
Lowell M. Johnson, Lake/Sumter, 10/15/2005
Kip Gordon Kelso, Treasure Coast, 11/10/2005 (former member)
Ray Mahaffey, Brevard, 12/15/2005
Richard Maholm, Miami, 6/24/2005
James A. Mueting, Central Florida, 12/18/2005
Roland N. Price, Ft. Lauderdale, (date unknown)
David N. Robinson, Brevard, 11/13/2005
Roswell M. Roper, Lakeland, (unknown)
Vanness Beck Seckinger, Jr., Ocala, 10/29/05
Albert B. Snapp, Lakeland, 11/18/2005
Henry Erwyn Sparks, Caloosa, 11/25/2005
Joseph Sonneburn, Jr., Miami, May 2005
Earl G. Watters, Lakeland, (unknown)
Harold Wayne Fuller, Gainesville, 6/17/2005 (former member)
William S. Weddle, Jacksonville, 10/24/2005

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

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Recording Secretary

George Lockhart

The proceedings of the Fall Board of Management meeting held on 28, 29 October 2005 were recorded on tape and written minutes were prepared and submitted to the State Secretary within the deadline for publication in "The Florida Patriot"

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Lockhart

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Chancellor

Carl K. Hoffmann, PG

This report was not available at the time of printing.

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Parliamentarian

Sam W. Boone

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Genealogist

Alvie L. Davidson

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Sergeant at Arms

Lonnie Jones

This report was not available at the time of printing.

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Historian

John Little, Historian

I still only have two (2) Florida SAR Chapters that are forwarding me a copy of their regularly issued newsletter. I would like to receive a copy of each chapter's newsletters so I can include them in the Florida Societies Archives.

I still do not receive a copy of the minutes of the BOM Meetings for filing in the Florida Societies Archives.

John Little
Historian

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Editor, Florida Patriot

Saul Montes-Bradley

*Though much is taken, much abides; and though
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are --
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
Tennyson (Ulysses)*

On November 3, 2005, two days before the deadline for the Fall issue of the Patriot, I received a submission from President Hollien titled "Challenge II." Dismayed after reading it, and to insure that my actions were not biased by the erratic behavior of President Hollien in the last two BOMs, I requested the assistance of a number of well respected members of this Board, all with impeccable credentials, stellar service in the Society and well loved by all, to whom I did not disclose my opinion, but with whom I shared the article. I could not agree more with the comments received in reply to my request for assistance and that are made a part of this report (see Annex A). Had I not found the objections below, these would have sufficed. But the decision not to publish the President's article was ultimately mine and, *noblesse oblige*, I must make my reasons known. I believe that as an elected officer who answers solely to the Board of Management, the only appropriate forum for this action is through this Editor's Report.

The "Challenge II" is, as many have noticed, a poorly written harangue more than an article (see Annex B). However, it would not have been the first nor last time that someone's face was saved by editorial privilege and creative rewriting. However, I do not believe that that privilege extends to changing the meaning and overall thrust of an article and it is that meaning and that thrust that I have found beyond improvement in President Hollien's submission.

It is not just that this article is long in fear-mongering, non-sequiturs, and inconsistencies, completely devoid of facts and, as one of the members consulted defined it, just boring. For were it to be redone in a lively prose and well-thought argument, the essential bigotry of the libel and its inconformity with our purpose and objectives would still remain.

Let's be clear. Like many members of this society I, too, agree that illegal immigration is a problem. I fought it in business to the extent of my abilities and will continue to do so. That said, and in spite of its sub-titles and leads, the tract does not refer to "illegal immigration" at all, but rather to **ALL** immigration: legal or otherwise. In fact, President Hollien makes it crystal clear: "**both legal and *especially* illegal**," in case one missed the point. He then goes on to recommend that we all: "**Listen to Americans for Immigration Control**."

Just who are these folk we are told to listen to?

Americans for Immigration Control is a nativist and ethnocentric organization that sponsors a slew of anti-immigration propaganda that not always stops short of hard-core racism. It is run by an assortment of "biological determinists" and "white nationalists" like Brent Nelson, who sits on the board of AICF and in the Advisory Board of the "Citizens Informer," (flagship publication of the white-nationalist Council of Conservative Citizens); or John Vinson, AICF President and editor of "Immigration Watch;" or Robert H. Goldsborough, executive Director of AIC and a self-styled "conspiracy scholar" who rants against Jews, Masons, the Trilateral, Skull & Bones, the Clintons, the Bushes, the Bildenbergers, The Council of Foreign Relations and all that "conspiracy theory" nonsense. Goldsborough tells us: "*The economic problem of America and the world is ultimately a Jewish question*" and that--paraphrasing Henry Ford (whose Nazi sympathies were never a secret)--"*The money question, properly solved, is the end of the Jewish Question.*"

There are many members of this society who 60 years ago sacrificed their all fighting against this kind of fanaticism. But President Hollien says in his "Challenge II" that we should *listen* to this!

There are too many who sacrificed too much the last time a bigot spoke of the "Jewish Question" to tolerate such abhorrent propaganda among us. But President Hollien says we should *listen* to one such propagandist.

This fellow Goldsborough also claims in numerous tracts that Masons (allied with Jews) are bent on establishing a "New World Order," and that they (the Masons) worship the devil. There are many members of this society who would be amused if not offended to know of their heretofore unsuspected "nefarious activities." And President Hollien tells us to *listen* to the author of this diatribe!

One of the principal financial backers of the AIC is the Pioneer Fund, a foundation linked to eugenics and other "racial" research. According to the Study of Academic Racism, since its founding in 1996 this latter day Mengueles have contributed nearly 200,000 dollars to AIC because "*the two organizations share essentially the same goal: to stop immigrants from the Third World from settling in the US.*" And President Hollien would have The Patriot record the support of this society to these people, by telling our members to *listen* to them!

In another part of this *Magnus Opus*, President Hollien refers to what he terms "**runaway immigration**" (again, not just illegal, but **ALL** immigration) which he singles out as a culprit for crime, terrorism and what have you. In a tirade long on emotion and--as should by now be expected--merrily unburdened by any facts, President Hollien attempts to raise our level of suspicion towards all immigrants.

If the association with the AIC were not enough to run for cover, the wholesale condemnation of "runaway immigration" as the root cause of every evil with what we may safely call unsubstantiated fear-mongering surely should be. Consider these statements: "**Terrorists arriving as illegal aliens in order to develop cells dedicated to the destruction of our homeland**" or "**the big corporations invest large amounts of money in supporting ethnic identity (especially for the illegals).**" The fact that not a single illegal alien has been linked to terrorism and that, in point of fact, all that were so identified were either born here or entered the country legally seems not to bother the writer. Nor is he bothered by the fact that not a single corporation, big or small, has spent a single dollar supporting the "ethnic identity" of a single illegal alien. Facts seem to have a way to completely escaping his grasp. As another member of this society has so eloquently put it to me, if the previous statements were the case, then the following would necessarily follow:

"...anyone who hires an illegal immigrant is potentially supporting terrorists in this country and abroad. Such acts are treason of the highest order and indeed can be likened to giving the enemy safe harbor. High treason deserves high punishment and that can only mean death. If we were to simply arrest, try, convict, and execute all of those who hire illegal immigrants, including the corporate officers and board of directors of those companies who have indirectly supported such policies within their companies, then I suggest that the influx of illegal immigrants would be reduced to a trickle within a matter of months after the first execution. When swift and stern justice enters the lives of those who reap the real monetary benefit of illegal immigration, then we will see results. After all, anything less would be un-American."

Sometimes, there is nothing like an old-fashioned *reductio ad absurdum* to prove the fallacy of an argument!

In "Challenge II," reality is never allowed to interfere with prejudice, so why let facts interfere with the President's harangue? After all, "immigrants" pollute our culture and our way of life. As Mussolini's minions decried in "*La Difesa della Razza*" (In Defense of Our Race) in 1938, "*The Italian race has remained pure for 2000 years.*" The Italian fascists seemed to be as undisturbed by the long history of Goths, Visigoths, Greeks, Saracens, Longobards, Franks, Norse and every other race in the known world mixing it up in the Italian peninsula as the author that occupies us today seems to be undisturbed by the many immigrant influences that gave us bagels, corned beef & cabbage, spaghetti al pomodoro, bratwurst, fish & chips and every other dish, religion, language and culture known to man from the very beginning of this Great Republic. And in the process of so doing, these very immigrant currents contributed to our nation some of the greatest men and women ever spawned by the human race.

Somehow, I think there is nothing more American than a Senegalese having a kosher diet-coke at a Chinese restaurant in Little Italy. And I find myself in good company:

"If there is a country in the world where concord, according to common calculation, would be least expected, it is America. Made up as it is of people from different nations, accustomed to different forms and habits of government, speaking different languages, and more different in their modes of worship, it would appear that the union of such a people was impracticable; but by the simple operation of constructing government on the principles of society and the rights of man, every difficulty retires, and all the parts are brought into cordial unison."

Thomas Paine, 1792

"If they are good workmen, they may be of Asia, Africa, or Europe. They may be Mahometans, Jews or Christian of any Sect, or they may be Atheists."

George Washington, 1784

*"It [has] been the wise policy of these states to extend the protection of their laws to all those who should settle among them **of whatever nation or religion they might be** and to admit them to a participation of the benefits of civil and religious freedom, and... **the benevolence of this practice as well as its salutary effects [has] rendered it worthy of being continued in future times.**"*

Thomas Jefferson, 1781

*"This refuge, once known, will produce reaction on the happiness even of those who remain there by warning their task-masters that when the evils of Egyptian oppression become heavier than those of the abandonment of country, **another Canaan is open where their subjects will be received as brothers and secured against like oppressions** by a participation in the right of self-government."*

Thomas Jefferson, 1817

"Remember, remember always that all of us, and **you and I especially**, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 21 April 1938

And, certainly, AIC and its proponents are not without ignominious precedents, though I will mention but one:

"If some means are not adopted to prevent the indiscriminate admission of wild Irishmen and others to the right of suffrage, there will soon be an end to liberty & property." Harrison Gray

Much of the rest of the libel is dedicated to promoting "Mexifornia," a blurb so preposterous as to deserve no serious argument and, like President Hollien's libel, a work unencumbered by any reference, footnote, fact or figure. The only thing that becomes apparent in "Mexifornia" is Victor Davis Hanson's absolute ignorance of anything Mexican, his bigotry and his resentment. In full knowledge of his own prejudice, he resorts to the racist's old cop-out: He loves Mexicans. In fact, he has Mexican friends! Paraphrasing Dr. Walter A. Ewing, a Research Associate with the Immigration Policy Center, "Mexifornia" is but a confused diatribe by one angry and very frightened man who persists in undermining his own arguments in a context of intellectual vacuity, devoid of any pretense of scholarship, objectivity or even a shadow of academic professionalism.

