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Special Edition

Ordinarily the next issue of the Caloosa Patriot would be published in October, after the next Chapter meeting. However, the ExCom has agreed that it would be useful to publish a special issue of the newsletter to provide members an opportunity to review proposed revisions to the Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules. The bylaws and standing rules are each six-page documents and as such, could be cumbersome if included along with regular newsletter content.

In April 2014 an ad hoc committee consisting of Compatriots John Jones (chairman), Russell Radcliffe, and Robert McGuire was appointed to review the existing bylaws and standing rules. A first draft of revisions was presented to the ExCom at its May meeting. A final draft was presented at the July ExCom meeting, at which time additional minor changes were requested. Both the existing and proposed bylaws require that amendments and changes to the bylaws be approved by a two-thirds vote of Members present and voting at the Annual Meeting (December). They also require that changes be identified in the Chapter newsletter prior to the meeting.

In this issue of the Caloosa Patriot readers will find, in addition to the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules, information about the new Chapter Website www.caloosasar.org. There is also a summary of the meeting of the 7 July 2014 ExCom meeting and information about the FLSSAR BOM (Board of Management) meeting that will take place October 3 to 5 in Orlando.

Proposed Bylaw and Standing Rules revisions follow:

*CALOOSA CHAPTER,
Florida Society,
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)*

*Proposed Bylaw changes 2014
ARTICLE I - THE CHAPTER*

Section 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be: Caloosa Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) (hereafter referred to as "the Chapter").

Section 2 - Structure

The Chapter is the ~~the~~ **a** principle subordinate element of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR), which in turn is a chartered entity of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR). It serves as the primary link between the individual Members (of the Chapter) and the State and National SAR Societies.

The ~~Catoosa~~ **Caloosa** Chapter was the 18th chapter to be chartered by the FLSSAR on 1 January 1973. It is a not-for-profit organization that derives its tax exempt status from Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code granting such status to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution and its subordinate elements. The FLSSAR was founded in 1896, and organized as a not-for-profit corporation on March 9, 1972 under the laws of the State of Florida. The NSSAR was founded in 1889 and is a corporation created by special act of the Congress of the United States on June 9, 1906, under Title 36 USC, Chapter 1 C, and amended in 1925 and 1961.

Section 3 - Purposes

The purposes and objectives of the Chapter are patriotic, historical and educational, and include activities to perpetuate the memory of the men and women who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people. Activities are intended to:

- a. Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- b. Inspire their descendants and the community at large with a more profound appreciation for the principles of the Government founded by our forebears;
- c. Encourage historical research relating to the American Revolution;
- d. Acquire and preserve records and other materials relating to the Revolutionary War period, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and ancillary subjects, in cooperation with local and state libraries, other lineage organizations, and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH).; ~~and~~
- e. Promote and recognize local educational activities by sponsoring ~~JROTC and Good Citizenship awards, Eagle Scout Scholarships, and Essay and Orator~~ **NSSAR or FLSSAR approved** contests.

Section 4 - Membership

The Caloosa Chapter is made up of following membership categories:

- a. **Regular or Regular Life Member:** ~~A Member is a~~ Any man (18) years or older, **being a citizen of good repute in the community**, whose application to membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution has been approved, and who also has been admitted **as** a member of the Florida Society, who is not in arrears in payment of his annual dues, and whose membership is not suspended or terminated under the provisions of Section 3 of Bylaw 17 of the National Society;
- b. ~~Associate: An Associate Member is any man who has submitted an application and fees to become a SAR member. An Associate has the same privileges as a member, but only at chapter functions, and may serve on committees but cannot~~

~~Chair a committee, vote or hold elective office. Upon the approval by both the FLSSAR and NSSAR, an Associate will be inducted as a member of the Chapter. An Associate pays chapter dues equal to the dues of a member; and~~

- e. ~~Affiliate: An Affiliate Member is any person who has submitted an application for Chapter membership and shares and supports the goals and objectives of the NSSAR. An Affiliate may participate at chapter functions, may serve on committees, but cannot Chair a committee, cannot vote or hold office, but may participate in all Chapter meetings and activities. An Affiliate pays annual chapter dues equal to those established for a member; and~~
- b. Junior: A Junior Member is a male ~~child~~ under the age of eighteen (18) whose Application has been approved by the National and State Societies and whose annual dues are not in arrears.

