



Central Florida
SAR Chapter

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

On October 2, 2021, the Central Florida SAR Chapter held a joint meeting with the Orlando DAR Chapter. This meeting was to celebrate Constitution Week that the Orlando DAR Chapter delayed a month due to COVID restrictions.

For the month of November, the chapter will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. If you have a uniform, please let the chapter now whether you might be willing to join other chapter members in the downtown Orlando Veterans Day parade.

For the month of December, the chapter will be participating in the Wreaths Across American event that will take place in the Greenwood Cemetery. More details to come.

On October 23, 2021, the chapter will hold an Executive Committee meeting at noon at the Firebird Grill Restaurant located off of Mills Avenue.

National Events

2021 Fall Leadership
September 23-25, 2021 Louisville KY

2022 National Congress
July 2022, Hyatt Regency in Savannah, GA.

From the Chapter President

With the Fall season quickly upon us, I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy!

A big thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Sept 11th "Patriot's Day" meeting. Your ongoing participation makes it all worthwhile. Our new meeting location at the Winter Park Racquet Club was a huge success and we look forward to many more gatherings there.

For our October luncheon meeting we have been invited by the DAR to join them on Sat, October 2nd at 11:30am at the Country Club of Orlando to honor & celebrate our US Constitution. Hope you were able to make it.

There will be an Officer's meeting on Sat, October 23rd, with more details to follow. Also for any members in search of a seamstress to sew a new coat or uniform, please contact Lesa Bockhorn who has made several coats for our current mem-

bers and comes highly recommended. She lives in AZ and can be reached at (602) 750-6449.

For These We Strive,

Philip Markoe

Printed FLSSAR Magazine Subscription Information

At present, the FLSSAR sends *The Florida Patriot* magazine in digital form to all members on quarterly basis. If you would like a printed / mailed issue sent to you also, it is available for \$15.00 per year.

If interested, please make out a check to the "FLSSAR Treasurer" and send to Scott Breckinridge (FLSSAR Secretary) at 1862 Buckridge Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32225-2202.

The typical number of pages of each issue is between 24 to 28 pages. Please consider subscribing today.

Birthday Announcements

On behalf of the Central Florida SAR Chapter, we would like to wish the following individual a Happy and Enjoyable Birthday.

Thomas W. Andrews
Stuart G. Green
Peter J. Gulden
Phil Markoe
Michael J. Meyer
Bill Underly
Wilson S. Warlick

NOTICE

If you have moved, changed phone number, or have a new email address, please let me know right away by mail or email. It will keep your newsletters and magazines reaching you if they have changed.

Gary Smith, Chapter Secretary
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Patriot Ancestor Presentations

From time to time, the chapter has had members give a short talk on their Patriot Ancestors. Several will be given at our September meeting. We are looking at having other members that are willing to get up and talk about their ancestors. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Phil Markoe at markoevikingfan@aol.com.

Chaplain's Message

By Michael J Meyer

If you are in the SAR or DAR you know enough American History to understand the importance of Columbus day or Discovery day as some like to call it. His arrival ushered in a wave of migration that the Vikings never saw. We all know by now that the Vikings were first but had little impact since their discovery went unnoticed to most of Europe for nearly a thousand years. Therefore, this October 11 (observed) or the 12th, if you are a stickler for details, we should observe the day that led our ancestors here. I would be remiss if I did not mention the indigenous people who were already here and those who suffered at the hands of those who came later. But let us also remember that both sides suffered from misunderstandings, greed, and intolerance for each other's customs. However, we live in the present and can absolve each other of our ancestor's misbehavior

and choose to live peacefully together as God would have us do today.

There is, however, another man we should look at this October and that is Martin Luther, The Reformer. If it weren't for him, we may never have separated from England in the first place. By him nailing his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle church door on October 31, 1517, he unwittingly ushered in the Protestant church era. This caused people to break from the Holy Catholic Church of Rome. This break, in turn, led to King Henry the Eighth's establishment of the Church of England, a protestant church. With this new church King Henry made himself the head of the church. Many saw this as him making himself a new Pope. Many of our ancestors disagreed with this and fled to the New World in order to escape what they saw as tyranny. Once here they saw wisdom in not letting anyone tell them how to worship. Eventually they would choose to fight for the freedom that would allow all of us to worship as we please.

Therefore, this October, as descendants of Revolutionary men & women, let us remember how we got here. From Christopher Columbus to Martin Luther, we owe our primordial existence, in this "Last Bastion of Freedom" on planet Earth, to these two men.

Thank you dear Lord for the bravery of our ancestors who with their sacrifice gave us the freedoms we enjoy today. Let no one take these freedoms from us. Please dear Lord continue to bless this land of the free and the home of the brave. Amen.

CAR Project

The Fort Gatlin Society NSCAR has developed a project to compliment the FL State CAR Project, "Helping Homeless Heroes". Our goal is to provide resources for 100 homeless veterans through the Lake Baldwin VA Center. We plan to provide a roll-up blanket and drawstring bag full of personal products for each veteran.

