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Presidents Message

Our chapter has been busy this past summer/fall in numerous semi-quincentennial celebrations throughout our community. Our chapter participated in the All-Veterans Reunion this past May at Wickham Park. In May our chapter along with the Military Officer Association, Cape Canaveral Chapter presented 64 Illustrated Last Naval Battle Books to the Brevard County School District Leadership for placement in all Elementary Schools in the county. Our Color Guard presented the Colors for the Honor Flight Send Off at the Melbourne Airport in June and conducted the Color Guard for the Honor Flight Welcome Home Ceremony in September. The Color Guard also participated in the DAR Red, White and Blue Ball in June at the Tides Club, PSB. Our chapter along with the DAR and CAR participated in the Brevard County Sheriff's 4th of July Parade in Merritt Island. We also participated in the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center 250th Ceremony where our Color Guard presented the Colors and I was able to give a short brief on the Revolutionary War and its significance. The Color Guard also presented the Colors at the Cape Canaveral 250th Community Celebration on 5 July. Our chapter participated in the Military Order of the Purple Heart Recognition Day Ceremony at the BVMC where I was able to give out 10 Wounded Warrior Coins and Certificates to Purple Heart Recipients. Members of our Color Guard participated in the Liberty Tree Ceremony at the Veterans Hospital in Orlando. We would like to recognize our two newest members to our chapter; Ryan and Robert Stewart.

Some of our leadership attended the FLSSAR Board of Management meeting in Orlando on 16-17 October. This was a great meeting and informative. All members are invited to attend and the next BOM will be in May 2027. The joint Constitution Day in September with the DAR was a great success with Robin Preston (FLSSAR East Central VP) as our guest speaker.

As a reminder our chapter renewals are well under way. If you have not yet done so, please send in your money to the chapter Secretary Jeff Sizemore. Dues are $85 which include National, State and Chapter.

Our Color Guard will be participating in the 7 Nov MOAACC Veterans Recognition Dinner. That is a great event honoring our Veterans and those who serve them. Our chapter meeting on 12 December will be an ornament exchange and lunch. Please bring an ornament, no more than $20, for the exchange. Our chapter will also participate in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. We encourage all to attend.

As a reminder, anyone who works with the youth as a representative of the SAR will need to conduct the NSSAR Youth Protection Training and turn your certificate into the chapter President. The training is located on the NSSAR website under SAR University. The training is located at: https://www.bredenfoerder.com/

As a reminder all information is posted on our website, and we encourage you to look at it periodically at: https://brevardsar.org/index.htm

We also encourage you to continue tracking your SAR 250th Anniversary Medals and turn in the paperwork so we can present this award to you.

As we celebrate our Nation's 250 years, we will continue to celebrate our Ancestors and their service and sacrifice to the founding of our Nation.

Brevard Chapter Meetings

At The At-Ease Club

1936 Freedom Dr.

Melbourne, FL 32940

Social starts at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch ($25/person) starts at 12:00

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's meeting schedule.
Must RSVP as names go on gate guard list.

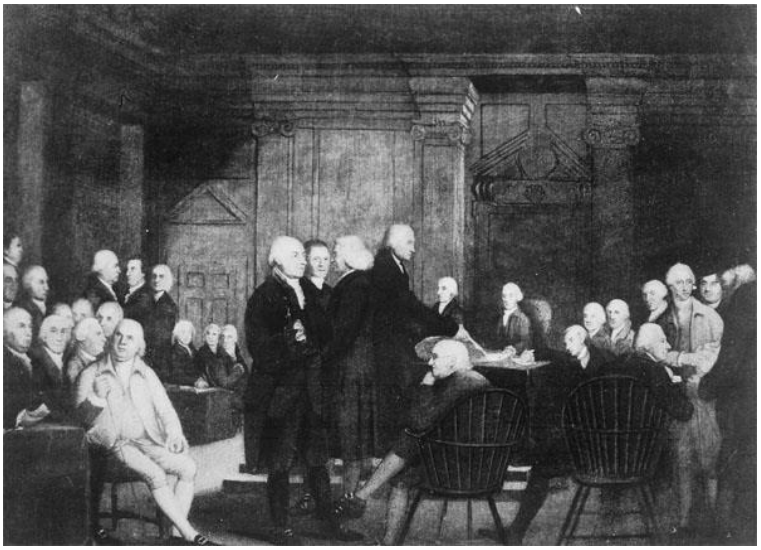
Pay by check (Brevard SAR) to:

Mark Russell
275 Woodridge Drive
Geneva, FL 32732
mwr32732@gmail.com
Or pay at the meeting with cash or check



New Chapter Members

Robert Oyed Stewart – Jesse Braswell (private - VA)



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 report that there are sloppy applications being submitted by anyone not familiar with the SAR application process and requirements.