Section 5 - Meetings

The Chapter holds eight regular meetings each year, October to May, with the ~~May~~ December (as amended ~~11 May 2011~~) meeting designated as the Annual Meeting. Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of the month, subject to change by the Executive Committee (~~EC~~ EXCOM). A quorum for the Annual Meeting shall consist of twenty percent of the Members in good standing.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Executive Committee

The Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Committee (~~EC~~ EXCOM) that establishes policy, approves the annual budget, sets fees & dues, and exercises operating control of the affairs, activities, funds and properties of the Chapter. The ~~EC~~ EXCOM shall meet prior to each general Chapter meeting. Times and locations will be announced in the Chapter's Newsletter and/or by direct notice to the members. ~~and~~ Meetings will be open to the general membership. The ~~EC~~ EXCOM may decide additional meetings are needed, however, additional meetings shall require ten days prior notice. ~~EC~~ EXCOM meetings shall require a quorum ~~that shall consist~~ consisting of a simple majority of ~~Officers~~ EXCOM members. In addition, the ~~EC~~ EXCOM shall:

- a. Set attainable annual goals and long-range objectives.
- b. Monitor and evaluate activities to achieve the Chapter's goals and objectives.

Section 2 - Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee (~~EC~~ EXCOM) consists of Members who have been elected to be Officers plus the immediate Past President and a Member-at-Large. Honorary (non-voting) Members include all past Presidents who serve in an advisory capacity. Officers with combined positions, e.g., ~~Registrar- Genealogist, Secretary-Treasurer,~~ have a single vote.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1 - General

The Officers of this Chapter, who must be **Regular or Regular Life** Members in good standing, are elected at the ~~March~~ **December Annual** Meeting and are installed at the ~~May Annual~~ January meeting for a one year term or until their successors are elected **unless** ~~or~~ they resign or are removed for good cause. The term of office will be from ~~June 1 through May 31~~ **January 1 through December 31**. The Officers, who will also serve as **members of** the **EC/EXCOM**, shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a **Recording Secretary**, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Genealogist, an Historian, a Chaplain, a Sergeant-at-Arms, **and a Member-at-Large**. One or more positions may be combined at the discretion of the Nominating Committee with the concurrence of the **EC/EXCOM**, based on available Member resources. Terms of office for the President and Vice-President are limited to three consecutive terms.

Section 2 - Nomination and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee shall be created each year and shall include a minimum of three Members appointed by the President and approved by **EC/EXCOM**, one of whom shall be any former Chapter President. The Committee shall solicit suggestions for nominations, and determines whether individuals nominated are willing to serve. Nominations from the floor may be offered at the **December** ~~March~~ Meeting.

Election for an office for which only one Member has been nominated will be by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation. Election for an office for which there are two or more candidates will be by **secret** ballot to be tallied by the Nominating Committee. Election will be by majority vote of Members in good standing who are present and voting at the ~~March~~ **December** meeting. If there is a tie vote, balloting will continue until a winner is determined. The results of balloting will be communicated to the President who will announce the winner.

Section 3 – ~~Resignation~~ **Vacancies** of Officers

In the case of death, disability, removal, or resignation of any Officer, the **EC/EXCOM** shall have the power to fill the unexpired term of office. Officers who resign or have been relieved of their duties shall, within one week of the date of their resignation or release, deliver to their successor all files, documents, funds including account access codes, electronic records, and any other property belonging to the Chapter. Failure to turnover said documents or other property of Chapter in timely manner shall be considered just cause for immediate termination from Membership of Chapter.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

All Chapter Officers are to be guided in their duties by the FLSSAR **Governing Documents** ~~Procedures Manual~~, Volumes **1, 2, & 3** (Latest Edition) **and** the Chapter's By-Laws and Standing Rules.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - General

The President or the Executive Committee may appoint both standing and ad hoc committees to address specific issues or to assist in short-term and/or long-range planning. Examples of standing committees are Budget, Nominations and Awards. Ad hoc committees are those formed to address specific issues such as By-Laws and Audit Committees. The Audit Committee reviews the financial and management records of the Chapter and needs to be convened whenever the Chapter has a new Treasurer or every 3 years, whichever comes first. This committee is empowered to recommend improvements to the operations of the Chapter, and may utilize outside consultants if authorized by the ~~EC~~EXCOM.

