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Next Meeting To be Determined

AS WE ENTER A NEW ERA LOOK FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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President's Message

We all are going through difficult times now and some of us may even be part of the essential work force supporting our health and our essential needs. We thank you and wish everyone good health!

When we start again in the fall, the first item of business will be voting for officers for the year.

We are looking for members to help in guiding and leading our chapter going forward. It can be very rewarding. Listed below is the section of our chapter constitution covering elected positions;



“Elected Officers of this Chapter shall include a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and two (2) Members at Large. The regular term of office for elected officers shall be for one (1) year.”

There is no requirements, except for being a member, for running for any office. Contact Barry Eller (emailbrevardsar@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the positions.

The FLSSAR Board of Management has been re-scheduled for June 12-14. Anyone interested in going can contact David Bussone at Mapatriot@flsar.com. If you like to go and represent our chapter as a delegate (participate as a voting member), please contact me and I will notify FLSSAR. More information about the B.O.M. is located on the FLSSAR website.

In closing, I am looking forward to be able to see everyone “in person” again in the fall. Our lives may be different going forward but our fellowship will continue.

Roger Bonnett
President



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

NSSAR Headquarters is currently closed, and will reopen after COVID-19 national emergency is over and Kentucky's Commissioner of Public Health approves safety for the public to resume normal day to day activities.

Web resources on the SAR.org website are operational, but purchases will not be processed until Headquarters is reopened.

Application processing has resumed. Record Copy requests can be obtained by the SAR online system, however it may take as much as 30 days to process due to National Headquarters closure.

SAR.ORG FRIDAY FAQ'S



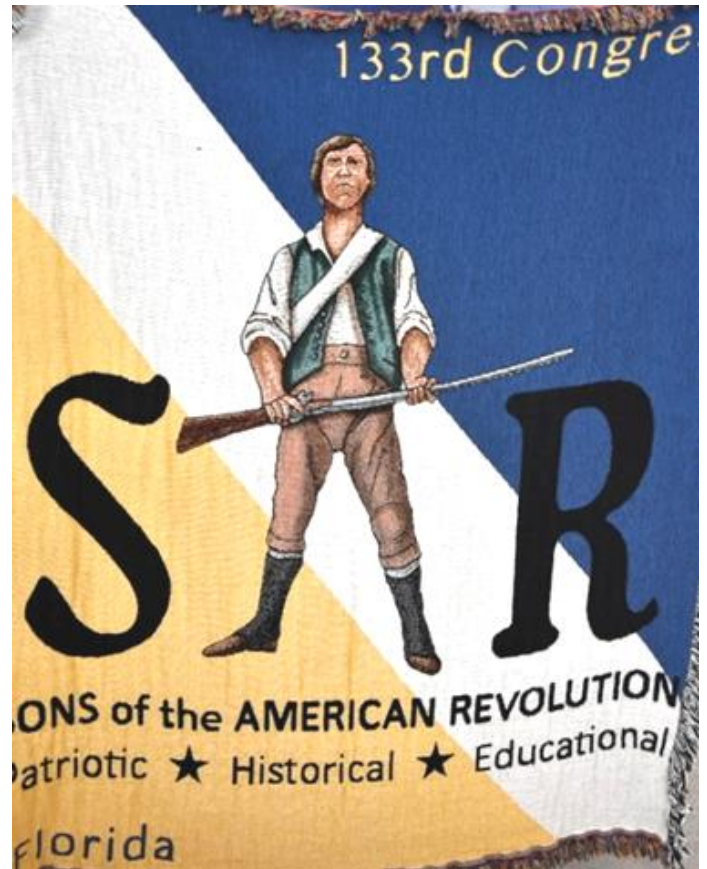
Beginning April 10th SAR.org has started a new series of videos called "Friday FAQ's". FAQ's focuses on questions that the Outreach Education department often hear from members, visitors and students. Currently Friday FAQ's are in the news tab on SAR.org, they are also available on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalSocietySAR/>

<https://www.facebook.com/sar.org/>

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Florida Ladies Auxiliary 2023 Congress Fund Raiser



Florida Ladies Auxiliary's major fund raising project for the 2023 Congress has arrived. This project will fund our Auxiliary responsibilities for the Hospitality Room, all banquet decorations, and other activities.