But President Hollien thinks we should all read and *believe* it, and base our own actions on its ill-natured stereotypes!

President Hollien would do well to listen to our President in this subject:

"The long term solution, however, for immigration is for Mexico to be prosperous enough to grow a middle class where people will be able to find work at home. And I remind people all across our country, family values do not stop at the Rio Bravo. There are people in Mexico who have got children who are worried about where they are going to get their next meal from. And they are going to come to the United States, if they think they can make money here. That's a simple fact. And they're willing to walk across miles of desert to do work that some Americans won't do. And we've got to respect that, it seems like to me, and treat those people with respect."

President George W. Bush, August 24, 2001

There is one last point that I found neither inane nor revolting as most of the others, and yet oddly illuminating: It has to do with a piece of tax legislation under consideration by Congress. President Hollien writes: "**And, just wait until Social Security collapses, as it will if the proposed law extending it to Mexicans is passed (i.e. the so-called "Totalization Treaty")!**"

How will Social Security collapse by adding Mexico to the 23 other countries that are part of this interesting and useful program, President Hollien does not say.

Alarmist remarks aside, a **Totalization Agreement** (not a *treaty*, mind you), serves to remedy an inequity in the taxing of non-immigrant foreign nationals working in the United States, who often find themselves liable for US taxes as well as those in their country of permanent residence. In fact, once the agreement is resolved it tends to result in more taxes paid in the US, as these are generally lower than that of other countries, especially since by virtue of the agreement, payments to the US system qualify for benefit eligibility in the home country.

Since an individual does not qualify for Social Security unless he or she completes a minimum number of "quarters" (essentially 10 years of contributions), most of these temporary residents would never qualify for benefits in the US and thus end up making non-refundable contributions in exchange for nothing at all, a fact that has led many foreign nationals temporarily in the US to avoid paying any US contributions altogether. With a Totalization Agreement, these contributions count in determining home country benefits and hence tax evasion is significantly

reduced. There are currently Totalization Agreements in place with Australia, Germany, Portugal, Austria, Greece, South Korea, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Canada, Italy, Sweden, Chile, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Finland, The Netherlands, France, Norway and the United Kingdom.

What is President Hollien's point, then?

Frankly, I doubt he has one. Scaring the audience into a knee-jerk reaction to his hate-filled speech seems to be all of what we might call purpose in his ill-natured tract.

I believe it is not my prerogative but my **obligation** to exercise my best judgment in fulfilling my editorial duties under Section 13 of our bylaws, as mandated by the BOM. President Hollien's crude and often ungentlemanly attempts to impose his will, usurp the editor's authority and prevent the performance of his duties in order to visit upon the membership articles that have nothing to do with the purpose of our organization in detriment of those who do have something relevant to say have been a nuisance, to be sure, but one that I will continue to endure as heretofore while endeavoring to produce the best publication I possibly can within the parameters of our bylaws and the NSSAR guidelines (see annex C). I am grateful to all the members who have shown their unqualified support in this work and who have provided valuable knowledge, time and effort in making our award winning publication one of the best in the country.

In short, I believe illegal immigration is a big problem just as much as I believe that there are laws in the books to deal with it. Further, I don't believe now nor do I think I can be persuaded to believe that immigration as a whole is any kind of scourge or danger. Much to the contrary, I believe it is and has always been an essential part of our very nature as Americans. But that is irrelevant. What is relevant is that President Hollien's article **is not in conformance with the bylaws of the FLSSAR** and rather than representing the Society in its best light, it is a borderline hate-mongering piece that places the Society in the middle of a political issue in which it has no business and that bears no relationship to the Chartered purposes of the Society. I also believe that biological determinists and other bigots are as dangerous as they are revolting, and that by linking our publications to their disgraceful arguments we would be doing ourselves and the FLSSAR a great disservice, just as great as the one we would do were we to follow President Hollien's advise and thrust our programs, including our youth programs, in the midst of that partisan political battle. And it would not only be a disservice, it would be an egregious violation of our Constitution and bylaws.

Our purpose is clear and clearly stated in the NSSAR's Constitution and bylaws:

"The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend

- * the institutions of American freedom*
- * an appreciation for true patriotism*
- * a respect for our national symbols*
- * the value of American citizenship*
- * **the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.***

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions."

Any departure from this clear purpose in the pursuit of partisan political objectives is worse than folly. **It is a betrayal to the principles of our beloved institution and the very nature of our organization. May all our members shun any such efforts with unyielding conviction!**

Annex A (Editor's Report)

The following are excerpts from members of the FLSSAR regarding the President's "Challenge II." As I have not requested their authorization to quote them, I am not revealing their identity in this presentation. Most are frequent attendees at the BOMs and have had a distinguished career in the FLSSAR and NSSAR. All responded to my request for assistance and, while some agreed with the opinions of President Hollien on immigration and others did not, all but one opposed printing the article in the Patriot, and that one not without misgivings.

"I wouldn't read it again if it is printed."

"...it was so long it began to border on a harangue ...are his views of a political nature and does he have the right to use, as a sounding board, a magazine that is sponsored by an organization that must, for obvious reasons, remain apolitical?"

"True patriots differ in their views on some of the concerns the President lifts up. Even many very conservative persons, such as me, would have difficulty with his thoughts - we eschew bigotry and the America First movement, which have plagued us in past generations. We draw different conclusions than the President with respect to the issues he raises. I once resigned from my SAR chapter...because the President of the chapter insisted on expressing views in our meetings and newsletter which might be expected of a spokesperson for the John Birch Society, and in some cases even the KKK."

"I have always believed that the Florida Patriot should serve two primary purposes...the first and foremost being to inform the members of the Florida Society of what our society is doing and secondly to recognize those Compatriots who are making those things happen. In my opinion, the "President's Message" should be sufficiently short to allow it to fit on one page."

"...the magazine is no place for political rhetoric."

"...this piece should have no place in the pages of The Patriot. While the sentiments expressed may be shared by many others, the author should pursue more appropriate vehicles of expression-there are plenty of them out there. He should not exploit his position in this organization by using it as a bully pulpit."

"Even my wife...objected to the tone and blatantly biased hostility of the piece."

"[I] question whether you should publish the article."

"...it may well be offensive to a number of other members of the society and does not appear to take an apolitical position if the SAR is to remain as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization"

"...submitting an article of four and a half pages, as the President's Challenge appears to be, is out of order since it is not submitting timely and pertinent information respecting the affairs of the Florida Society to the membership. In fact, the length of the article is denying the membership from obtaining information of the affairs of the Society since the President's article takes over one fourth of the PATRIOT magazine"

"Although this is not the first instance of a president attempting to use FLSSAR as a means of distributing his personal political position it is still not appropriate. Attempting to do so will, in no way, effect our 501 (c) 3 status, in my opinion, but it is an affront to every member of the organization."

"I could go on and on but that is the problem with Challenge II: It is too long, verbose, and badly written. Will there be a "Challenge III and IV"? Installments would leak into the next administration... Instead of being alarming it is boring. Instead of a "call to arms," a "Challenge", it is, well...boring."

"President Hollien would be better advised to concentrate his efforts privately in that arena - and not risk alienating members."

"Your work in producing an extremely fine "Patriot" is to be commended."

"the editor [is] doing his usual good job. There is no debate about who has control of the content and publication of the "Patriot". Our bylaws are very specific. The editor is in charge!"

"If that harangue were to be published I would immediately resign from the SAR."

"As editor of the Patriot, you are charged with making decisions affecting the content of the magazine. Until that authorization/responsibility is properly rescinded by the FLSSAR Board of Management, you are allowed (and obligated) to continue exercising your own good judgment regarding content and format."

"The Editor must have final say. The magazine should provide space for committee reports and news from FLSSAR and chapters. The material in the President's submission is very political and biased, and does not deserve a place in The Patriot."

“Who wrote this, Goebels?”

“It is important to me to not have that article published under the auspices of the Society. If he wants to publish it somewhere else, that's fine--the Constitution protects that. But the Society has the right to not have words forced upon it that have nothing to do with the purposes for which it was founded.”

One of the members forwarded the following, published in 1945, which he has kept in his files since returning from WWII to remind himself of the idiocy of fascism's notions of racial and cultural “purity:”

FRITTO MISTO

*'The Italian race has remained pure
for the last 2000 years.'*

—La Difesa della Razza, *Rome*

When Alaric mopped up in Rome
With his totalitarians,
Italian dames were not at home
To visiting barbarians,
Disdaining to supply the Goth
With Teuton offspring hardy,
As later they withheld their troth
From lovesick Longobardi.

Their way was equally abrupt
With overlords Byzantine,
Lest Roman blood they might corrupt
With influence Levantine
These steadfast virgins spurned like dirt
The decadent Hellenic
And never would so much as flirt
With Emirs Saracenic.

Invaders of two thousand years,
Not always of the purest,
Left fewer racial souvenirs
Than any summer Tourist.
The mothers of the Coming Race
Abhorred miscegenation
And substituted in its place
Parthenogeneration.

