

Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution

Officer's Seminar
Chapter President

President

- This presentation is not the absolute final word on this position. It is a compilation of many sources from the chapter, state and national handbooks and selected experiences.
- We are hopeful that each of you as you view this program will have suggestions and encouragement to improve what we are now presenting.

Purpose

- The purpose of this program is to provide guide lines to sitting Presidents, to officers, who will be taken over the reins of leadership and members, who are prospective officers.

Responsibilities of a President

- Ensure the chapter affairs are conducted in a proper and timely manner.
- Oversee that all current officers are performing their duties and responsibilities
- Decide in what activities the Chapter will participate.
- Conduct meetings.
- Name committee chairmen to oversee the chapter goals and activities
- Chair Board of Directors meetings.
- File chapter reports to State officers.

Chapter Affairs

- Growth of membership
- Adequate funds to achieve Chapter goals
- Recognition of worthy persons in the community.
- Sponsor youth events.
- Present flag certificates.
- Solicitation of proclamations.
- Participation in veteran's affairs.
- Participation in community and patriotic events

Growing Membership

- Organize and man recruiting booths at the local mall or farmer's market.
- Create a membership package for new prospects.
- Attend local genealogy meetings and affairs
- Post notices at the local libraries.
- Poll members for family members.
- Work with your local DAR Chapters for relatives.
- Coordinate with other genealogical organizations as a source of members and speakers

Chapter Finances and Treasury

- Dues
- For recognition use a special program like President's Brigade.
- Compete for chapter prizes at State, Publicity, Newsletter, etc.
- Sell fund raisers
- Add new member application fee
- Raise Chapter dues
- Special Assessment (Emergencies only)

Recognize Outstanding Persons

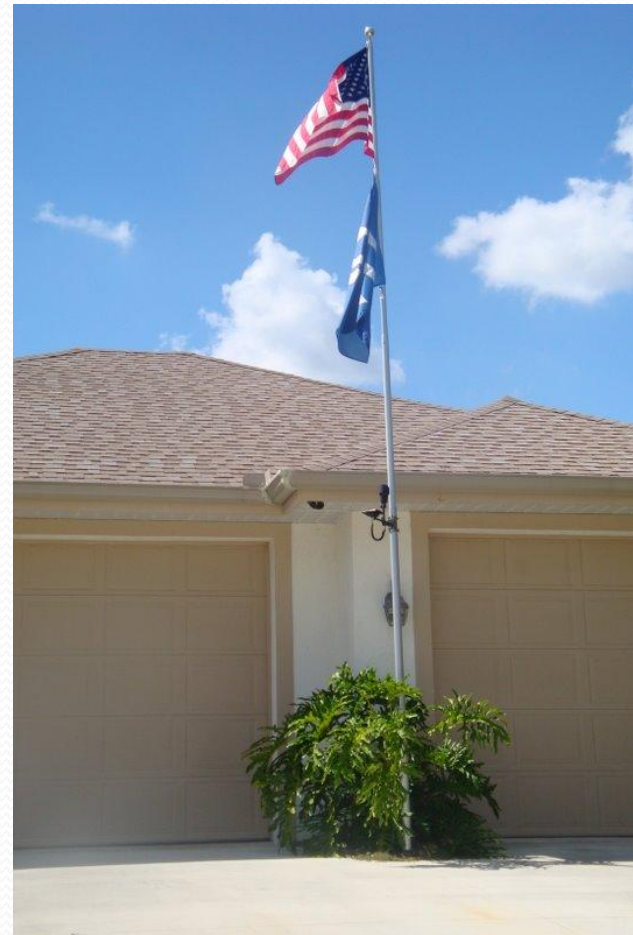
- SAR Law Enforcement Medal
- SAR Fire Safety Medal
- SAR Emergency Medical Services Medal
- SAR Heroism Medal
- Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals to Outstanding citizens, retiring long serving Police chief, Fire Chief, Politicians, Speakers and others, who volunteer their time to the community.

Youth Contests

- The Knight Essay Contest
- The Rumbaugh Oration Contest
- JROTC
- Eagle Scout
- New Boy Scouts Project
- Work with Boys and Girls Clubs
- Florida Good Citizenship Program with the local Elementary and Middle Schools
- Elementary School Poster Contest
- History Fairs

Present Flag Certificate

- Flag Certificates to private home owners, public institutions, even businesses that show the flag properly and with dignity. This also gives the Chapter and State access into the National contests, everyone benefits and is easy and economical.



Solicit Proclamations

- Meet with local government organizations to have proclamations issued for specific events, Patriot's Day, Constitution Week, 4th of July, Memorial Day and many others.

Participate in Veteran's Affairs

- Join local veteran's council
- Donate to the council's flag funds
- Participate in Veteran's Day and Memorial Day celebrations.
- Volunteer for flag disposal ceremonies.

Participate in Community Events

- Christmas parades
- 4th of July events
- Veteran's and Memorial Day, Pearl Harbor ceremonies
- Form a color guard
- Volunteer in the local schools

Oversee Chapter Officers

- Make sure each officer knows what he is supposed to do.
- Be prepared to train.
- Be prepared for any eventuality
- Try and get as many members involved as possible.
- Make up jobs, if you have people to fill them.

Activities in Which the Chapter Will Participate

- You can't do everything great, choose what you can do well and do that well. Don't take on more than you can do well.

Conduct Meetings

- Make up meeting outline.
- Research guest speaker.
- Check FLSSAR website for news.
- Check NSSAR website for news.
- Check “Leadership Express”.
- President should register with the new NSSAR site for news and information.
- Member Induction.
- Present speaker awards.
- Present member awards.