Your throw can be reserved by ordering now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus \$15.00 shipping if you would like it sent to you.

The Custom Woven Throw Blankets Company has made fifty-one beautiful, 50"x60" made in the USA (North Carolina), 100% cotton, prewashed for softness, custom throws with fringe all the way around.

Orders may be sent to: Laura Zavalía, Treasurer LAFSSAR, 1648 Jupiter Cove Drive, #411, Jupiter, FL 33469. Checks may be made out to **LAFSSAR** for \$70.00 to reserve one and pick it up at the BOM in June. Add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at an address in Florida, for each Throw ordered. Please make the **Notation: 2023 Congress** on your check.

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COLOR GUARDSMEN IN

ACTION !

Chapter Color Guard 2020

Calendar of events

March 07 Last Naval Battle **

May - Memorial Day Parade, Melbourne *

June - Flag Day Luncheon TBD ****

July - VMC Independence Day Parade ****

September - Constitution Day meeting ****

November 11th - Veterans Day Parade ****

December 19 Wreaths Across America-
Cape Canaveral National Cemetery ****

* Cancelled ** Complete

****TBD due to Covid-19

Events for the coming year with dates, times, and locations to be communicated by Color Guard Commander, include but not limited to: various Veterans Day events and Wreaths Across America.

So be on the look-out for a Call To Assemble coming to an INBOX near you.

Uniform Reimbursement Fund:



Please remember that the chapter will reimburse any member obtaining a Color Guard uniform/costume. It does NOT have to be a Military Uniform. The rate of reimbursement is:

- \$100.00 for a complete set — Hat to shoes.
- \$50.00 for 1/2 of the above set.

Contact the Color Guard Commander for information.

Thank you, Color Guard Members for your participation in past events. You helped us to Honor our Country, Military, Citizens, Patriots and Forefathers. I would like to extend a welcome to those of you who are new members. As you consider how you wish to participate in SAR, please consider joining the Color Guard. The events can be enjoyable and can be another outlet to meet with other Patriotic Americans. The Necessities for Color Guard attendance is a Colonial outfit and a Tricorn Hat. The outfit can be purchased or it can be made or modified from existing wear. There is also a refund for a part of the purchase price that can be issued. However you choose to participate, I hope you will enjoy your participation as well as the Fellowship of our members.



2017 4th of July Melbourne Parade



2019 LNB



2016 LNB

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Chapter Activities & Helpfulness to readers

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday 22 February 2020

A joint meeting with Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Brevard County DAR Chapters to celebrate George Washington's birthday.

The meeting took place 11:30am at:
Tides Collocated Club located at 1001 N. Highway A1A, S. Atlantic Ave., Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

We had a good turnout with 80 people from the combined organizations.

Compatriots in Period attire: Douglas M Bisset, Norm Desmarais, Brian Jensen, Sonny Jones and Nic Mihora

This joint meeting was called to order by President Roger Bonnett.

David Ralston gave the Invocation.

President Bonnett led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Sar Pledge.

President Bonnett acknowledged Past National President Lindsey Brock-2014

President Bonnett acknowledged Past Chapter Presidents in attendance.

Norm Desmarais, Carl Green, Barry Eller

President Bonnett acknowledged the Brevard DAR Chapters in attendance as well as the other lineage organizations.

Other Guests were Tom Martin, Charles Pierce a prospective member.

General Comments –

We are now starting a new year

Just a point of interest, 2020 will mark the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth.

Compatriot Jensen announced the passing of Richard Lee Haven of Flagler Chapter. Compatriot Haven was a tailor by trade and had made numerous period attire for many members within FLSSAR

History Moment – Compatriot Doug Bisset presented an early history of the Navy “Sloop Providence”. This ship was 60’ long, had a beam width of 20’, carried a crew of 80, had 10 4-pound canons and 14 swivel guns. It sailed from 1775 to August 1779. On 14 August 1779 she was destroyed by her crew to prevent her from being taken over by the British during the Penobscot Expedition. Other Continental ships saw the same fate on the Penobscot River.

Reports of Committee Chairmen –

LNB – Summarize our third planning at the Veterans center.

President Bonnett announced new members to be inducted:

Compatriot	Patriot
Larry E. Bridgham	Benjamin Witt
Francis Reid	Abraham Fulton
Daniel Hansen	Ruben Weaver

President Bonnett gave the induction, Compatriots Douglas M Bisset, Norm Desmarais, Brian Jensen, Sonny Jones and Nic Mihora participated as color-guards in the service.