Sagittarius (Olga Katzin)
Quiver's Choice, 1945"

Annex B (Editor's Report)

The following is the unedited text of the so-called "Challenge II" as it was presented for publication on November 3, 2005, two days before the deadline

CHALLENGE II: CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SURVIVAL

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We all know that SAR is *NOT* a political outfit. It is a patriotic, historical and educational Society. Note especially the words “patriotic” and “educational.” However, we also should realize that we are fully within our mandate and missions to work to defend our great country and teach other Americans how to do so. And, if by doing so, we help

preserve our Society, it is all to the good. As a matter of fact, the survival of our great society -- and our good works -- should be a primary goal of ours.

THE THREAT

As I stressed in my first "Challenge" article (see the Summer issue of this journal), one of the top threats to our Society -- and, indeed, to America itself -- is our rapidly shifting culture. While this great "blob" (remember that old movie?) which is descending on us has many facets, its core is formed by multiculturalism [SIC]. "This threat is pretty vague," you say, "I don't see it as a real problem." Well, if that's the way you see it, you are wrong. This crisis is real; it is here right now. Moreover, as well as having many dimensions, it has many causes which are complex and can be difficult to understand. Certainly, to review them all would take many essays such as this one. Worse yet, it is much too great a challenge for any one of us to try to fight them all. Nevertheless, there is one major element (or source) about which we all should be able to agree no matter how we feel about some of multiculturalism's [SIC] other parts. It involves a reform that will both aid in maintaining much of what is worthy in these United States and also a reform which will assist the SAR in surviving as an entity.

A SPECIFIC

What is this "force" that needs to be reformed? It is one of the most powerful engines which drives the rise of multiculturalism. Specifically, it is runaway immigration. Not concerned? Let's take a look at this problem.

THE CASE AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

First off, let's look at illegal immigration and how it operates to drive multiculturalism [SIC]. For perspective, you might do well to read Victor Hansen's "Mexifornia". In it, he shows just how immigration -- both legal and *especially* illegal -- has a profound effect on the growth of multiculturalism [SIC]. He describes how it is systematically destroying California. With inroads in Arizona, New Mexico and even Florida, uncontrolled immigration appears to be marching both up and across our nation. He demonstrated that, if not stopped, it alone could rob us of our Culture and, with it, the American Dream. As a primary root of multiculturalism [SIC], it is even more destructive.

Still not worried? Listen to Americans for Immigration Control which is one of the societies that document this threat. It does so by describing the effect/nature of the wide open Mexican border *plus* the many other serious "leaks" that exist in our own ports and with Canada.

For example, they point out that, in the year 2000, census-takers counted over 8.7 million illegal aliens living in our country -- and how many are here today? Eleven million, 12 million (one outfit claims that there are 20 million illegals in the U.S.)? Worse yet, as U.S. Border Control tells us, if the amnesty planned by the White House and Congress

occurs (it is shamefully called "the Secure American and Orderly Immigration Act"), each of those millions of criminals will be rewarded for breaking our laws both by being given U.S. citizenship and also by being allowed to bring in endless members of their families (i.e., under the Family Reunification Laws). Amnesty proponents argue that even

though illegal, these "undocumented workers" contribute to our Society. This claim is patently false! Actually, in the year 2004 (alone), they cost us (the taxpayers) over *\$68 billion* for "services", *\$7 billion* for welfare*, \$28 billion* for bilingual and other education programs and over *\$133 billion* in job losses (see also G. Borjas). And, just wait until Social Security collapses, as it will if the proposed law extending it to Mexicans is passed (i.e. the so-called "Totalization Treaty")!!

This threat goes on and on. 1) From Terrorists arriving as illegal aliens in order to develop cells dedicated to the destruction of our homeland to that great mass of individuals just as dedicated to the destruction of our language (the Department of Justice alone spent \$27 million last year helping to set up U.S. election ballots, U.S. drivers' licenses, etc. in foreign languages); 2) from the EEOC actually suing companies for requiring "the use of English in the workplace" (M.E. Mujica, U.S. English) to the many business firms that give the illegal aliens jobs (also illegally) thereby taking them away from our unemployed (which still is over 5%); 3) from the 34% of all auto thefts committed by illegals [SIC] to the over 400,000 of them who draw Social Security "without having worked one day in America" (AFIC). And so, on and on and on! Pretty grim, what? You betcha! [SIC]

And how do all these illegal aliens add to -- and even accelerate -- the devastating cultural changes that are occurring? They do so in many ways. An example: many of them are blatantly using us, while openly hostile to our way of life. What appears to be a majority of them refuse to assimilate (unlike virtually all of our past immigrants). Moreover, the "politically correct" crowd exploits them in an effort to destroy our culture. Indeed, they are now trying

to make it a crime for Americans to combat this horde of invaders by even criticizing them.

In his a brilliant article on "Nine Ways to Destroy America," former Governor Richard Lamm (Colorado) puts it all together. He stresses that all one has to do to destroy the U.S. is to use these millions of illegal aliens (along with other forces, of course) to "turn American into a multilingual and multicultural society." In turn, he cites Lipset in pointing out that such "celebrations of diversity" have almost universally led to conditions of "turmoil, tension and tragedy" and done so in *any* country where they have been allowed to exist. Look at the grim problems which exist in Yugoslavia; those in the "two" Canada's, those found in India and Pakistan (even though they are now separate countries), those in Malaysia, in Lebanon – even in Belgium.

Gov. Lamm further argues that one of the best ways to destroy our Culture – and along with it, the most unique country that has existed in all of human history – is to force diversity on our population. By this, he does not mean that we should not learn to understand and appreciate other cultures but rather to actually diversify ours. To do so, all that needs to be done is to establish that "all cultures are equal," then have the big corporations invest large amounts of money in supporting ethnic identity (especially for the illegals [SIC]) and establishing the cult of "victimology" [SIC] (by ensuring that all minorities understand that their lack of success is due to the nastiness of the majority for, after all, "America is evil"). It will be necessary, further, to prevent appropriate discussion and debate by making it taboo or illegal to talk or write anything detrimental about the cult of diversity, illegal aliens, or any minority, to prevent immigration laws from being enforced and so on. Does all this sound familiar to you? That is what is happening in America today. If you don't think so, just spend a few days at any one of our universities.

A RESPONSE

Is it really possible that we are going to let this great "blob" of multiculturalism sweep over us and destroy our great country – and with it, the SAR – and do so without any response at all? Can we really buy into those slogans found in Orwell's "1984" – ones like: "freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength"? Not me -- that is, if I can help it. How about you? But, as I've said, we cannot at once reform all of the many things that have gone wrong. However, along with the many Americans who are beginning to realize the magnitude of these threats and are trying to do something about them, we can first help by joining one or more of the many "grass roots" organizations which are countering this threat, ones that are springing up all over the U.S. We can support them, add to their leadership and, by doing so, help resist the advance of the "blob" -- we can enhance the status and continuance of our Society as well. If each of us does a little and we all work together, the total output there should be productive. But, what can we do specifically?

REFORM

As I suggested above, we should first make our position about multiculturalism [SIC] known (well-known) and aid in the grass roots efforts against it. We then can focus our efforts on a single but important primary cause -- that of countering illegal immigration and reforming its out-of-control elements. Note, however, that we should not be seen as "going back" to the "old, tired ways". Rather, we should make it clear that our goals actually are to reform and upgrade multiculturalism and multilingualism in such a way that they become consistent with *our* basic Culture rather than compete against it.

Our efforts to help eliminate illegal immigration can be a powerful weapon in this cultural battle -- and, they should be popular also. But how do we accomplish these worthy objectives? Happily, we already have a number of programs in place which provide immediate vehicles for stressing that "new" culture based on the "unum" in "e-pluribus unum".

Our five youth programs, our History Fairs, the Education program, our Speakers' Bureau and especially our new Public Relations thrust all exist right now. They can become an immediate platform for what we are trying to do. That is, we can use them to take a stand for reformation.

This approach should be based on the tenants articulated by our Founding Fathers; we should unabashedly work to reduce diversity by replacing it with a single language and American Culture as it should continue to exist. These overall goals can be specifically furthered by our efforts to reform the status of illegal immigration.

The nine committees named above can immediately initiate both useful shifts in their overall philosophy and practical thrusts which can serve to support our efforts. For example, the next topic for the relevant youth programs could be "How Illegal Immigration is Degrading American Society". Secondly, a number of Compatriots could volunteer for the FLSSAR Speakers' Bureau and provide speeches with the same type of message. Yet another example -- once our "Keyhole to History" spots are up and running, we could develop

another set entitled something like "Highlights of American Culture". There are many things that we can do with only small changes in the programs we presently are conducting.

It is time to end this section of my challenge to you. So, what are your ideas? Are we really ready to take a stand for* our Society, for our "way of life", for our Country? Will we help by developing a cohesive program to reform the present chaos in the country's immigration policies? Is illegal immigration an effective focus? If you agree, let us try to develop some innovative programs which will supplement those suggested above.

Thank you for your kind attention.
Harry Hollien, PhD
President

Annex C (Editor's Report)

FLSSAR bylaws - Section 13. Editor

It shall be the duty of the Editor to prepare, to publish quarterly unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Management, and to distribute to all members of the FLSSAR, THE FLORIDA PATRIOT magazine, in such manner and style as to accomplish the following objectives:

- a. to inform the members about recent happenings and present or planned activities and programs of the FLSSAR and NSSAR, of the Chapters, and of the members;
- b. to disseminate official information, such as minutes of meetings, notices and agenda for future meetings, financial and other reports, proposed bylaw amendments, announcements, and the like;
- c. to provide a vehicle for the officers of the FLSSAR to share and exchange views and information with the membership,

The Editor shall determine the format and content of the magazine, and shall arrange for its printing and distribution; provided, however that articles submitted by officers of the FLSSAR shall be published without change; and **provided further that every article shall conform to the objects, charter, bylaws, and policies of the FLSSAR and to the rules and limitations enacted by the Board of Management.**

The Editor shall have the power and duty to act as agent of the FLSSAR to execute and administer contracts with firms or individuals acting as independent contractors to provide services and materials for the preparation, printing, and delivery to the mails of the magazine, subject to the limitation that the aggregate amount of such contracts shall not exceed the funding authorized to the magazine by the current approved budget.