Member Stats

Regular	**83**
Junior	**9**
Life	**6**
E-1	**0**
E-2	**0**
Active Duty/Military	**0**
Dual	**2**
Total	**100**

BECOME A GUARDS-MAN

We are looking for volunteers to join Commodore John Barry Camp #3 of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

It is preferred to have the same type of uniform or clothing in which your Patriot ancestor would have worn during the Revolution.

Continental Army, Navy, or Marine Uniform, is the traditional dress in a unit, however Militia personnel wore everyday clothes of the era.

Militia clothing consists of:

- **Hat round or tricorn**
- **Shirt (White)**
- **Britches and Footwear**
    - **Hunting**

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 uniform 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.

Calendar of Local Events

Nov 7th – Good Deeds Foundation Fundraiser – Rialto Hilton

Nov 11th - Veterans Day at VMC

Nov 14th – Red White and Brass at VMC

Dec 19th – Wreaths Across America 0 CCNC – 9AM

Dec 20th – WAA at Pinecrest Cemetery

A Patriot Remembered

By Compatriot Jerry C. Scarpate



George Lewis of Massachusetts was destined to be a revolutionary since he was descended from a separatist pastor who defied English religious teachings and left for North America in 1632.

Born on April 9, 1741, to a prominent family from Barnstable, George decided to join the Patriot Cause at age 34. His first assignment was with Captain Micah Hamilton's Company where he received a commission as a lieutenant on April 19, 1775. That same year he transferred to Colonel Joseph Otis's Regiment and was promoted to captain. It was in this unit where he participated in the Lexington Alarm. Some say he was at Bunker Hill, but this has never been

absolutely proven. In 1776 and 1777 he served as a second major in the 1st Regiment, Barnstable County, Massachusetts under Colonel Nathaniel Freeman. He remained with this unit until 1783 for a total of 8 years of service. In 1778 he participated in the Alarms at Bedford, Dartmouth, and Falmouth, MA. For his contributions to the war effort, he received a military pension.

Major George Lewis married his first wife, Mary Davis, on October 12, 1760. Unfortunately, she passed away on February 1, 1782, a month after giving birth to twins, Robert and Abigail. He remarried a year later and took Desire Parker for his wife on January 27. Four months later the couple moved to Gorham, Maine where they remained until his passing on July 24, 1819. In his later years, Major George Lewis played a major role in community affairs. According to McLellan's, "History of Gorham, Maine,", the author stated, "He was a great-weighted force of character, decided in all his convictions. He was a prominent man in the affairs of the town, and in the old Orthodox church, of which for many years a deacon." In the "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families", it was noted that Major Lewis, "was one of the most distinguished men of the family."

I am proud of my connection to such a patriotic and respected ancestor. In his honor, I have visited his grave in Gorham, Maine every year for the past four years. Although I will never be the revolutionary he was, I can pay my respects to a patriot who helped pave the way for the life I currently enjoy.

The latest version of the Florida Society website is now live!

The Society website at flssar.org has a new member sign-in. Your old website password does not carry over, so the first time you visit you will need to choose a new one. This takes about two minutes. Please follow the steps below in order.

Before you start:
You will need two things. The first is your National SAR Number, which is printed on your membership card and in your member record. The second is access to the email address the Society has on file for you.
Choose a new password
Step 1. Open your web browser and go to flssar.org.
Step 2. Choose Member Login at the top of the page. You can also type flssar.org/login directly.
Step 3. Find the box labeled National SAR Number or Email.
Step 4. Do not type a password yet. Choose Forgot your password?
under the box.
Step 5. A new page opens. Type your National SAR Number or your email address.
Step 6. Choose Get New Password.
Step 7. Open your email. A message arrives within a few minutes from FLSSAR, with the subject Reset your password.
Step 8. Choose the link in that message. The link works for 24 hours.
Step 9. Type a new password, then type it again to confirm.
What a good password needs:
Your new password must follow these rules. It does not expire, so you will not be asked to change it later. The password needs:
- **At least 8 characters.**
- **At least one capital letter.**
- **At least one small letter.**
- **At least one number.**
- **At least one symbol, such as @ # $ % & ! * ? ( ) _ +**