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Misc. Awards:

none

Old Business

Name Tags \$10 on sale

The next LNB preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday February 25 at 6:30 PM at the VMC.

New Business & Announcements

The Spring BOM meeting will be held in Kissimmee on May 01-03, 2020. (rescheduled to June 12-13, 2020)

President Bonnett recessed the meeting for lunch, Reverend David Ralston gave the blessing for the meal.

The meeting was called back to order.

Introduction of our speaker:

David Ralston – Who gave an excellent presentation on George Washington. Dave had many period items on display to support the Washington Luncheon. He shared many unknown facts about Washington during his childhood, military career, the first presidency and the challenges he had during his tenure.



50/50 drawing was conducted with the proceeds going to Brevard DAR.

Announce the Raffle winners

SAR Recessional -

Chaplin Dave Ralston gave a closing prayer.



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IMPORTANT!!!
CHECK YOUR CONTACT DATA ON THE CHAPTER
WEBSITE!

*Located in the Members Inly section. If you cannot login contact Robbie Carlisle
rcarlisle_00@yahoo.com*

VMC Key Lime Festival



The 9th annual Key Lime Festival was held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on January 18, 2020. Proceeds from this festival go to support the VMC. A table was setup the night prior for SAR, DAR and CAR chapters to support the VMC. Sharon & Barry Eller, Roger Bonnett, Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver and Bonnie Charles represented our organizations at this years' event. Dependent upon weather conditions the festival draws as many as 7,000 attendees.

Welcome New Members

Compatriots

Larry E. Bridgham

Francis Reid

Daniel Hansen

If you have anyone who is interested and you wish to help them or are working on their application, report their name and information to the Registrar so that we can assist when needed and to ensure that the application is completed correctly. National Genealogists reported sloppy applications being submitted by persons not familiar with the SAR application process and requirements.

Membership Status

With new members and new Associates (Pending approval) our membership levels are:

With our 1 Associate, 1 In-state Dual (neither counted by the state or National)/2 out-of-state Duals, and the 2 Memorials (not counted by National), the membership is 117.

Junior	9
Life	5
Memorial (Old & New)	2
Regular	96
Youth	1
Dual (w/GLASSR & NCSSAR)	2
E1 & E2	2

This allows the Brevard Chapter to have **4** voting Delegates to any Board of Management meetings (BOMs). They are: The Chapter President, the **IMMEDIATE** past chapter President, and two other designated delegates.

For the fall BOM in October the voting delegates are:

President Bonnett

Immediate Past President Eller

(40 - 80 members) - Open

(81-120 members) - Open

2014 President General Brock

2016 President General Tomme

Patriot Medal Williams

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National News

NSSAR Surgeon General Covid-19 Release

<https://www.sar.org/2020/03/12/covid-19-by-dr-darryl-addington-nssar-surgeon-general/>

Belarus Librarians visit SAR Library

<https://www.sar.org/2020/02/24/librarians-from-belarus-visit-the-sar-genealogical-research-library/>

Future NSSAR Education Center and Museum

<https://www.sar.org/2020/03/04/nssar-education-center-and-museum/>

Battle of Thomas Creek

A proposal has been submitted to the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee to designate the annual Battle of Thomas Creek celebration as a recognized National Event.



LNB MONUMENT IS MOVING

Plans are underway to move the LNB Monument from its current location at the VMC to the Plaza adjacent to the SAR/DAR Monument which is in the center of the Plaza Pentagon. Compatriot Ray Norman brought a motion to the floor at the September 2019 Meeting. At the current location less than 5% of museum visitors see the monument. The move is scheduled to be complete in 2020. A pad has been poured by Lockheed Martin volunteers. The sign has been placed in the Plaza adjacent to the new pad. The granite pieces are bonded together and to the concrete base. Currently looking at ways to safely relocate the granite pieces.

2020-2021 Chapter Officer Nominations

The election committee chaired by Secretary Eller is taking Chapter Officer nominations for 2020-2021. We have several existing openings as well as Compatriots filling multiple positions. If you would like to take a position contact Secretary Eller.

Please refer to Brevard Constitution pages 6-11 for a definition of Officer responsibilities.