NSSAR Newsletters and Periodicals Handbook

As the chapter's editor, your primary responsibility is to keep the newsletter **interesting and informative**. Your membership **MUST** look forward to receiving your publication. It must enjoy reading your publication and it must feel satisfied after having done so.

Possible topics for inclusion in your publication are itemized below:

Previous meeting.
Invitation to forthcoming events.
Calendar of events.
Chapter elections.
Committee activities
Public expressions of appreciation.
Welcome new members.

National SAR news.
State SAR news, meetings, officers.
DAR and CAR news.
Editorials
President's report.
Genealogical questions.
Interesting genealogical facts.
Transferring members.
Recruiting drives.
Annual Budget.
Application requirements.
Informative articles on other Societies.
Compatriots in the news.
Letters to the chapter.
Presentation of awards.
Chapter history (for older chapters) (25 years ago or 50 years ago).
Revolutionary War historical information.
Birthdays.
Deaths, Necrology, In Memoriam, Last Call
High school medals presented.
Patriot's biographies.
Special days and holidays.
American flag days and history.
Anniversaries of events and battles

Bold denotes subjects regularly visited in The Patriot.

Italics denote articles in preparation

Statutory Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report

Audit

Chairman: Sam W. Boone

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Executive

Chairman: Harry Hollien

This report will be given orally.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Finance

Chairman: James R. Holyfield

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Medals and Awards

Chairman: Gerald E. Meeks

There were no requests for state level awards during this reporting period.

Gerald E. Meeks, Chairman

NOTE: There has been difficulty with my email address during the past quarter. My office email is gerrym@gdw.net as listed. I will have an additional email address after January 9, 2006. My URL will be gerrym44@bellsouth.net. Thanks for your patience, I hope this works better for everyone. Many Thanks—Gerry

FLSSAR Committee Report Nominating

Chairman: Dick Fowler

After a considerable amount of activity in searching out candidates for FLSSAR Officers, the FLSSAR Nominating Committee has voted for the following Nominations for FLSSAR Officers for the 2006-2007 year:

President, Lindsey Brock (Jacksonville)
Sr. Vice President, Grant Wallin, Jr. (Clearwater)
Secretary, Kevin Yarnell (Tampa)
Treasurer, James Holyfield (Palm Beach)
Registrar, William Stevenson (Treasure Coast)
Regional VP NW, Edward Young (Pensacola)
Regional VP NC, Ronald Toops (Lake-Sumter)
Regional VP NE, Tom Beauchamp (Flagler)
Regional VP EC, Ben DuBose (Brevard)
Regional VP WC, Nelson Jantzen (Clearwater)
Regional VP SE, Gerald Meeks (Palm Beach)
Regional VP SW, Donald Cahill (Naples)
Chancellor, Carl Hoffmann (Saramana)
Chaplain, Charles Shafer (Clearwater)
Recording Secretary, Joseph Motes (Ft. Lauderdale)
Genealogist, Alvie Davidson (Lakeland)
Sergeant-At-Arms, Lonnie Jones (Pensacola)
Mbr. Exec. Comm. At Large, John Cahoon, Jr. (Emerald Coast)
Historian, John Little (Central Florida)
Parliamentarian, To be appointed by the incoming President
"Florida Patriot" Editor, Richard Fowler (St. Lucie River)
National Trustee, Harry Hollien (Gainesville)
National Trustee (Alternate), Harold Miller (Saramana)

Richard Q. Fowler, Chairman, FLSSAR Nominating Committee
St. Lucie River Chapter

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriot Medal

Chairman: John Cahoon

This report was not available at the time of printing.

Standing Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Archives

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

At the request of the executive committee and the BOM I've begun the process of collecting birthdates for current members. This information is also helpful for former members as it allows the user to determine the age of the member at the times of their membership.

I continue to add members and information from historical papers in the files. This process slowed during this period will the annual report taking top priority but we expect to make more progress in the coming months.

FLSSAR Committee Report Chapter Challenge

Chairman: Norman C. Crews

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Charter & By Laws

Chairman: Lindsey Brock
29 December 2005

Committee Members: Lauren Bradley, Vice Chairman, Clearwater Chapter, John Cahoon, Emerald Coast Chapter, Dr. Robert Danneman, Ocala Chapter, Albert Snapp, Lakeland Chapter and John Tinny, St. Augustine Chapter.

The first two bylaws amendments were submitted by Sam Boone of the Gainesville Chapter and both propose to add a new Section to Article III Officers and Article V Committees.

Article III Officers – proposes to add the following new section:

Section 7 Tenure

“The president and senior vice president are each elected for one-year terms and may not be again elected to either of these offices until a period of two years has elapsed. All other officers, except the secretary and treasurer, shall hold office for no more than three consecutive one-year terms. The secretary and treasurer may be elected for up to five one-year terms.”

Article V Committees – proposes to add the following new section:

Section 7 Tenure of Chairmen

“Since the chairmen of all committees (statutory, standing and ad hoc) are appointed by the president, the term-of-office of all committee chairmen will be co-terminal with that of the president who appointed them. The chairman of all committees can be re-appointed by the succeeding president; provided, however, no compatriot shall serve as chairman of any given committee for more than three consecutive one-year terms.”

Recommendation by the Charter and Bylaws Committee: The committee recommends that the BOM not adopt the addition of Section 7 Tenure and likewise the committee recommends that the BOM not adopt the addition of Section 7 Tenure of Chairmen.

The second proposed bylaws amendment was submitted by Jack Coleman of Jacksonville Chapter and he proposes that our BOM meetings be changed from four meetings a year to three.

Article II The Board of Management, Section 3 Meetings.

Section 3 Meetings of FLSSAR's Bylaws are currently as follows:

"The Board of Management shall hold at least four regular meetings each year, as follows:

- a. a meeting in either June, July, or August, to be known as the Summer Meeting;
- b. a meeting in September or October, to be known as the Fall Meeting;
- c. a meeting in either January or February, to be known as the Winter Meeting; and
- d. a meeting on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting."

Recommendation by the Charter and Bylaws Committee: The committee recommends that the BOM not adopt the proposal to reduce our BOM meeting from four to three.

The third proposed bylaws amendment was submitted by President Harry Hollien of the Gainesville Chapter. This proposed would add a **Section 7 to Article III** Officers of FLSSAR's Bylaws.

President Hollien's proposed amendment states:

"That the following officers shall be required to arrange for the appointment of an Assistant. The appointment process would involve nomination of the Assistant by either the Officer or the BOM, with the approval of the other. The role of the Assistant would be to assist and understudy the Officer in his duties for the purpose of improved efficiency and continuity of office. The Officers included in this group are:"

1. Secretary, 2. Treasurer, 3. Registrar, 4. Chancellor, 5. Chaplain, 6. Genealogist, 7. Historian, 8. Sergeant-at-Arms, 9. Editor.

Recommendation by the Charter and Bylaws Committee: The committee recommends that the BOM not adopt the proposal to appoint an Assistant to the nine (9) Officers included in this proposed amendment.

FLSSAR Committee Report CAR Liaison

Chairman: Richard E. Friberg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Credentials

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

The credentials committee has no responsibilities to discharge at this time of the year.

FLSSAR Committee Report DAR Liaison

Chairman: George Lockhart

In preparation for the DAR State Conference in March 2006 the chairman ordered from National and has received brochures and SAR application worksheets for handout at the SAR table.

If anyone is interested in assisting in manning the table at the DAR conference please let the chairman know.

Respectfully submitted:
George A. Lockhart

FLSSAR Committee Report Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee

Chairman: David H. Ramseur

The Eagle Scout Committee is currently reviewing nine Eagle Scout Scholarship Applications for our Calendar Year 2005 Awards. From these nine applications from nine chapter winners, three will be chosen to receive SAR scholarship awards amounting to \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. In addition to these awards the Ladies Auxiliary also award these outstanding scouts with additional award money. The first place winner and his parents will be recognized and awarded at our Spring BOM.

FLSSAR Committee Report Education Committee

Chairman: Harry Hollien

Members: Phillip Ballou, Sam W. Boone, Jr., Lauren Bradley, Frank Hodalski, Harry Hollien (Chair), Robert Leibler, Gerald Meeks, David Ramseur, Ronald Toops (Vice Chair)

We will continue to structure this report in two parts.

A. American Heritage (Hollien)

Efforts are still underway to identify a committee member who will lead our Home School CD distribution program. Second, we now have but few (CD) units available and will either attempt to procure a supply from NSSAR or seek funding in order to burn our own copies (NSSAR has indicated that it would provide us with the labels). We have been approached recently by one of our consultants (Jack Boove). He is interested in placing a copy of the CD in the hands of each History teacher in the county he supervises. Also, a county in our SE district also has shown interest.

B. Legislative (Toops)

Recently, I met with the Senior Legislative Assistant to Florida State Senator, Cary Baker, and shared with her information received from the Social Studies Supervisors' meeting held earlier in the year. I communicated that it was my opinion that most of the Social Studies teachers in Florida have a good understanding of what should be taught in that area—which, as you know, includes American History and American Government. However, it also is apparent that a serious problem within the state is that some school administrators, some DOE personnel and some legislators do not support putting any emphasis at all on the teaching of Social Studies. These same individuals certainly do not want to measure the performance of our students, nor do they want their particular school's performance measured for those subjects which are within the realm of the Social Studies. It is also evident that it is difficult for a teacher to object strongly to these adversarial efforts as his/her performance reviews, pay and job depends on those same individuals.

In this regard, I suggested that one approach would be to interview, anonymously, teachers and social studies personnel to determine the truth. The Senior Legislative Assistant stated that she would share our conversation with Senator Baker. It was her thought, however, that Senator Baker would have to request that a committee be formed within the Florida Senate, one that would be chartered to evaluate the issues associated with the teaching and measuring performance of Social Studies to our Florida students.

At this time, it is my belief that the Education Committee should regroup and define a state-wide strategy for assisting our legislators and Social Studies teachers with this problem.

FLSSAR Committee Report Electronic Technology Committee

Chairman: Dick Fowler

We felt a terrible loss on our committee with the passing of Compatriot Al Snapp. He was one of the most dedicated people I have ever known and also one of the most pleasant. He has contributed mightily at every level. Everyone in the Florida Society mourns his loss and rejoices in the marvelous examples he set.