How can you help? You can choose to sponsor one or more veterans. You can either make a \$25 donation which will provide a blanket and drawstring bag of personal products for one veteran, or you can donate \$10 for the blanket, and purchase personal products to be turned in to Debbie or Scott Cook, for your veteran.

The personal products requested are:

- pair of socks
- cloth mask
- full-size shampoo
- full-size lotion
- comb
- Toothbrush
- full-size toothpaste
- washcloth
- hand towel
- full-size soap
- shaving cream
- razor

ADDITIONAL WISH LIST

Games (dominoes, checkers, chess (no playing cards)

Acrylic paints (\$1 Apple Barrel paints, for painting birdhouses they make)

Craft paint brushes

Our goal is to have all items donated by Nov. 1, 2021. CAR members will be making up the bags to take to Lake Baldwin VA Center.

Please let Debbie Cook debbiecDAR@gmail.com or Scott Cook mousephone2@gmail.com know if you plan to sponsor a vet. This way we can keep track of how many vets have sponsors and how many we still need.

Our Vets Are Heroes and they deserve to be honored. We hope to honor our vets through this needed project!

Please send with your check, payable to Fort Gatlin Society CAR to: Debbie Cook, Helping Homeless Heroes Project, 3203 Holland Drive, Orlando, FL 32825

Annual Dues Notice

It that time of the year in which the Central Florida SAR Chapter request that all members consider renewing their membership in the Sons of American Revolution for the upcoming year. We would most appreciate receiving your dues before November 15, 2021 so that we can send them on time to SAR– National.

The Annual Dues breakdown is as follows:

Chapter Dues	= \$20.00
Florida Society Dues	= \$20.00
SAR - National Dues	= <u>\$35.00</u>
Total	= \$75.00

Please make out your check to “Central Florida SAR Chapter and send to Donald Lajoie, Chapter Treasurer at 1213 Eggleston Drive, Deland, FL 32724.

Please also let him know if you will be wanting to received the State Magazine in electronic or printed form. **If you want to receive it in printed form, please also include with your dues an additional \$15.00 for the cost of the printed subscription.**

Your continued membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday to the United States Navy

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on October 13, 1775, by authorizing the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over

the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.

Chapter Flag Committees Information

The Chapter Flag Committee is to assist, encourage, motivate, and organize, the chapter members to become involved in the following activities:

1. The chapter flag committees and chapter members can present flag certificates to individuals, corporations, businesses, fire departments, police departments, schools, libraries, etc. that properly display the American Flag.
2. A chapter may present as many certificates as they would like.
3. A SAR pamphlet on proper displaying the flag is available, if the Flag Committee or chapter does not have one.
4. Flag Certificates and Flag Retirement Certificates are available from NSSAR merchandising. The cost is about \$4 each.
5. Also, chapter flag committee and chapter members may collect and destroy worn or soiled flags. A flag retirement ceremony, with news media present, would be an excellent means to gain publicity for the chapter and the NSSAR. Color guard and scouts will enhance the ceremony.
6. And, committee and chapter members can go to youth organizations, such elementary schools, church groups, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. and educate the youth about proper respect for the flag and its history. There are power point presentations available for these activities if the chapter would like to have them.
7. A chapter can organize a special recognition event for Flag Day. It can be something within your chapter, the local DAR or CAR, or assist the city officials in having a Flag Day event for the city.
8. Encourage all chapter members to show their patriotism by flying an American Flag outside their home.

The following is recommended when presenting a flag certificate to make it a more memorable event:

1. The certificate should be presented in person by members of the chapter and photos taken during the presentation.
2. It adds to the event if Chapter members in uniform, if available, are present.
3. Write an article about the event and forward it, along with the photos, to the local newspaper. This is good publicity for our organization.
4. Certificates should be presented in a frame rather than a blue NSSAR folder. Frames can be purchased from discount stores for about \$1 and the certificate is more likely to be displayed when frames.
5. If the chapter decides to present the certificate in a frame to an organization, a chapter member may want to visit the organization and observe their other displays. If there are other displays it would be good if the chapter's frame is similar to the other frames.

