

THE PRESIDENTS' LETTER  
SEPTEMBER 1990

Well, summer is almost gone. For most of the Florida Chapters September marks the beginning of the season of meetings and activities. From the Chapter newsletters which I have received this will be a busy and rewarding time for us all.

Clearwater Chapter will be represented at a ceremony recognizing approximately 200 new U. S. citizens at the United States District Court in Tampa on 21 September. Charlotte Chapter plans a discussion of the Bill of Rights at their 10 September meeting. Compatriot Robert Copeland of Central Florida Chapter was selected as Florida 5th Congressional District Senior Citizen Intern for 1990. Mrs. Laviece Moore Smallwood will speak at the Jacksonville Chapter's September meeting on "A review of family research and an update on the latest techniques used by the Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City". Jacksonville Chapter also reports they have been getting more requests for their "Sons of Liberty Flag Program" and that they need more members in uniform. For those of you interested in buying Revolutionary War Uniforms, get in touch with Bill Hubbard at 904 771 3170. The well written, informative Flagler Chapter Newsletter includes minutes of their 20 April meeting, member news and a summary of the Chapter President's plans for the coming year.

All of the forgoing chapter activities will surely help to acquaint the public with the many worthwhile activities supported by the SAR. Favorable publicity for the SAR is a key to bringing into our society those many eligible men who have not yet heard of the SAR. So, continue your member recruiting. Your hard work and perseverance will make 1990-1991 a banner new member year. Remember, we want the FLSAR to be number one, the biggest and the best, a model for the other states to copy.

Please be sure your letters to our State President are addressed as follows:

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The fall BOM meeting will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning, 2-3 November, at the Ramada Inn, 3269 U.S. 98 North, Lakeland, FL 33809, telephone number 813 688 8080. The room rate is \$45.00 for 1-4 in a room. Make your reservations directly to the hotel before 20 October. Be sure to say you are attending a meeting of the FLSAR. Reservations for the Friday dinner and the Saturday breakfast buffet are to be made with Al Snapp, 813 533 3038, before 28 October. A meal reservation form was included with the Summer BOM meeting minutes sent to all Chapter presidents. Photocopy the form for your interested members. The reservation form

will also be part of the fall Patriot. Let's have a good turnout 2-3 November. Each of you is very important to making our FLSAR the best.

The National Society is offering a life membership covering national dues (\$12.00). The cost is graduated from \$300.00, age 21-30, to \$100.00 for those 60 and over. An application form is included in the fall Patriot. For those applying, the application is to be accompanied by payment of the life membership fee, according to their age bracket, plus \$12.00, this being their 1991 national dues. For years thereafter, the participating member pays only state and chapter dues. You will also note in paragraph five of the President General's message, page 2 of the Summer 1990 SAR Magazine, that National is studying the possibility of including state society dues in the life membership plan.

From page 47-49 of the SAR Summer 1990 Magazine: the Florida Society brought in 44 new members since the Spring issue was published, Texas was first, with 56 members and Pennsylvania second, with 49. We can do better than that, let's go Florida!

Russ Ford, Senior Vice President