Al's son, John, of the Lakeland Chapter has kindly consented to carry on his father's duties as FLATALK administrator and has accepted an appointment to the FLSSAR Electronic Technology Committee.

We have had a very active three months on our website and visitors per day has continued to increase.

Recently, we set all time daily number of visitors as many, many people visited the new Arlington Wreath web page. We have had one interesting link to our FLSSAR "Iran Attack" web page, and one Navy web page said of our Iran Attack page, "It looks credible to me and the various facts line up well with the reported history. Your correspondent may disagree, but I'd call it superior to Wikipedia."

Newsletters continue to be our most productive source of visitors. We continue to add them on an increasing basis.

While there has been some activity on our photo gallery page, more chapters should take advantage of sharing their activities by way of their pictures. All chapters are encouraged to submit pictures (in electronic format) to the webmaster. We can accommodate any pictures you are willing to share. Unfortunately, time and scanner problems prohibit adding pictures that are not in electronic format.

We continuously update officer listings on each chapter page, and we ask that you review your chapter's web page to see if any corrections are needed. Usually these changes are made in a very short time.

Our website has been the source of a lot of information that makes it easier to communicate with each other.

Any suggestions for improvement will be received with open arms.

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

FLSSAR Committee Report Genealogy

Chairman: Alvie L. Davidson

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest

Chairman: Kevin Yarnell

The current contest is, as best we can tell, moving along fine. The essays from the local chapters are due to the chairman in mid February and we will know the amount of participation at that time.

With regard to the future, as reported at the Fall BOM:

"In exploring new ways to organize and promote the contest the committee is examining the possibility of running the contest solely at the state level. There are many advantages to such an arrangement. We are wondering if the local chapters would view this idea as relief of a yearly burden, removal of a valuable local program, or in some other, intermediate, manner. The committee would be grateful for your input. Please email any comments you might have to kayarnell@hotmail.com. If such a change is to be made, it would be presented for approval at the spring 2006 BOM."

The response we've received has been very limited and no one has offered any serious objections to the proposal. We continue to seek your advice in the matter.

FLSSAR Committee Report Good Citizenship

Chairman: Douglas H. North

The first of the Year 2006 and time to start the info going to the schools in regard to the Good Citizenship Certificates. We have plenty of them, just waiting for you, the Local Chapter to ask for your supply. Co-chairman Richard Fowler will be present at the BOM with a supply. Just ask and ye shall receive!!!!

Happy New Years to all!!!

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Douglas H. North Good Citizenship Chairman.

FLSSAR Committee Report History Fairs

Chairman: Frank X. Hodalski

03 January 2006

The 2006 History Fair season opened in November with the Manatee County History Fair. More than 750 projects were submitted by more than 1100 students. More than 20 FLSSAR members from Saramana Chapter judged individual and group project boards, and their color guard presented the colors at the awards ceremony, which was attended by several hundred students and their parents and teachers. PG Carl Hoffman presented the SAR project awards to three winners. The event presented the opportunity to partner with ladies of the DAR and Colonial Dames XVII Century in the judging. Next events for the Saramana Chapter will likely be the Sarasota Middle School History Fair in late January, and the Sarasota County History Fair at a later date.

The history fair committee would appreciate hearing from chapters participating in school or county fairs, so that we can report this activity to the NSSAR Patriotic Education Committee. The national society is enthusiastic about the opportunities for personal contact with schools and educators provided by participation in National History Day activity. Just jump in and have a good time.

The Florida Society will continue to sponsor the Colonial American Heritage award at the 2006 Florida History Fair held on the FSU campus later this year.

FLSSAR Committee Report Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Chairman: Ted Duay

The Rumbaugh Oration Contest was held on Friday, January 6, 2006. Both the Naples and Saramana Chapters provided contestants for the event. The following compatriots graciously volunteered their time in the administration of the contest:

Judges - Sam Boone, Jim Lohmeyer, & Joe Motes

Timer - Saul Montes-Bradley

Doorkeeper - John Cahoon

The help of everyone who contributed to the Rumbaugh is appreciated.

FLSSAR Committee Report Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

Chairman: Harry Hollien

The undersigned met with the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary on two occasions. The first was to discuss and review modification of their support program for the women veterans being rehabilitated at Vetspace. A small element in this program was diverted to Hurricane victims. The second concerned coordinating (with FLSSAR) the sending of gift boxes to servicemen and servicewomen fighting overseas. Finally, the Ladies' Auxiliary reports that they are funding one of the chairs to be placed at National Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Hollien, PhD

FLSSAR Committee Report Liberty Tree

Chairman: Gene Brown

There are no new Liberty Tree projects to report at this time.

FLSSAR Committee Report Meeting Arrangements - BOM

Chairman:

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Membership Promotion & Retention

Chairman: Lindsey Brock
29 December 2005

Committee Members: Vice Presidents: Tom Beauchamp, NE Region, Fred Gaines EC Region, Nelson Jantzen, WC Region, Basil Lancaster, SW Region, Gerald Meeks, SE Region, Ron Toops, NC Region, Ed Young, NW Region, and William Piper of the Lake-Sumter Chapter.

Since our October 2005 BOM meeting we have received many notifications of NSSAR members relocating to the State of Florida. The names of those members have been sent to the individual FLSSAR chapters and the respective chapters are actively endeavoring to contact each new prospective member.

If you should need to check on a pending application with National please visit NSSAR's web site and click on For Members and then click on Application Status and lastly click on the Florida Society (Florida Flag) and a list of Current Application Status for the Florida Society will be listed alphabetically.

In December 2005 the Jacksonville Chapter instituted a new membership category, which was proposed by Patriot Jack Coleman. The new membership category is, Associate Member, and we already have three new members and two more will likely be added in January 2006. Associate Members will not be permitted to wear NSSAR insignia or hold any officer position nor can they be chairman of any committee. However, they may be members of committees at the chapter level and pay only local chapter dues. One of the new Associate Members has already initiated the application process to become a member of NSSAR. We anticipate that this new category of membership will aid the chapter in accomplishing the goals and objectives of our chapter and thereby redound to the benefit of FLSSAR and NSSAR. If any of our FLSSAR chapters would like more detailed information relative to this category of membership, please contact our President, George A. Lockhart at: 5018 Rivebrook Court, Jacksonville, FL 32277-1041, email: georgelockhart@comcast.net and phone: 904-744-2357.

FLSSAR Committee Report National Officer Development

Chairman: Carl K. Hoffmann

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report NSSAR Library

Chairman: Terence M. Walton

NSSAR Executive Director James Randall reports that FLSSAR currently (12/05) has 54 Friends of the Library (FOL) members, giving FLSSAR more members than other state society. However, most of these are from the Miami Chapter, and much work remains to be done to broaden our representation statewide. A recommendation has been made to include NSSAR Library FOL flyers as an insert in a mailing of the Patriot. Other recommendations include that the membership year be converted to a calendar year from the current rolling expiration method. Comp. Randall has said he will refer the latter recommendation to the pertinent individuals concerned.

Exec. Dir. Randall also reports that FLSSAR members have contributed over \$35,000 thus far to the CAAH capital building fund for the new Center for Advancing America's Heritage, most of which will house the NSSAR Library. With matching fund grants CAAH is getting closer to becoming a reality.

Respectfully submitted: FLSSAR/NSSAR Library
Committee, 1-2-06.

FLSSAR Special Committee Report Newsletters and Periodicals

Chairman Edward N. "Bud" Casey
Dec. 31, 2005

PARTICIPATION:

Meeting Attendance	No meeting.
Correspondence	Individual correspondence with each committee member concerning the administration failures mentioned below.

Telephone	Bud Casey's telephone number is (772) 460-2754 E-Mail: budcasey1@aol.com
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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Due to administration failure beyond the control of this committee, the Florida Society's newsletters for 2005 were not judged at the Fall Board of Management meeting as requested by this committee and which has been the procedure followed for the past several years. Further, since the location of those 2005 newsletters was unknown to this committee at the time, and still is unknown, and because of administration failure also beyond the control of this committee, they were not forwarded on to the national newsletter chairman to meet his deadline of December 15, 2005, for consideration for the National Society's Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award. That also has been the procedure followed for the past several years.

The Florida Society's Newsletters and Periodicals Committee sincerely regrets that it was unable to perform its functions for the year 2005 and offers its apologies to those newsletter editors who have worked so hard during the year producing their publications. It is recommended that Florida chapters continue to mail copies of their publications to this committee. We hope next year will be better!

FLSSAR Committee Report Patriotic Activities

Chairman: Dick Cardell

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Public Safety and Heroism

Chairman: Daniel T. Shepherd

Date: 28 December 2005

Committee Members: Compatriots: Lindsey C. Brock – Vice Chairman, Jacksonville Chapter; Norman L. Antle, St. Augustine Chapter; Jim R. Armitage, Devane Chapter; Cyril P. Gamber, Tampa Chapter; Robert H. Moody, Lake Sumter Chapter; Edward O. Payne III, Palm Beach Chapter.

Central Florida Chapter

12 November 2005 the Central Florida Chapter presented the following medals and certificates at their 12 November 2005 chapter meeting:

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate

Jeffrey Marcum, Officer Winter Park Police Department, Winter Park, FL

Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal and Certificate

Troy Haskett, Lieutenant Osceola County Fire- Rescue, Osceola Co., FL

No media coverage for these 12 November 2005 presentations.

13 December 2005 the Central Florida Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the 13 December 2005 Kissimmee City Council meeting:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Gary Simpson, Fire Fighter Kissimmee Fire Department, Kissimmee, FL

There was media coverage for this 13 December 2005 presentation (filmed by television channels 9, Kissimmee Access, and Fox 35).

St. Lucie River Chapter

16 November 2005 the St. Lucie River Chapter presented the following medal and certificate at the St. Lucie County Fire District Headquarters:

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate

Rick Hamner, Fire Inspector/ Investigator St. Lucie County Fire District, Fort Pierce, FL

No media coverage for this 16 November 2005 presentation.

