



**The Florida Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution**
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President's Message

Greeting Fort Lauderdale Chapter Members,

Our last meeting seems like it was long ago. A lengthy and busy summer has transpired since and I hope everyone had a great summer and made the best of it.

That last meeting, by the way, was quite a good one. We presented a law enforcement award to a deserving member of the law enforcement community and had quite a crowd present. The same award was presented at the City Hall to a second officer who was unable to make it to our meeting.

We also presented the Outstanding History Teacher Award to an incredibly worthy educator. He was our guest speaker as well and his talk about General George Washington's handing of a near mutiny by his troops at the close of the Revolution was a moving tribute to the General but as the presenters emotions surfaced during his reenactment of the situation, it was clear our choice for Outstanding History Teacher was a very good one indeed.

Our next meeting is coming up and it's always enjoyable to get together again and enjoy the company of our fellow compatriots. Please make every effort to attend.

It won't be long before we will be nominating officers for 2011. Anyone interested in an office should let me know. The office of president has traditionally held a one year term limit so someone will be needed to step up and lead the chapter for the coming year.

I am going to propose that beginning in the coming year, the vice president be responsible for obtaining speakers for our meetings. This would relieve the president of that task and lighten his load a bit. At the present time the VP doesn't really have any official duties so this would spread the work around a little. See you at the meeting!

Respectfully,
Charlie Crowell
President, Fort Lauderdale Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution.

This Month's Guest Speakers

Our guest speakers for our September luncheon are two Cadets from Pembroke Pines Civil Air and their Commander, Major Dan Brown, who will enlighten us on what the Civil Air Patrol does for our community.

Please join us all for this educational experience.

NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Colony West Country Club
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac

Future Dates:
October 16, 2010
November 20, 2010
Installation December 18, 2010

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon
Buffet Luncheon - \$15.00
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-441-8735
or e-mail Joe Motes at: joemotes@aol.com

**Fort Lauderdale Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Minutes of Meeting on May 16, 2010
Held at Colony West Country Club in
Tamarac, Florida**

The meeting was opened at 12:00 PM by President Charles Crowell with 27 members and guests present. The invocation was offered by Fr. Cass Daly followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge, each led by the President.

The President asked each of the members and guests present to introduce themselves. Following the introductions the President started a conversation on various aspects of the SAR in which he was joined by several other members.

The President then asked the officers of the Chapter to report with the following results:

Vice President: Vice President Flannery had nothing to report on Chapter business. However, since the meeting was being held on Armed Forces Day he did the appropriate research, found the original wording of the Proclamation by President Truman establishing the day, and shared it with the chapter.

Secretary: The Secretary noted that the minutes had been distributed with the newsletter and asked that they be approved. This was moved by Ted Duay, seconded by Joe Motes, and approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer/Newsletter: Treasurer and Publisher of the Chapter Newsletter Joe Motes presented the treasurers report that indicated a current balance in the operating account of \$3,592.50 and \$14,573.12 in the Trust Fund. He also asked for help in covering JROTC meetings for presentation of awards and Ted Duay volunteered to cover the two meetings for which there was a conflict in meeting times. Joe also asked for motion to approve a \$200.00 gift to the local CAR chapter, and this was moved by Paul Blackinton, seconded by Ted Duay, and approved by a voice vote. Jim Lohmeyer moved that the Chapter reimburse Joe Motes \$250 to defer a part of his travel costs associated with his representation of the Chapter at JROTC events. The second was from Ted Duay and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Genealogist/Registrar: Ted Duay did not present a report.

Following a break for lunch, Paul and Dan Blackinton read the citation and the Chapter presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Corporal Roger Good of the Broward Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the program is to recognize an outstanding member of the law enforcement community who has served with distinction and devotion and the Chapter solicited recommendations from the Sheriff's Office.

The President presented an award from the Chapter to Mr. William Ballenger from St. Andrews School in Boca Raton recognizing his merit as an instructor at that institution. Following the presentation Mr. Ballenger delivered a talk centered around the question of whether certain notable figures in history are notable because of the events occurring at that time in which they participated or, instead, they drove the events. As an example he recounted the actions of George Washington in suppressing a mutinous meeting of some officers of the Continental Army in 1783.