Name Committee Chairmen

- Try and name a many persons as possible to different jobs so that you get as many people involved as possible in the Chapter operation.
- If you have enough active members then make up a job to keep them coming to meetings and being active in the community.
- Always remember that we are a volunteer organization and jobs, committees and participation should be fun, we each have our fun levels.

Chair Board of Director Meetings

- Make up agenda with problems and or events important to the Chapter.
- Listen to your officer and directors, who serve on the Board.

Fill Out Chapter Reports to State

- Chapter Challenge.
- Member dues, annual report.
- RVP Quarterly Reports.
- Color guard reports.
- Funeral Ceremony Form

Forms

- Chapter Challenge.
- Members Annual dues report.
- Meeting Outline.
- New member Induction Forms

Chapter Meeting Notes

St. Lucie River Chapter FLSSAR Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Jan 9th 2010

Call to order [redacted] PM

Invocation, Audience stands [redacted]

Pledge of Allegiance, Audience standing [redacted]

Pledge to the SAR, Audience standing [redacted]

"We, descendants of the heroes of the American revolution, who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

Minutes of previous meeting approved? [redacted]

Introduce guests:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Last Naval Battle will be held Saturday, March 6th, 2010 @ 10AM Port Authority Building Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral, Florida

Battle of Pensacola will be in May so far I have no date, or further information

Committee Reports: Ask if there are any reports that we have not covered

Other Officer reports:

Program: Short 20 minutes video on the Battle and events surrounding the Battle of Saratoga.

50/50 drawing winner is [redacted]

Guy's Duck amount [redacted]

Meeting recessed for lunch.

Reopen meeting by calling everyone back to order.

Award Presentations and new members inductions:

Correspondence: The Rumbaugh Oration contest will be held on January 15 at the BOM, entries are due January 8.

JROTC ask Doug North if he has any new awards

Patriot Medal Nominations are due by the close of the winter BOM Jan16.

Lindsey Brock nominated for the Minute Man Award.

Get report from Jay on Jack Taylor's Memorial Service

Ask for a minutes silence in Jack's Honor

Unfinished Business:

New Business- By Law Change, call Jay to make presentation

With the loss of Jack Taylor and the resignation of Dennis McCallum we are in need of two Director's at Large, we would like two volunteers. This is not a demanding job and requires only attending the BOD meetings and giving good advice and counsel. Please contact Hall if you are interested in the job.

Reports membership: Membership we have now 62 members, and two in process at National. We also have 10 with unpaid dues. We are in the process of doing the paper work on 4 more prospects.

Earl Marlin Publicity Contest, Stark Memorial Award contest and the Chapter Challenge are being finalized.

Upcoming events:

Board of Management Meeting January 15/16 in Kissimmee, all are invited. There are many special events and programs presented this meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Family history genealogy meeting at the Library on Jan 16th ask Oscar if he needs any help?

Jan 23/24 Open House at the WWII Museum, Stuart memorial Park 10AM to 4:30 PM. This is a WWII event with reenactments, displays

4 February - Board of Director's Meeting

Next meeting date and program: the next meeting is Saturday February 13 and the program is Jon U. Bell, Planetarium Director, Indian River State College.

Benediction Chaplain [redacted]

SAR Recessional [redacted]

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

Adjournment

Induction Ceremony New Members

Induction Ceremony for New Members

Call new member up:

Compatriot _____

(full name of new member)

it is my pleasure to welcome you today as a new member of the St. Lucie River Chapter, of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, by right of descent from your ancestor, Patriot _____, who helped to

(full name of patriot ancestor)

establish the United States of America by his service as a

_____.

Compatriot _____, would you raise your right hand?

Compatriot _____, do you, as a descendant of one of the patriots and heroes of the American Revolution, reaffirm your ancestor's faith in the principles of Liberty and our constitutional Republic? -----, And will you pledge to support the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution? -----.

I take great pleasure in presenting you with your membership certificate, and would _____,

(call up family member or sponsoring member)

please come forward and pin the rosette on our new compatriot. The rosette is the official recognition emblem of the Sons of the American Revolution and the colors of buff and blue represent the color of George Washington's uniform and honor his sacrifice.

I would also like at this time to remind all, that the purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution are educational, historical and patriotic, we are a non- political organization and we should not endorse or recommend any political candidate or should meetings include the discussion of the merits or demerits of such candidates.

Compatriot _____ please join your fellow compatriots.

Short Funeral Ceremony

I am Jay Wise from St Lucie River Chapter of the FLSSAR, presiding today as we honor our departed Patriot "Jack" John Gibson Taylor Jr. Compatriots, we have suffered the loss of a loyal and valued member. We are gathered here today to pay our respect and tribute to his memory and express our grief at his passing from our ranks, and to dedicate ourselves anew to continuance of the service to the country which he in his lifetime so well preformed both in the military and as a civilian. Let us here resolve that we are pledged again to cherish, maintain and extend the Institution of American freedom, to foster true Patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind the blessings of liberty. Our Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our country, for its glorious past and promising future, and for the lives of those who have loved this land and served it. We commend to Thee the soul of our departed Compatriot, who in his lifetime gave so much to his native land and the testimony of his sincere patriotism; AMEN

I also have a message of inspiration for all Compatriots and their families that should inspire us now, at this solemn moment, and all through life. This message comes from Christ, the Head of the Church, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though we were dead, yet shall he live; an whomsoever believeth in me shall never die." Compatriots let us so live that when the last summons comes for us, we may depart this life with our heads held high.

THANK YOU

Rewards

- Neck Ribbon
- Past Presidents pin presented by incoming president.
- Merituous Service Medal presented by chapter for your service to the chapter.
- Prestige of being President of a quality Organization.