FLSSAR Committee Report Publicity

Chairman: Robert A. Raup

The Earl Marlin Publicity Contest is an annual contest running from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Publicity information and points for year 2005 should be submitted to Chairman, Publicity Committee, FLSSAR by January 31, 2006. Monetary and ribbon awards to winners are made at the FLSSAR Annual Meeting.

As of December 28, 2005, reports (mostly partial) have been received from only four chapters. All chapters are requested to make note of this report and submit Earl Marlin Publicity Contest Reports and Points immediately to the Chairman Publicity Committee.

Earl Marlin Contest Points are also reported for the Chapter Challenge Contest. Points should first be reported to the Publicity Committee and after its review and approval Points are then submitted by Chapters as part of their Chapter Challenge Report.

Robert A. Raup
Chairman, Publicity Committee, FLSSAR

FLSSAR Committee Report ROTC

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Lonnie G. Jones, Co-Chair
Lindsey C. Brock, Member
John D. Tinny, Member
Charles S. "Lani" Wingate, Member
Robert Copeland, Advisor

A "midyear" reminder card was mailed out to the reported Chapter ROTC Chairmen again providing the financial award information as an incentive for Cadets to participate in the essay portion; and, a reminder of the deadline date for submission to reach the FLSSAR Committee by April 1, 2006.

FLSSAR JROTC Program packets similar to the ones mailed to Chapter Presidents in July were mailed to the two DOD-Sponsored High School JROTC Units: Antilles Military Academy, Puerto Rico; and Alexander M. Patch American High School, Stuttgart, Germany.

FLSSAR Committee Report Veterans Affairs

Chairman:

This report was not available at the time of printing.

Ad hoc Committees

FLSSAR Committee Report Advancing America's Heritage

Chairman: Lindsey Brock
29 December 2005

Committee Members: Vice Presidents: Tom Beauchamp, NE Region, Fred Gaines EC Region, Nelson Jantzen, WC Region, Basil Lancaster, SW Region, Gerald Meeks, SE Region, Ron Toops, NC Region and Ed Young, NW Region.

There is still time to meet the challenge of the anonymous donor who pledged a matching grant of up to \$18,000 for donations to the "Center for Advancing America's Heritage". Every dollar amount you donate before the end of February 2006 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$18,000. This is a great opportunity to make your donation double in value. If 360 members of NSSAR gave only \$50.00 each the total donation would be \$36,000. If you decide to make a donation, please remember to indicate the following on your check: \$18,000 Matching Grant. Your check should be addressed to:

The Executive Director
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

The members of this committee continue to collectively and individually promote the many NSSAR and FLSSAR programs and activities within each chapter that will continue our tradition of Advancing America's Heritage.

FLSSAR Committee Report Blue Star Salute: Partners in Patriotism

Chairman: Dick Cardell

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report BOM Program

Chairman:

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Commemorative Historic Sites

Chairman: Fred F. Gaines, Jr.

John Little, member.

We have added three new members to committee: Ben Dubosoe, George Darby and Lindsey Brock.

At this time we are planning a celebration for the last naval battle of the revolution that was off the coast of Florida

FLSSAR Committee Report Honors Council

Chairman: Harry Hollien

Committee members: John Cahoon (vice chair), Philip Carr, Gordon Greenwood, Carl Hoffman,
Harry Hollien (chair), Gerald Meeks.

Five nominations have been received to date. They are being reviewed by the committee and those recommended will be presented to this BOM for a confirmation vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Hollien, Chair

FLSSAR Committee Report *Patriot Oversight*

Chairman: George Lockhart

The Patriot Oversight Committee has nothing to report

FLSSAR Committee Report Planning Board

Chairman:

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report Procedures Manual

Chairman: Dick Fowler

We have many visitors to the Procedures Manual web pages, and the PM pages have proven to be an invaluable addition to our website. Some work needs to be done to correct some minor problems.

One problem that was recently brought to mind was that there does not seem to be any information in the Procedures Manual to cover Liberty Tree dedications. We suggest that the Liberty Tree Committee compose some instructions that will help guide chapters that are interested in planting and dedicating Liberty Trees in their area.

We welcome any suggestions for improvement to the Procedures Manual pages.

Dick Fowler, Chairman, Procedures Manual Committee

FLSSAR Committee Report Public Relations

Chairman: Ben DuBose

Ben DuBose, Chairman - Members Harry Hollien, Frank X. Hadalski & Steve Stevenson

Our first attempt at having our 60 second Public Service Announcements recorded did not work out as well as we had hoped. After the holidays there will be a meeting with the Communications Department at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT). Our proposal will be to make this a student project, for which graduate students might be able receive extra credit.

Once again, we are looking for an illustrator to work on our weekly newspaper columns. Please contact me at 321-952-2928 or BrevardSAR@cfl.rr.com.

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Review

Chairman: Sam W. Boone

This report was not available at the time of printing.

Other Reports

FLSSAR Committee Report Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements

Chairman: Fred W. Curtis

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Report Endowment Trust Fund Trustees

Chairman: I. Newell Kellogg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Report

Operating Budget Trust Fund Trustees

Chairman: I. Newell Kellogg

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Committee Report

Trust Fund Development

Chairman: Jack Coleman

This report was not available at the time of printing.

FLSSAR Report

Sons of Liberty Florida Brigade

Commander: Ed Young

January 2, 2006

The period of this report is from 30 October 2005 through 7 January 2006. Four members in colonial uniforms marching as the Florida Brigade, joined with SAR Color Guards from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas at the Presentation of the Colors, grave markings and dedications of Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Civil War soldiers at Lyeffion, Alabama on 5 November 2005. Camps continue to provide colonial color guards at patriotic, veterans, fraternal and civic events. Francis Marion Camp #2 (Ocala) is temporarily inactive. An inquiry was received from Compatriot Paul Young, Past President, Naples Chapter requesting information about forming a new camp. Information was provided. At the Winter BOM in Lakeland, The State Color Guard will parade, present and post the Colors at the 7 January 2006 BOM dinner. Individual Camp activities during this period were as follows: (The term Guardsman means a Color Guard member in colonial uniform.)

a. George Washington Camp #1. (Jacksonville) Dick Cardell, Commander. On 28 October, two camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. No report.

b. Francis Marion Camp #2. (Ocala) Ed Page III, Chapter President. Camp is inactive pending selection of a new Camp Commander. No report.

c. Cape Canaveral Camp #3. (Brevard) Ben DuBose, Commander. On 28 October, two camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On 3 November, Guardsmen Darby, DuBose and Ryan took part in the Memorial Service for Past President Gene Claghorn III. Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Lane and F. Smith, on 7 November, attended the Funeral Service of WOSAR Nola Mahaffey. Guardsman Darby and Ryan attended the Annual Brevard Massing of the Colors on November 11. On 18 November, Guardsmen Darby, Davenport, DuBose and Ryan took part in the Funeral Service for Past Vice President Dave Robinson. Regional Vice President Fred Gaines, P. May, Tom McElroy and R. Murray of the Central Florida Chapter also attended. Guardsmen DuBose, Ryan, F. Smith and Williams, on 10 December, rode in the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade in a convertible provided by Gator Chrysler. Guardsmen Corman, Darby, Davenport, DuBose, Mustin, Ryan, F. Smith and Williams attended the induction ceremony of a new member at the Chapter Christmas Party on 17 December. Also, about 20 packaged gifts for a homeless shelter were collected and delivered by Color Guard Commander Ben DuBose. On 21 December, Guardsmen Darby, DuBose, Ryan and F. Smith along with Lane attended the Funeral Service for Compatriot Ray Mahaffey.

d. Samuel Adams Camp #4. (Clearwater) Nelson Jantzen, Commander. On 28 October, four camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On 11 November, the Chapter Color Guard was in the Seminole parade. The Chapter Color Guard was in the Clearwater Holiday Parade on 9 December and on 12 December was in the Dunedin Christmas Parade.

e. Yorktown Camp #5. (St. Lucie River) Doug North, Commander. On 28 October, two camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On 11 November, two Guardsmen attended The

Port St. Lucie Veteran Program as the Color Guard where 12 sets of colors were present. One Guardsman participated in the church service of the Port St. Lucie First Congregational Church Veterans Day Program on 12 November. Two Guardsmen, on 7 December, attended the Pearl Harbor Day Program at the local Veterans Park.

f. Marquis de Lafayette Camp #6. (Gainesville) Harry Hollien, Commander. On 28 October, one camp member in colonial uniform participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. The Nicanopy Marauders, a Camp Ranger Squad whose members wear ranger uniforms, participated in the Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Kanapaha Veteran's Park in Gainesville. They established and manned a camp, answering questions, and placed an "Honor Guard" at the Revolutionary War Memorial. The Camp Commander and the President, FLSSAR Ladies Auxilliary placed a wreath commemorating the Revolutionary War dead.

g. Nathan Hale Camp #7. (Pensacola) Ed Young, Commander. On 28 October, three camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. Guardsmen Brigade Commander Ed Young, Oscar Bellamy, Lonnie Jones and Mark Kilgore, marching as the Florida Brigade, joined with other SAR State Color Guards to Present the Colors for the grave markings and dedications of veteran's graves at Lyeffion, Alabama on 5 November.

h. Nathanael Greene Camp #8. (Saramana) Gene Bradley, Commander. On 28 October, one camp member in colonial uniform participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. No report.

i. Thomas Paine Camp #9. (Miami) John Thomson, Commander. No report.

j. Daniel Morgan Camp #10. (Central Florida) John Little, Commander. On 28 October, three camp members in colonial uniforms participated with the State Color Guard at the Fall BOM. On 11 November, Guardsmen Commander John Little, Ron Hamilton, Andy Showen, Paul May, Norm Meyers and Bob Murray Presented the Colors for the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Mayflower Retirement Center. Also on 11 November, Guardsmen Little, Hamilton, Meyers, Murray and Fred Gaines Presented the Colors at the Bob Carr Center in Orlando for the Highland Preparatory School Veterans Day Program before 2600 people. Guardsmen Little, Showen, Gaines and Raleigh Worsham marched in the Orlando Veterans Day Parade on 12 November and received over two minutes television exposure.