The meeting was concluded with a benediction delivered by Fr. Cass Daly and the SAR Recessional led by the President.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dye, Secretary

Note: The winner of the 50/50 raffle held after the meeting was John Dye



JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



Blanche Ely High School



Cooper City High School



Boca Raton Civil Air Patrol



Boca Raton Civil Air Patrol certificates



Pembroke Pines Civil Patrol award



Pembroke Pines Civil Air Patrol certificates



Coconut Creek High School



Coconut Creek High School certificates

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



Coral Glades High School



Deerfield Beach High School



Coral Springs High School



Dillard High School



Cypress Bay High School



Everglades High School



Cypress Bay High School certificates



Flanagan High School

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



Fort Lauderdale High School



Ft Lauderdale Naval Civil Sea Cadets



Hallandale High School



Naval Sea Cadets certificates



Hollywood Hills High School



Naval Sea Cadets \$200 donation



McArthur High School



Northeast High School

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



NOVA High School



Piper High School



Plantation High School



Pompano Beach High School



South Broward High School



South Plantation High School



Stoneman Douglas High School



Stranahan High School

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



West Broward High School



West Broward High School



Taravella High School



Western High School certificates 1st group



Western High School



Western High School certificates 1st group



Western High School certificates 2nd group



Western High School certificates 3rd group

JROTC and Good Citizenship Awards for 2009 - 2010



Western High School certifies 4th group



Western High School certifies 5th group



Western High School certifies 6th group

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| Dillard High | Michael Burgess |
| Everglades High | David Espinoza |
| Everglades High | Angella Castillo |
| Fort Lauderdale | Marcus Brown |
| Hallandale High | Carlos De Jesus |
| Hollywood Hills High | Steven Kaya |
| McArthur High | Danny Key |
| Monarch High | James Hoang |
| Northeast High | Stephanie Rodriguez |
| NOVA High | Alan Gimenez-Beron |
| Piper High | Matthew R. Burton |
| Plantation High | Stephanie Burgos |
| Pompano Beach High | Diana Acatos |
| South Broward High | Anthony Truntz |
| South Plantation High | Kamali Douglas |
| Stoneman Douglas High | Kevin Culligan |
| Stranahan High | Joel Luc |
| J. P. Taravella High | Lee Westman |
| West Broward High | Andre Brown |
| West Broward High | Gabrielle Rosado |
| Western High | Daniel Blackinton |

My personal thanks go out to James Lohmeyer and Ted Duay who helped make this year’s presentations a great success. This year we had 32 JROTC recipients. Two Navy Sea Cadet and four Civil Air Patrol Cadets were the recipients of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. This year we continued presenting the Good Citizenship Certificates to some of the above units, 271 were presented.

This school year we added 2 new high school to our roster, Cooper City High School and Hollywood Hill High School, and 2 new Civil Air Patrol Squadrons, Pembroke Pines and Cooper City.

Below are all our recipients for the past year:

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| Blanche Ely High | Jabari Price |
| Charles Flanagan High | Luis Santana |
| Charles Flanagan High | Michael Mannino |
| Charles Flanagan High | Daniela Herrera |
| Coconut Creek High | Alma Dominguez |
| Cooper City High | Gunner Shaw |
| Coral Glades High | Kyle Capano |
| Coral Springs High | George Oлару |
| Cypress Bay High | Ernie Mancini |
| Deerfield Beach High | Jose Aponte |

Receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals were:

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| Fort Lauderdale Navy Sea Cadets | Pablo Taborda |
| Fort Lauderdale Navy Sea Cadets | Joshua Fitzgibbon |
| Boca Raton CAP Civil Air Patrol | Connor Cash |
| Weston Civil Air Patrol | Michael Lavin |
| Crystal Lakes Civil Air Patrol | Nicholas Gloria |
| Coral Springs Civil Air Patrol | Zachary Vorcheimer |
| Pembroke Pines Civil Air Patrol | Malik Gumbs |



2011 Dues Notice

Greetings Compatriot !

Your SAR dues notice and membership card for 2011 are enclosed. Please send your check for it to be received no later than December 5th. This timing is required to meet the new deadlines established by the state and national organizations. If circumstances may delay your payment, call or e-mail the Treasurer (954-441-8735 or joemotes@aol.com).

NOTE: Anyone who has not been heard from by **12/10/10** must be reported as dropped from membership. Reinstatement can be made at a later date but this will require processing a special application and the payment of \$5 in addition to the regular dues. These delays also may cause some issues of the newsletter and magazine to be missed. – Of course, it is hoped that everyone will renew but it also is very important that your response be timely.

CHAPTER TRUST FUND

The Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR Trust Fund was established in 1991 and has grown to its current balance of approx \$14,573. The stated purpose of this fund is to assist in the operation of the Chapter, including its projects and expenses. Only the earnings of the Trust may be utilized, never the principal. Including extra dollars in your check for the trust fund will be very helpful and appreciated.

Thank you and have a happy holiday season.....

Florida State Park Vet Passes: State Park Fees for Veterans S.B.2256 introduced by Sen. Andy Gardiner (R-9) and H.B.1145 introduced by Rep. Leonard Bembry (D-70) has been passed and sent to the and or gratis Entrance Passes to eligible members of the military community who present proof of eligibility:

- 25% discounted Annual Entrance Passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.
- No cost Life Entrance Passes for veterans with service related disabilities and surviving spouses of members of the US military who have fallen in combat.