<http://www.brevardsar.org/Doc/BrevardChapterSARConstitution-comb-05182013.pdf>

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Stark Memorial Award Contest

Please forward Veteran related support activities to
1ST VP James Ward to be compiled for 2021

State and National Events

National events -

130th Congress -

July 10-16, 2020 Richmond VA

State events -

243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek
Memorial Cancelled until a later date.

Spring BOM June 12-13, 2020

Plan to attend in person or by Go-to-Meeting

Florida Society Richard Fowler Award winner for Best Newsletter - 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017(tie), 2018; 2nd Place 2009; Honorable Mention: 2014, 2016;

NSSAR Carl Bessent Newsletter Award - 1st Place- 2015, 2018; 2nd Place 2012, 2013, Honorable Mention 2009, 2016;
NSSAR Winner Periodical- 2009

Spring BOM

June 12-13, 2020

Please plan to attend the Spring BOM in person at
Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, Florida, 34746
Or by Go To Meeting.com

Planning for the 2023 Congress will be on the agenda. Support from all chapters will be needed in order to make this event successful.

The Charleville Musket will be on display. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

Registration Form:

<http://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/BOM/BOMRegForm.pdf>

Schedule:

<http://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/BOM/BOMMtgSched.pdf>

Go To Meeting Note:

Place into the text field for 'Special Dietary Needs' the phrase "Will attend via Go To Meeting". NO Registration fee will be required if participating by Go To Meeting

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Revolutionary War Time line January / March

1775 April 19: First shots fired at Concord and Lexington

1776 May 4: Rhode Island is the first state to declare independence

1777 May 17: Battle of Thomas Creek FL

1778 April 23: John Paul Jones attacks Whitehaven, England

1779 May 4: Battle of Tullifinny Hill (Present day Jasper County SC)

1780 May 26: Battle of St. Louis/Battle of Fort San Carlos, British last attempt to control the Mississippi River

1781 May 22: Siege of Ninety-Six begins SC

1782 May 25: Crawford Expedition into Ohio begins

1783 April 11: Congress declares permanent ceasefire

Patriot Biographies Project

Brevard Chapter has 461 applications dating from 1985 to 2020 that have the applicant linked to their respective Patriot, Patriots have been linked to DAR records and Find a Grave where applicable and we are waiting on 4 new applications to be scanned in by National.

Applicant lineage information from the 4th generation to Patriot are available to view online before requesting Record Copies.



Brevard Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Brevard Executive Board meetings generally will be held on the Saturday before Chapter membership meetings. These will be held at a designated location generally in Viera at 9 a.m. until further notice or notification by President Bonnett Officers are requested to submit their reports to President Bonnett before the meeting for distribution to all officers.

Last Naval Battle Medal sets

Order NOW!

The Brevard Chapter and the Last Naval Battle committee are selling official LNB - National Society SAR Medal sets (large & small in presentation case) for \$25 see below for Medal set.

For National Society LNB medal sets (image below) contact Hall Riediger at 772-336-0926 / allriedi42@bellsouth.net

Brevard Chapter LNB Medals are SOLD OUT



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2019-2020 Officers

- President - Roger Bonnett - (321)453-8888
- 1st VP - James Ward - (321)453-7930
- 2nd VP - Jerry Scarpate - (321)259-0999
- Secretary - Barry Eller - (571) 224-2945
- Recording Secretary - Brian Jensen (321)698-0503
- Treasurer - Carroll Lord -(321)638-4879
- Member-at-large: Marvin Bisset - (321)208-7557
- Member-at-large: Sonny Jones - (321)452-1319
- Chaplain - David Ralston
- Registrar - Roger Bonnett - (321)453-8888
- Chancellor - **Open**
- Genealogist - Ray Norman—(321)452-5376
- Sergeant-at-Arms - **Open**
- Historian - Norm Desmarais - (321)431-5524

Committee Chairs:

- Editor/Publisher - Brian Jensen (321)698-0503
- CG Commander - Nicolas Mihora (323-)868-6930
- ROTC - Jerry Scarpate (321)259-0999
- Scouting - **Open**
- Education - **Open**
- Flag committee - **Open**
- Publicity - **Open**
- Parliamentarian - **Open**
- Veteran’s Affairs - Carl Miller

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