k. Thomas Jefferson Camp #11. (Withlacoochee) Richard Sumner, Commander. On 11 October, Guardsmen Camp Vice Commander John Pardee, Jack Townsend and Jerome Rawsen attended the Citrus County Genealogy Society meeting and spoke about their uniforms and the purpose and objectives of the SAR. On 5 November, Guardsmen Townsend and Rawsen passed out literature and spoke about the SAR at a recruiting booth at the Crystal River Mall. Camp Commander Richard Sumner, Pardee, Townsend and Rawsen marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Inverness on 11 November. Guardsman Judd Lincoln rode with several other chapter members. Guardsmen Sumner, Pardee, Townsend and Rawsen Presented the Colors at the Chapter meeting on 12 November honoring all veterans at the chapter level. On 13 November, Guardsmen Sumner, Pardee and Rawsen, joined with 18 veteran organizations, attended The Tenth Annual Massing of the Colors at the Crystal River United Methodist Church where Sumner, carrying the Betsey Ross Flag, led the procession. Guardsmen Sumner, Pardee, Townsend and Rawsen marched in the Christmas Parade in Brooksville on 10 December. On 13 December, Guardsmen Sumner, Townsend, Pardee and Rawsen with other chapter members presented gifts valued at over \$1500 to veterans at the Baldamero Lopez Veterans Home in Pasco County.

l. General Thomas Sumter Camp #12. (Lake Sumter) Bill Piper, Commander. On 11 November, Camp Color Guard Commander Piper Presented the Colors at the Veterans Day Memorial at The Villages. Guardsmen Toops and Piper presented a talk about the SAR to veterans at The Villages on 22 November. Guardsman Toops, on 3 December, took part in a Christmas Day program with several DAR members at The Villages.

FLSSAR STATE OFFICER'S REPORT

Registrar

William R. Stevenson

Quarterly Report: End of 3rd Quarter, January 1, 2006

Chapter	Membership Applications							Supplemental Applications						Remarks
	Received	Carry over from last report	Approval NSSAR			Returned to Chapter		Received	Carry over from last report	Approval NSSAR		Returned to Chapter		
			Pending	Received		State	NSSAR			Pending	Received	State	NSSAR	
Brevard		3		3					3	3				
Caloosa								2	5	2	5			
Central Florida		1		1				3	10	7	6			
Charlotte									3	3				
Clearwater		2		2					3	3				
Daytona-Ormond		2		2										
Deland		2		2					1	1				
Devane														
Emerald Coast	1	1		2					2	2				
Flagler	1	1		2					4	4				1 memorial
Ft Lauderdale	1	1		2				4		4				
Gainesville	1	2		3					2	2				
Jacksonville	6	7		9	4			7	2	9				1 junior
Lakeland	4			4					4	4				
Lake/Sumter	1	3		2	2			3	3	5	1			
Miami								1	3	4				
Naples		1		1										
Ocala		2		2					2	2				
Palm Beach	1	7		8					1	1				
Panama City		1		1					5	5				1 youth
Pensacola	8	3		11					4	4				
Saramana	3	4		6	1			1	17	20				1 youth
St Augustine	1	3		4										
St Lucie Rtver	4			4					2	2				
St Petersburg	3	4		7					3	3				
Tallahassee														
Tampa		2		2					1	1				
Treasure Coast		2		2					1	1				
Withlacoochee		2		2				1		1				
At-Large		1		1					1	1				
Totals	31	61		81	11			24	82	94	12			

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**January 1, 2005
to
December 31, 2005**

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Winter Board of Management Meeting

January 6th – 7th, 2006, Lakeland

By George A. Lockhart, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice President, Lindsey Brock at 9:52 PM, Friday, January 6th, 2006. Chaplain Charles Schafer gave the Invocation. Compatriot Brock announced that President Hollien was attending the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. He then proceeded with receiving reports from State Officers. Those reports are found in the Quarterly Reports which are made a part of these minutes, along with additional remarks and reports. Secretary Yarnell encouraged all chapter officers to communicate chapter events to the state promptly; particularly death notices and address changes. Treasurer Jim Holyfield handed out the Treasurer's report. He reported that the state had an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$6,651. He also stated that the state has total assets (cash, certificates of deposit and investments) of \$65,649 and no liabilities. He thanked everyone for getting their dues in on time. The question was asked as to how many paid members there are. Secretary Yarnell replied that as of the meeting there were 1,511. That means that more than 200 compatriots have not renewed their dues thus far. Registrar William Stevenson reported that the state had received 31 membership applications, 61 were carried over from last year, 81 were pending at National and 11 had been received from National. He reported that 24 supplemental applications had been received by the state, 83 carried over from last year, 95 pending at National and 12 had been received from National. In this group there was one memorial application, 1 Junior application and 2 Youth applications. Chancellor Carl Hoffmann reported that there was no litigation pending. He reiterated the potential for donations from Wal-Mart. The Sergeant at Arms, Lonnie Jones reported that the state had received a new streamer for the flag for our participation at the Kings Mountain event. The Editor of the *Florida Patriot*, Saul Montes-Bradley reminded the BOM that the deadline for submission of item for publication was 20 January 2006. John Cahoon, Chairman, Patriot Medal Committee reminded the BOM that nominations for the Patriot Medal need to be made by close of business Saturday, 7 January 2006. It was reported that the Chapter Challenge criteria was being sent to the Regional Vice Presidents for further distribution to the chapters. Lindsey Brock, Chairman of the Charter and By Laws Committee presented the proposed by law changes and recommendations of the committee for consideration, comments or recommendations by the BOM. Voting on the amendments will be done at the annual meeting in Gainesville. Compatriot Brock introduced the members of the committee and then discussed each proposed by law change.

The meeting was turned over to President Hollien who received the report of the nominating committee. Dick Fowler, Chairman of the Nominating committee reported a correction to their report in that the National Trustee and National Trustee (Alternate) are not nominated by the committee but rather are selected by the Board of Management at its annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will be received at the annual meeting. Having finished the report of the nominating committee the Board of Management returned to the report of the Charter and By Laws committee. Carl Hoffmann recommended a vote against the proposed revisions to the tenure limitations on the Secretary and Treasurer. John Cahoon asked if the Board is required to act on the committee report so actions can be taken to present the proposed by law changes to the membership for action at the annual meeting. Jack Coleman moved and Carl Hoffman seconded a motion to accept the recommendations of the Charter & By Laws Committee regarding four by law changes submitted at the Fall BOM. Specifically, the Charter & By Laws Committee has recommended against the adoption of each of the four changes. After discussion, the motion passed. The proposed by law changes and recommendations of the committee and Board of Management will be published in the next edition of the *Florida Patriot*. The Chairman of the CAR Liaison Committee, Richard Friberg in giving his report moved on behalf of the CAR Liaison Committee that the FLSSAR award the C.A.R.-SAR medal to the C.A.R. state president Miss Robyn Carroll for the excellent work she has done this year leading the F.S.C.A.R and that the FLSSAR award the senior state president of the F.S.C.A.R. the Martha Washington medal in appreciation for all the work she has done for the Florida C.A.R. He also moved that the BOM approve a \$1,000 donation to the F.S.C.A.R. to be presented at the state C.A.R. annual meeting in Altamonte Springs during the weekend of March 30th – April

1st. Frank Hodalski advised the BOM that in the past monies donated to the Boy Scouts and C.A.R. came from excess funds in the Endowment Trust Fund, if there were any, and that there was a standing order that we must earmark these funds and there must be funds available and that we know where these funds will come from before we disburse them. President Hollien asked if there were funds budgeted for this item. Answer, no that funds would need to be reprogrammed from the \$6,651 of excess reported by the Treasurer to cover the donation since there are no funds available from the Endowment Trust Fund. Carl Hoffmann moved to table the motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to the C.A.R. Phil Carr seconded the motion. Motion appeared to pass. Jack Coleman requested a hand count on the motion to table. There were 35 in favor and 11 opposed. Motion passed. Then the motion to make the awards was voted on and passed. Ted Duay, Chairman of the Joseph P. Rumbaugh Orations Contest reported that they only had two contestants this year from 29 chapters which was disappointing since the prize money is substantial. Due to the limited participation this year, the Florida Society may want to re-think its continuing participation in this contest and expend the resources in programs of more interest. There seemed to be a general consensus that part of the problem was the demands placed on the students by the school curriculum during the fall and winter school terms. Between school demands and extracurricular activities the potential contestants feel that do not have the time to expend to the Raumbaugh Orations Contest. President Hollien reported on the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. They have raised their awards to \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place. The meeting recessed at 11:00 PM. The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 8:00 AM Saturday morning.

