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Presidents Message

Compatriots and Friends,

Some announcements on coming events:

FLSSAR 2022 Fall Board of Management (BOM) Meeting. The BOM will meet on October 7 and 8 2022 at the Orlando Lake Buena Vista South Embassy Suites. If you plan to attend, call me as I need to submit a registration report for the Chapter by September 19, 2022. If you are attending, you should reserve your hotel room and can go to the link of the FLSSAR website to make reservations: [Main Home Page https:// \(flssar.org\)](https://flssar.org)

NSSAR 2023 Congress. Next year Florida will be the host state for the 133rd NSSAR Congress. Each Chapter is being asked to solicit volunteers from its ranks that can assist at registration booths as well as at tours and other special events. If you are committed to going and can volunteer to assist, please let me know by September 17, 2022. I have sent out a separate e-mail providing more details and information. The Congress will meet from October 13 to October 20, 2023 at the Orlando Rosen Plaza Hotel.

At the end of July and the beginning of August, I received five referrals, of which three resulted in completed and submitted applications. I have been busy! Our newest applicants are: John Wynkoop, Michael Spear and Kevin Shurte. These three, along with our July applicant, Barry Moss, are all in the queue for NSSAR approval. I anticipate all to be approved by November 2022.

I also take this opportunity to welcome our newest members Jeffrey Watts and his son Joshua Watts. We will induct Jeff at our next lunch meeting scheduled for September 17, 2022.

I continue to ask our officers, senior members and new members to complete a draft member profile and provide a portrait photo to be published in a future Newsletter. To date, it is extremely disappointing for me to say that of our 2022 officers – only Pete Stevenson and I have submitted profiles. Of senior members, John Sauerwald and Martin Hollick have participated. Fortunately, with the new members, most have submitted a profile, and I am now requiring all new applicants going forward to submit a profile before I sponsor and submit their application to NSSAR.

Besides publication in the Chapter Newsletter, I plan to create a subpage in the “Members Only” area of our website where all profiles will be housed for reference.

For the most current information on upcoming meetings or for information and links to prior Chapter activity, visit us at www.fortlauderdale.sar.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Chuck Adams
President and Registrar/Genealogist
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR



Our July 16th meeting had 15 members and friends in attendance

NEXT MEETING - September 17, 2022

Davie Outback Steak House
2725 South University Dr. Davie, Florida 33328

Future Dates:

Saturday, 10/15/2022

Saturday, 11/19/2022

Saturday,

Time: 11:30 AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY - JULY 16, 2022

At our July 16, 2022, meeting we had nine members and six guests present. **Members:** Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor; Peter Stevenson, Secretary; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplain; Herb Gardner; Martin Hollick; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider; and by **Zoom:** John Lohmeyer & Ted Duay. **Guests:** Earl Higginbotham (Miami Chapter); Ellen Higginbotham; Tomas Gantt; Barry Moss; Shelley Gardner; and Joane Volsy.

Officer and Committee Reports were given by Chuck Adams, and Joe Motes. Chuck discussed the status of new prospects and applications to NSSAR that are under review. He acknowledged the presence of Earl Higginbotham who is currently a member of the Miami Chapter but plans to transfer to our Chapter since he lives in Cooper City. Chuck repeated his previous call to members and prospective members asking them to submit a profile and photo to be published in an upcoming newsletter. Joe reported the status of funds in the Chapter bank accounts. He also provided a status on FLSSAR grant reimbursements that he has or expects to receive for this year. Chuck announced that the annual meeting of the five Broward DAR Chapters will be held on September 17, 2022, and that Joe Motes will attend and represent us since that is also the date of our next Chapter meeting.

During Old/New Business, Ellen Higginbotham introduced herself as a volunteer working on behalf of the Veterans Honor Flight Program. She discussed upcoming events, and how veterans can apply to attend and others can volunteer to assist. Jim Lohmeyer, Joe Motes and John Sauerwald were recognized for their past service. Each commented on the benefits of the program. John Lohmeyer (via Zoom) wished to acknowledge the efforts of Tom Shepherd in sponsoring the full page ad appearing in the July 3, 2022 edition of the Sun Sentinel which wished readers a "Happy 4th of July". The members present conveyed their appreciation. Tom Shepherd thanked Mark Snider for his efforts in developing the full page ad and coordinating placement with the paper.

To read the complete set of minutes of the July 16, 2022 members meeting, open the document sent to you by e-mail, or review it at the archives subpage for minutes and agendas maintained at the Chapter website: www.forlauderdaleassar.org.



Chapter President Chuck Adams presented James P Harns, Jr with his membership certificate at his home.



At our June 18, 2022 lunch meeting, we inducted Rick Kidder Jr. and James P. Harn Jr. Rick's profile was published in our June 2022 Newsletter. Now, let's learn more about Jim Harn.