Sign in:
Step 1. Go back to flssar.org and choose Member Login.
Step 2. In the first box, type your National SAR Number.
Step 3. In the second box, type your new password.
Step 4. Choose Sign In.
If you are using your own computer, phone, or tablet, you can choose
Remember Me. The website will then keep you signed in on that
device. Do not choose it on a shared or public computer.
If the email does not arrive, first, look in your Junk or Spam folder. If the message is there, mark it Not Junk so future messages reach your inbox. Replies to the address noreply@flssar.org are not read, so please do not reply to it. If there is no message anywhere after ten minutes, the email address on file for you may be missing or out of date. In that case, please contact the Secretary through the website at flssar.org/contact-us and choose Secretary, or ask your chapter Registrar to help. Please include your name, your chapter, and your National SAR Number so they can update your record. A note about your National SAR Number Almost every member signs in with the National SAR

September 19th Meeting



Hans Hunt is awarded Bronze Color Guard Medal



Jeff Sizemore is awarded The Silver Roger Sherman Medal Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Certificate of Distinguished Service, and a Certificate of Appreciation



FL State Recording Secretary Randal Thomas Allen presents the Wounded Warrior Coin to John Allen

September Meeting (Cont)



New Member Robert Stewart



Guest Speaker Robin Lee Prestion, FL SAR EC Regional VP presents a talk on our Constitution



September 30th – Cape Canaveral National Cemetery - Brevard No One Veteran Left Behind

October 10th Meeting



Joel Etherton is presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the FL State President for outstanding support given to the SAR

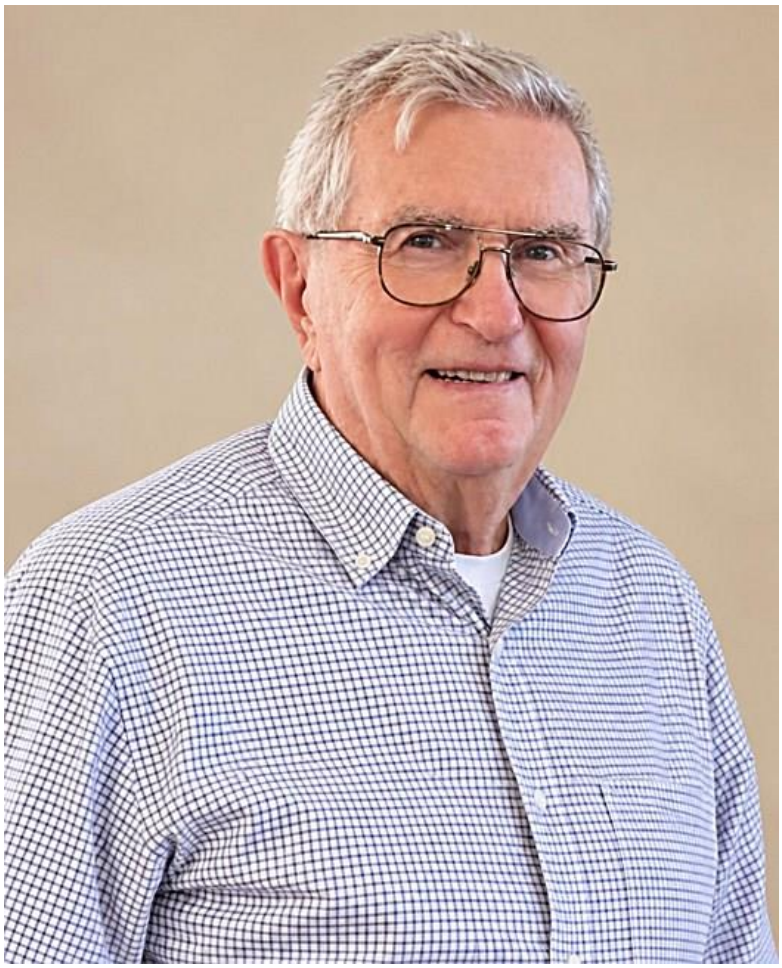


Dr. Jane A. Hodges was the guest speaker who talked about the space program and educating the youth on the program, in the public schools.

RIP

Raymond Lewis Norman

January 31, 1935 – October 17, 2026



Former Brevard Chapter Genealogist and Life Member

Veterans Upcoming Events

7 Nov - 2nd Annual VyStar MOACC Good Deeds Foundation Veterans Recognition Dinner – Rialto Hilton

8 Nov – Home Stretch 9th Annual 5K (NVHS) – Eau Gallie Arts District – 8AM start

11 Nov - Veteran Day Event - BVMC Plaza 0900-1130

13 Nov – Annual Marine Corps Ball at Space Coast Convention Center – 1700-2200

19 Dec – Wreaths Across America at CCNC

20 Dec – WAA at Pinecrest Cemetery, Cocoa – 1400-153

For additional details and other events and updates see:

https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/





Brevard Chapter

2026-2027 Officers

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2nd VP - Vacant
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Member-at-large: Barry Eller

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