The Winter Board of Management reconvened at 8:00 AM, Saturday, January 7, 2006. President Hollien introduced one of our National Officers, Ed Butler. Compatriot Butler gave a presentation on Developing Outreach Support. Following the presentation President Hollien introduced Dr. Ralph Nelson who gave a slide presentation on the Real Story of the American Revolution, RSAR. He headed up the efforts to establish a web site, www.rsar.org, which provides a public resource for discovering, acquiring, and maintaining liberty. President Hollien asked Bud Bauchspies to move to the head table and act a Parliamentarian in the absence of Sam Boone. President Hollien then presented the report of the Executive Committee. He explained the Honors Council and advised the BOM that they needed to approve the nominees. Frank Hodalski presented two general styles of plaques considered. One was a plaque that could be wall or desktop mounted the other a desktop eagle. John Cahoon asked who authorized the Honors Council. President Hollien stated that the Honors Council was approved by the BOM and a committee was appointed by the President to review nominations. Compatriot Cahoon then asked if the BOM understood at the time they approved the Honors Council that once Compatriot becomes a member of the Council that they can no longer hold an elected office or serve as a committee chairman. President Hollien responded that it was not an attempt to put people out to pasture but rather a way to honor their many years of faithful and dedicated service. Prior to presenting the names for this years class of the Honors Council, Ben DuBose asked if the BOM was going to select the plaque. Some discussion on the plaques followed. Dick Fowler moved that the BOM decide on the appropriate award to be given. The motion was seconded and passed. Dan Shepherd then moved that the plaque with the addition of the frame be selected. Motion seconded by Gerald Meeks. Motion passed with some dissent. President Hollien then presented the nominees for the first class. Each one would have to be voted on separately. The first nominee was Bud Bauchspies. Bud objected of the provision that an Honor Council member could not hold office or chair a committee. He declined the nomination at the Executive Committee because of his objections. There was some discussion about removing those restrictions from the Honors Council rules. Dan Shepherd moved to modify the rules governing the Honors Council that members may be allowed to hold state office or state committee chairmanship after election. Motion was seconded by William Stevenson and passed without dissent. The Honors Council Committee recommended Bud Bauchspies, Jr., George Avant and Howard R. Ford. Each was voted on by the BOM in turn and each was agreed to without dissent. There was a brief discussion regarding a member who was not recommended by the committee. Jack Coleman moved and William Stevenson seconded to strike that discussion from the minutes. Motion passed. Frank Hodalski moved and Phil Carr seconded that the report of the committee be accepted which includes their decision to reject the nomination of one compatriot. Motion passed. Discussion followed about a memorial fund in honor of Al Snapp. Richard Friberg moved and Dan Shepherd seconded a motion to donate \$500 to Al Snapp's memorial

fund at the Asbury United Methodist Church. A motion was made by Phil Carr and seconded to table the motion until the spring BOM meeting. Motion to table passed. Jack Coleman moved and Brett Brown seconded that an email notice be sent to the chapters providing information on Al Snapp's memorial fund and asking chapters and members to send donations directly to the church. Carl Hoffmann offered an amendment that the checks be sent to the state treasurer and then one check be sent to the church. Amendment seconded by William Stevenson and accepted by Jack Coleman. A deadline of January 31st was suggested. Motion passed as amended. Frank Hodalski moved and Hal Miller seconded a motion that the state's portion of this meeting's 50/50 drawing be allocated to the Al Snapp memorial fund. Motion passed. President Hollien moved on to briefing the BOM on a proposed two page questionnaire to be sent to all members to seek input on their vision of FLSSAR. A copy of the questionnaire was handed out and discussed. The Executive Committee recommended that the questionnaire be distributed to the membership as an insert in the next Florida Patriot. The responses to the questionnaire would be analyzed and the results would be presented to the BOM and specifically the Planning Committee. The cost for 1700 inserted copies would be \$445.00. Frank Hodalski moved and William Stevenson seconded a motion to allocate the necessary money. The motion passed. It was reported that the President General, Roland G. Downing had expressed interest in attending the FLSSAR annual meeting. William Stevenson made a motion which was seconded to accept the request of the President General to attend our annual meeting. Motion passed. President Hollien announced that he had received a letter from Jim Randall, Executive Director NSSAR, about supporting an effort to place flags in schools in the Hurricane Katrina impact area. A motion was made and seconded to instruct the president to gather the specific details of this program and report back at a future meeting. Motion passed. President Hollien presented a proposal by Ben DuBose that for those members of our Florida Society who are on active duty be forgiven their state dues and that chapters be encouraged to forgive their chapter dues. William Stevenson moved and Ben DuBose seconded that we forgive the 2007 state dues only for all compatriots on active duty in 2006 and encourage chapters to forgive chapter dues. Subsequent years would have to be acted on by the BOM. Motion passed. President Hollien then discussed a proposal received from Hall Riediger, President/Registrar, St. Lucie River Chapter requesting that the BOM join him in encouraging the State of Florida to declare the 19th of April as Patriot's Day. John Cahoon moved and William Stevenson seconded that no action be taken at this time and to instruct the president to gather the specific details of this idea and report back at a future meeting. Motion passed. Dick Fowler suggested that Hall Riediger prepare a resolution for the BOM to act on at its next meeting. President Hollien said he would pass that information on to Compatriot Riediger. President Hollien announced that the annual meeting will be held in Gainesville on 28-30 April 2006, Holiday Inn at the I-75 Newberry Exit. Senior VP Brock briefed the BOM on meeting places for the next term. The contract we have with the Lakeland Holiday Inn expires after the present meeting. We can renegotiate with them or try to select another hotel along the I-4 corridor. Senior VP Brock offered to chair the committee. Frank Hodalski moved and Dan Shepherd seconded a motion that the Meeting and Arrangements Committee be empowered to make inquires, do the negotiations and come up with a recommendation for a site in central Florida. Motion passed. During discussions on the motion it was suggested that the Summer BOM be held in July rather than August. That would potentially avoid a hurricane and give more time between the Summer and Fall BOM. Compatriot Brock said he would take that under advisement. Carl Hoffmann, Chairman, National Officer Development reported that there had been very little activity. He has talked to some about it, but that the interest must come from the individual. Individuals interested in pursuing a national office must commit to attending the national meetings. Frank Hodalski reported for the Veterans Affairs committee that they had partnered with DAR, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Military Order of Retired Officers and the Ladies Auxiliary. Due to the generosity of these groups and the last BOM they were able to mail 30 boxes to troops overseas. St Lucie River Chapter sent 5 boxes, Ben DuBose sent 2 boxes. In addition to those, two boxes were sent by President Hollien, a box was sent by Sam Boone and William Stevenson. Compatriot Hodalski also reported that they had put together 80 "ditty" bags with toiletries etc. for veterans at Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital in Tampa. Dick Cardell, Chairman of the Blue Star Salute Committee reported that at the National level the American Legion had dropped out of the program. Nonetheless he encouraged the chapters to participate with local veterans groups in local activities. He asked to be advised of any chapter activities. Fred Gaines, Jr., Chairman of the Commemorative Historic Sites Committee amended his report by advising that in December the committee had

received a definitive answer from the Department of the Navy regarding the Naval battle and they stated it would be appropriate to place a plaque at Cape Canaveral providing historical data on the last battle of the Revolutionary War. They will be coordinating further with George Thurmond, Chairman of the National Commemorative Historic Site Committee. They hope to have the ceremony in 2007. Ben DuBose, Chairman, Public Relations Committee amended his report by announcing they would not be going to the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) but instead will be going to an organization called Broadcast Pioneers, a group of people influential in early broadcasting. Hopefully they will be partnering with us. If that does not work, they will go back to FIT. President Hollien reported for the Endowment Trust Fund Review Committee. He said that every time Sam Boone thinks he is just about finished that something else comes up. Every thing appears to be OK but Sam is still trying to find all the records. Several members of the BOM expressed concern about records not being readily available. President Hollien reported that there currently is a shortfall of about \$800 in reimbursing chapters. He expects that it will take about two years before we have enough in the fund to totally reimburse the chapters. Before any further reimbursements are made we must resolve the funds available. Newell Kellogg has not received the end of the year statement from AG Edwards so he does not have a report on the year ending in December. Compatriot Kellogg did report that as of the end of the year \$5,398.94 of \$5,409.38 in the Endowment Trust Fund had been disbursed leaving a balance of \$10.44 which will not cover the unpaid requests nor the remaining unpaid 50% amount of \$818.00. Frank Hodalski moved and Dan Shepherd seconded a motion that the Executive Committee be authorized to deal with the 2005 ETF shortfall of approximately \$800 after the required reports and data become available. Motion passed. During the discussion an additional request from the Palm Beach Chapter for \$1,204 came to light that was not part of the \$818 previously reported. It was pointed out to the Palm Beach Chapter that a request cannot exceed \$350. The chair assured the chapter that they would be permitted to split the request and resubmit multiple requests for consideration with the other unpaid 2005 requests. The ETF Committee did not review the request from Palm Beach due to the resignation of the committee chairman, Fred Curtis.

Having completed the committee reports the BOM moved to unfinished business. Several members had requested reconsideration of the motion to contribute to the C.A.R. The motion to donate had been previously tabled. It was pointed out that since the C.A.R. state conference occurred prior to the next BOM that it would be too late to consider. Hal Miller moved that the previous motion be taken off the table. Lindsey Brock seconded the motion. Motion passed. Richard Friberg pointed out that contributions for the boy scouts and C.A.R. should come from any overage in the Endowment Trust Fund. When there were no funds left over in the ETF monies were obtained from the FLSSAR General Fund. Lindsey Brock moved and Dan Shepherd seconded a motion that a donation of \$500 be made to the C.A.R. and that the money come from the excess money in the general fund as earlier reported by Jim Holyfield. The motion was amended to include the fact that this action was not to be considered as precedent setting for future years. The amendment passed as did the motion. Kevin Yarnell requested a clarification on the proposed by law changing the frequency of meetings from 4 to 3. He said the by laws were very specific on the months for the meetings but the proposed by laws did not state the months. Lindsey Brock responded that the three meetings proposed would be in January, May and September. Hal Miller asked that the first time attendees be recognized. They were: Brett Brown (Palm Beach), Sam Cahill (Naples), and Steve Williams (Brevard Chapter).

The BOM then proceeded to new business. Frank Hodalski reported that elections for National Officers are coming up and the office of Genealogist General is being contested. Compatriot Hodalski gave his personal support to Dr. Ralph Nelson who is a dual member with Florida and asked if it was proper for the BOM to endorse his candidacy for Genealogist General. Bud Bauchspies advised the BOM that in the event of a contested candidacy the Florida Society would support the candidate that is a member of the Florida Society. Since both candidates are members of the Florida Society, the BOM can endorse either candidate. Hal Miller moved and Dick Fowler seconded that the Florida Society endorse Dr. Ralph Nelson for Genealogist General. Motion passed.

The Secretary moved that, as in prior years, the BOM authorize a \$3.00/member dues rebate based on the number of paid members as of December 31, 2005. The rebate would be paid to the chapters who submitted their annual report in a timely manner. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lonnie Jones conducted the 50/50 distribution. Grant Wallin, Jr. received the distribution and donated his proceedings toward the donation to the C.A.R. Jack Coleman gave his report on gift giving to the Endowment Trust Fund under the 365 program. This was followed by the SAR Recessional by Lindsey Brock and the benediction given by President Hollien. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.