SAR MEMBER PROFILE – JAMES P. HARN JR.

Interviewed by: Chuck Adams



Q. Ok Jim, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in Coral Gables, Florida. I attended Broward Community College and graduated from the Broward County Police Academy in 1973. I have worked in law enforcement throughout my career. Subsequently, I received a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree from Barry University in 1992, and a Master of Science in the Administration of Justice degree from Louisville University in 1995.

Q. So, can you tell us a little more about your career?

A. I started out with the City of Hollywood Police Department and worked there from 1973 to 1991 leaving as a Detective Sergeant. From 1991 to 2004, I was with the Cooper City Police Department leaving as a Captain and Deputy Chief. Then, from 2004 to 2013, I was with the Broward Sheriff's Office where I was a Commander over the Child Protective Investigations Section. Currently, I work as a Senior Consultant and Investigator for McGarry and Associates; and through my company, Harn Consulting, LLC, I provide expert witness testimony mostly on child welfare and dependency cases.

Q. So, in your spare time, what are some of your interests?

A. I enjoy fishing. As for sports, I am a fan of girl's youth softball. I also like both college and professional football - Go Dolphins!

Q. How about your family?

A. From a previous marriage, my eldest son is James P. Harn III. Through he and his wife, Sylvia, I have twin grandsons, Justin and Lucas, both currently nine years old. My wife, Alicia Diane, and I married in 1980. We have a daughter Jane Ashley who is married to Ralph Dominguez. Through them I have a step grandson Antonio Dominquez (age 19), and a granddaughter Grace Olivia Dominguez (age 12). My youngest is son Jeffrey Kirk Harn. Through he and his wife, Jessica, I have granddaughters, Sienna S. Harn (age 7) and Summer J. Harn (age 5), and I have grandson, Cooper J. Harn (age 1).

Q. Tell us briefly about your Patriot ancestor?

A. Francis Fontaine III (1750 - abt. 1780). He was born and lived in South Carolina, a descendant of French Huguenots. He was a private in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Francis Marion. Sometime around or after 1780, he was murdered by Tories. His estate was settled in 1783.

Q. How do you hope to contribute to Chapter develop?

A. I am currently a member of the Public Safety Medals Award Committee. We are looking at ways to more systematically recognize law enforcement, fire and emergency services personnel for meritorious service. I am happy to contribute my expertise.

Thanks, Jim, for sharing.

**OUR JULY 2022 APPLICANT PENDING
SAR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL**



**SAR MEMBER PROFILE –
BARRY L. MOSS**
Interviewed by: Chuck Adams

Q. Ok Barry, can you tell us a little bit about yourself and your family?

A. I was born and raised in Taunton, Massachusetts and am a product of that city's public schools. I graduated from The American University in Washington, DC in 1971 where I majored in history. I have never been married and have no children

Q. What is or was your occupation?

A. After graduation I worked for two US Senators, Claiborne Pell (RI) and Lloyd Bentsen (TX). In 1976 I moved to Lisbon, Portugal where I taught English at the American Language Institute. Upon returning to the US in 1980 I took the necessary courses to become a Real Estate Appraiser and ran my own company for about twenty-five years. In addition to working as an appraiser I bought, renovated and sold properties.

Q. Tell us about some of your other interests?

A. I retired in 2006 and moved to Palm Aire in Pompano where I became involved in my condominium association and volunteered for several non-profits. In 2014 I was elected to the Pompano Beach City Commission and served as a commissioner for six years and as the Vice Mayor for two years. I am an avid history buff and enjoy traveling and visiting museums and historical sites.

Q. Tell us a little about your Patriot ancestor?

A. I joined the SAR through my fifth great grandfather Heinrich (Henry) Ohl. He was a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia. I have several other patriot ancestors and look forward to doing more research on those men and learning more about them. During the pandemic I spent many hours on Ancestry.com and other sites and discovered ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary and Civil wars. I also discovered that I am descended from George Soule who arrived in Plymouth on the Mayflower. I recently was accepted as member of the Mayflower Society.

Q. Are there any other remarks that you would like to make about the Chapter and SAR?

A. I look forward to becoming involved in the SAR.

Thanks, Barry, for sharing.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



**SAR MEMBER PROFILE –
JEFFREY HOWARD WATTS**
Interviewed by: Chuck Adams

Q. Ok Jeffrey, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A. I was born in 1961 and raised fifty miles north of New Orleans in a small papermill town called Bogalusa. I graduated high school and attended Asbury University in Kentucky, earning a degree in psychology. I then attended Georgia State University and the Psychological Studies Institute for my master's and doctorate degrees.

Q. So, what career path have you followed?

A. I worked as a psychologist for ten years in the Seattle area before engaging in my true calling of building high performing teams and businesses. Having served as COO and CEO in several firms, I now coach business owners and executives in rapid revenue growth and leadership strategies.