The discounted Florida State Parks Annual Entrance Pass is only available for purchase at any Florida State Park staffed ranger station. The no cost annual Life pass can only be obtained at a staffed ranger station. A list of staffed ranger stations can be found at

www.floridastateparks.org/thingstoknow/doc/annualpass/staffedrangerstations.pdf

Satisfactory written documentation to prove eligibility includes current military identification card showing the bearer as active duty, reserve or retired member of a branch of the Department of Defense, or Personal identification (i.e.: driver license) and:

- Most recent DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing the named individual's Character of Service as Honorable, or
- Other current official documentation from the Department of Defense, or one of its branches, naming the bearer as active duty, reserve, veteran or retired military, or
- Current official documentation from the Department of Defense, or one of its branches, naming the bearer as having sustained a service-related disability, or
- The final DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, showing the date of death as the same date as the date of separation, and Marriage certificate or license, or death certificate showing the bearer as the spouse of the military member who has fallen in combat.

National Park Passports: In addition to the senior pass available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are at least 62 years old for a one-time processing fee of \$10, the following can be obtained:

- **Access Pass:** A Free Pass for People with Disabilities. It is a special permit for people of any age who are medically determined to be blind or have other permanent disabilities. It offers the same benefits as the Senior Pass, but it is completely without charge. No processing fee is charged for the Access Pass. Like the Senior Pass to national parks, the Access Pass cannot be purchased by mail or online. It must be obtained in person at a federal area where an entrance fee is charged. To qualify for the free Access Pass to national parks, you will need to provide one of the following: a statement from a licensed physician, a document issued by a Federal agency such as the Veteran's Administration, proof of Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income, or a document issued by a state agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency.
- **A One-Year National Parks Pass for People Under Age 62.** If you are under age 62 and do not qualify for a Senior Pass to national parks, you can still save money by purchasing an Annual Pass, which costs \$80 and is good for one year from the date of purchase. At national parks, monuments and recreation areas that charge a per-vehicle fee, the Annual Pass to national parks admits you and your passengers without charge. Where a per-person fee is charged, the pass admits you plus three other adults (children under 16 are not subject to charges). There are three ways to purchase an Annual Pass to U.S. National Parks. In person at a national park that charges an

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- entrance fee, online from the National Park Service Annual Pass site <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html> , or by calling 1-888-ASK-USGS, Ext. 1
- **Volunteer Pass.** If you enjoy the national parks and want to help out by becoming a volunteer you can get an complementary annual pass for your efforts. You'll receive the same discounts and national park benefits as the Annual Pass described above, but the Volunteer Pass is available to volunteers who provide 500 hours of cumulative service. For more information about the Volunteer Pass to our national parks, call 1-888-ASK-USGS.



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2010 NSSAR ANNUAL CONGRESS REPORT

Dear Compatriots:

In July, I attended the SAR Annual Congress in Cleveland and had a wonderful time. I always enjoy meeting new compatriots from around the country as well as catching up with old friends. The Ohio Society was a most gracious host to all.

In Cleveland, despite running a good campaign, Paul Hays of the DC Society was unsuccessful in defeating the incumbent for Genealogist General. Compatriot Hays will be running again for Genealogist General in 2011 and I hope that the Florida Society will continue to support and endorse him.

Another item of interest in Cleveland was discussion of the Tennessee Amendment that was supported by the Florida Society and many other states. After lively discussion, Rick Hollis, President of the Tennessee Society, made a motion that passed to table the amendment indefinitely – in other words, through the end of Congress. The rationale for this decision was that many compatriots supported the changes advocated by the Tennessee Amendment but thought that those changes should be considered and made by the SAR Genealogy Committee at the Fall Leadership meeting in September.

David Sympson, the newly elected President General, dramatically altered the membership of the SAR Genealogy Committee in a number of ways:

- (1) Reduced the membership of the committee from 58 members to 21 members;
- (2) Replaced both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee. The new Chairman is Stan Evans of Tennessee (formerly Florida SAR President) and the new Vice Chairman is J. Michael Jones from Arizona;
- (3) Changed the composition so that no state has more than one member on the committee;
- (4) Removed the Genealogist General as an Ex-Officio member of the committee;
- (5) Removed any past PG or SAR staff member from the committee.

I commend PG Sympson on his changes to the committee and I am hopeful that the new committee will promulgate genealogical policies that will enhance membership growth and streamline the application process.

PG Sympson has also shown his commitment to streamlining the SAR application process and reducing approval time by preparing and sending a memo to the Genealogist General and Genealogy Committee which a member of the committee was kind enough to send to me. In that memo, PG Sympson states "It is imperative that reducing application approval time continues to be given a very high priority by the Genealogist General and the Genealogy Committee...I would greatly appreciate your serious consideration of my ideas for the betterment of the application process."

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Duay
FLSSAR Genealogist