U. S. Flag Retirement Award Requirements:

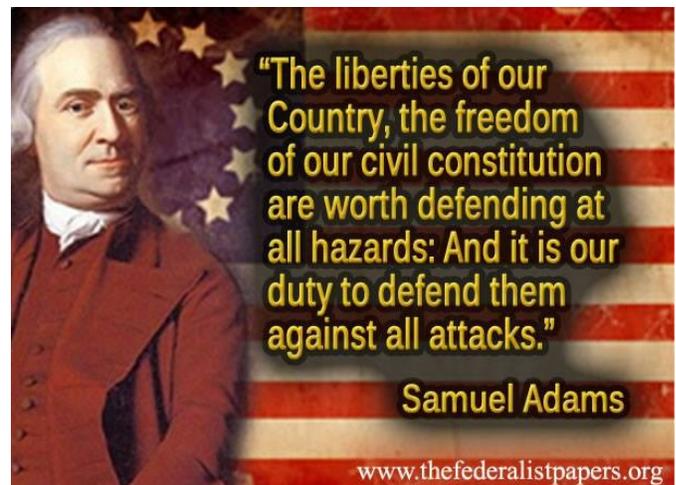
1. If over 1/2 of the chapters in your state, as well as the state society, present at least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each, the state will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award.
2. The first time a state society receives the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will be presented a streamer and a certificate.
3. Each additional time a state society receives the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will receive a certificate and white star to attach to the streamer.
4. If 100% of the chapters in your state, as well as the state society, present at least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each, then the state society will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award and a Certificate of Excellence.
5. These awards are presented at the NSSAR Congress each year

Color Guard Announcement

On November 13, 2021, there will be a Veteran's Day Parade in Orlando. The Central Florida Chapter is requesting all members to come and be part of this parade. If you can march, we would gladly like you to participate and wear your military uniform or a colonial era uniform. If you have a vintage car that you are willing to drive in the parade to promote the chapter, please consider doing so. For more details and to RSVP, please let us know.

Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is open to wives as well as female blood relatives (mothers, daughters, grand-daughters, aunts, nieces) of the SAR member. The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the SAR in its historical, patriotic and educational objectives. The Ladies' Auxiliary raises funds to award (on a smaller scale) the same students that the Florida Society SAR awards. Dues for the LAFSSAR are \$5 per year; the application form is available at: <http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/DOCS/LadyAuxDocs/LaAuxMemApp.pdf>. Please encourage the ladies in your life to join and support us in our efforts.



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133rd CONGRESS RAFFLE (2023)

Dedicated to the modern-day " Minutemen" who are keeping watch.

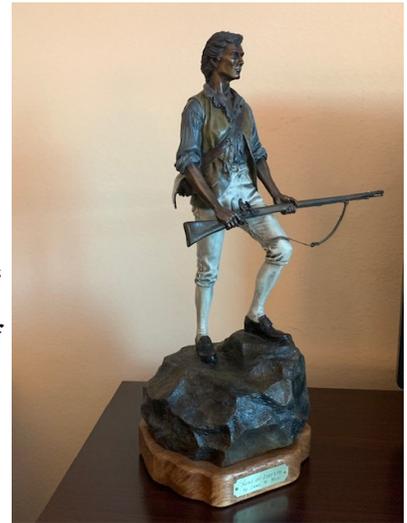
" The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance"

" God who gave thy fathers Freedom
 God who made thy fathers brave;
 What they built with love and labor
 let thy children watch and save.
 For thy fathers long before thee
 armed with Freedom faced the deep;
 What they won with love and anguish
 let thy children watch and keep."

Anon.

"Sons of Liberty-1775"

"Sons of Liberty-1775" by James N. Muir depicts a typical Colonial Militia citizen-soldier on that date, the original "Patriots' Day" of 19 April 1775. The sculpture is historically authentic in every regard as to arms, accoutrements, clothing and hair style. He is carrying a captured 42-inch barrel "Short Land" Model 1740 British Musket adopted in 1765 to replace the earlier 46-inch first model "Long Land" or "Brown Bess" (which is depicted in the maquettes of "Sons of Liberty-1775). Powder and ball were carried either in a powder horn and pouch or preferably, as depicted, in the more military cartridge box in the form of pre-made paper or linen cartridges. A vent pick and frizzen brush hang handily from his vest.



This Limited Edition (#10/50) bronze sculpture will be raffled during the 133rd NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL in 2023.

Twenty-five dollars per ticket, five for \$100.00

**Send check(s) to: FLSSAR Host Chairman Bernard W. Wolff
 21340 SW 94th Avenue, Cutler Bay, FL 33189
 Checks are made out to FLSSAR Treasurer**

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1. Print this page then complete in black ink.
2. Save the form to your computer. Open the saved form and use the FREE Adobe Reader to fill in the information. This will help ensure that your information can be read.



The 2023 FLSSAR Medal

Commemorating the 133rd Congress of the
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Being hosted by the Florida SAR Society

Boxed Set contains one Large Medal
and one Miniature Medal
(See graphic depiction below)

Cost per set:	\$40.00
Shipping (USPS with Tracking)	\$7.75
Total per set:	\$47.75

Make checks payable to: FLSSAR Treasurer

Please send order and check to:

Bernard W. Wolff
21340 SW 94th Avenue
Cutler Bay, FL 33189-3735

Medals will also be available for sale at
FLSSAR Board of Management Meetings

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Large Medal



Miniature Medal

This medal has been approved by the NSSAR's Medals & Awards Committee
and the Executive Committee