Q. How about telling us about some of your other interests?

A. Generally, my interests center around Family, Faith, and Freedom: namely camping, trekking, and firearms. Recently, I have become interested in my family heritage. After attending my aunt's funeral and seeing Confederate flags on tombstones across the cemetery, I was able to document my southern lineage and I joined the Sons of the Confederacy. That then led to my interest in extending the lineage in order to join the Sons of the American Revolution.

Q. How about your family?

A. Through a previous marriage, I have two older sons – Joshua Howard Watts and Daniel Jeffrey Watts. They are both married and live in Washington State, and I recently became a grandfather. Joshua applied for SAR membership with me so, like me, he has also recently been approved. I am currently married to my best friend Nelly. We have a son and a daughter at home – Matteo David Watts and Sarah Isabella Watts.

Q. Tell us briefly about your Patriot ancestor?

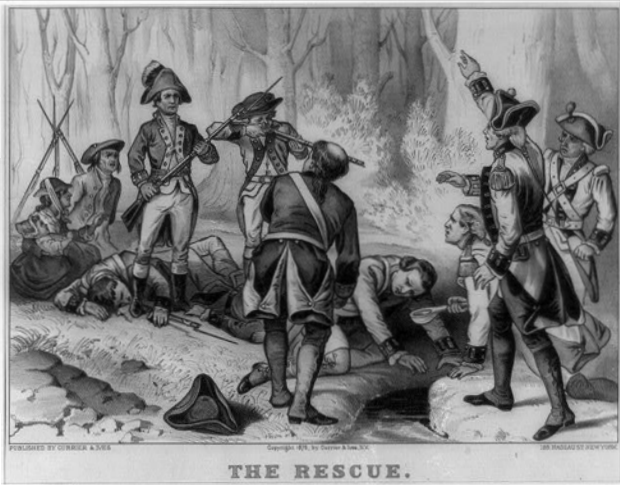
A. James Trousdale (1736 - 1818). He was born in Pennsylvania and settled in North Carolina where his parents had moved. He was a Captain in several companies of the North Carolina Militia fighting during the Southern Campaign. He was at the siege of Charleston, and he was with Washington at Yorktown. After the war, he was a pioneer settler of Gallatin, Tennessee where he died.

Q. How do you hope to contribute to Chapter develop?

A. Helping to grow our SAR Chapter membership is important to me, and I will do what I can.

Thanks, Jeffrey, for sharing.

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**The Swamp Fox wins the Battle of Blue Savannah
September 4, 1780**

"On September 4, 1780, the Swamp Fox wins the Battle of Blue Savannah. Lieutenant Colonel Francis Marion was a continual thorn in the side of the British who occupied South Carolina. After a successful invasion captured Charleston in May of 1780, and much of the Continental Army's southern division was captured or killed at Camden in August, South Carolina was securely in British hands.

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Marion, a 5-foot-tall veteran of the Cherokee campaigns of the French and Indian War, led a guerrilla style offensive against the British in the area. With only a few dozen men, Marion led one of the few pockets of remaining resistance in the colony, staging numerous attacks on British troops and their Loyalist co-conspirators. Marion earned the nickname, the "Swamp Fox," for his ability to elude British troops through the swamps in his home area around the Pee Dee and Santee Rivers.

After the overwhelming defeat at Camden, Marion and his men freed 150 Maryland prisoners who were being taken back to Charleston. The soldiers believed the war was over, however, after their overwhelming defeat, and refused to join Marion. Marion then hid at a camp near Port's Ferry and learned that Loyalist troops under Major General Micajah Gainey were pursuing him.

Rather than flee from Gainey's 200 Loyalists, Marion and his 60 men decided to attack them head on. On September 4, Marion's advance scouts ran into Gainey's advance troops and routed them. Marion then performed a pretend retreat to trick Gainey into advancing and quickly routed Gainey's main body of men.

Gainey's troops scattered and Marion regrouped at Port's Ferry. The Battle of Blue Savannah, as it is called, served to break the back of Loyalist recruitment and military action in the Pee Dee and Santee Rivers area. It also encouraged the South Carolina militia to stand up and begin resistance again after the dreadful defeat at Camden.

By the way, a "savannah," in the local South Carolina vernacular of the time, referred to a depression in the ground filled with water to make a small lake or bay. There are several of these depressions, surrounded by ridges of sand in this area of eastern South Carolina. Geologists believe the features may have been created by meteorite strikes in the distant past. The shallow depressions would fill with water which had a blue hue, hence the name "Blue Savannah."

Today, the savannahs have largely disappeared due to agriculture and irrigation, but some of the depressions can still be seen by satellite, including the one where the Battle of Blue Savannah was fought. It sits roughly at the intersection of Highways 501 and 41 to the south of present-day Marion, South Carolina."