Section 2 - Caloosa Chapter S.A.R. Project Trust Fund

The Caloosa Chapter S.A.R. Project Trust Fund, (hereafter referred to as "the Trust Fund"), was approved by the membership in 2001. Separate By-Laws governing the Trust Fund took effect in 2002. The Trust Fund specifies that it be managed by three Trustees consisting of the Treasurer and two Members appointed by the ~~EC~~EXCOM for a term of two calendar years each.

ARTICLE VI - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1 - Amendments/Revisions

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, subject to the following:

- a. The text of any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the ~~EC~~EXCOM who must endorse review and present ~~them~~ their recommendations to Members at any regular meeting which is at least 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting;
- b. Proposed amendment(s) shall be clearly identified and published in the Chapter newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting; ~~and~~
- c. The text of the proposed amendment(s) may be modified by a simple majority of the Members present and voting without giving prior notice, provided that modifications do not significantly change the original intent.

Section 2 - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Chapter, its assets, property, and records including its Trust Fund, shall be transferred to and becomes the property of the State Society (FLSSAR).

Section 3 - Conduct of Business

Unless otherwise provided in these By Laws, all business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, as revised.

Section 4 - Provision for Electronic Meetings

The Executive Committee and other committees of the Chapter are authorized to hold electronic meetings via teleconferencing, audio-conferencing, video-conferencing or other technology that provides the opportunity for simultaneous aural communication in accordance with the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, as long as doing so does not conflict with the Constitution and bylaws of The National Society or the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Note: This bylaw does not cover or include meetings which are done in "writing" (e.g. postal mail, email, "chat rooms" or fax) as they do not meet the requirements for "simultaneous aural communication."

CERTIFICATION

I, John C. Jones, Secretary of the CALOOSA CHAPTER, FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, hereby certify that at the Annual Meeting of the chapter, held on the 10th day of December, 2014 at Fort Myers, Florida, at which meeting there was a quorum of Members authorized to vote, these By-Laws were duly adopted.

John C. Jones, Secretary

Attested:

Lee Matson, President

***CALOOSA CHAPTER
Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)***

2014 Proposed Standing Rules

OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

Section 1 - Policy determination and implementation

General policy development and operation of the Chapter is vested in the members of the Executive Committee (~~EC~~ **EXCOM**) as defined in the Chapter's Bylaws. Certain operations of the Chapter are subject to the Bylaws and the ~~EC~~ **EXCOM** will follow those guidelines. In order to maintain flexibility and eliminate the need for annual Bylaw reviews and changes, these Standing Rules (Rules) have been developed to provide day-to-day guidance in the affairs of the Chapter.

It is the intent that these Rules will be modified by formal action **by** the Executive Committee on an as-needed basis, and that the President will communicate any substantive changes promptly to the membership. Any member who objects to or has an issue with the Standing Rules may present the objection at any regularly scheduled **EC EXCOM** Meeting.

OFFICERS

Section 2 - President

The President presides at all meetings of the Chapter and the **EC EXCOM**. His duties include the submission of "State of the Chapter" reports to the membership, the authorization and awarding of certificates for service to the Chapter to members, nonmembers, or organizations. He shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs and activities of the Chapter, and plan and implement a program to achieve the Chapter's objectives and purposes, involving as many of the members in the work of the Chapter as possible. He shall appoint all Committees and their respective Chairman, except as otherwise provided by the By-Laws, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and may require such reports from them as necessary to ensure timely action is taken to plan, organize and carry out the various activities of the Chapter. He shall have the authority to appoint assistants to help officers carry out their duties. He performs other duties authorized by the **EC EXCOM**.

Section 3 - Vice-President

In the President's absence or incapacity, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Chapter and of the **EC EXCOM** and shall serve with all powers of the President until the President returns and is able to resume his duties. He will succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President. He shall be Chairman of the Program Committee, coordinating guest speakers for meetings and special event programs. He shall be a member of the Membership Committee; overseeing coordination of the membership activities and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or by the **EC EXCOM**.

Section 4 - Secretary

In addition to general membership and correspondence functions, the Secretary shall ~~prepare and maintain Minutes of business meetings of the Chapter and of the EC, and after review and approval by the President or EC will disseminate them prior to subsequent meetings;~~ maintain all official chapter records and assures their transfer either to subsequent officeholders or the Chapter Historian; prepare and send annual dues renewal notices to membership in October of each year. He transmits annual renewal checks to the Treasurer, prepares mandated reports for Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR), such as the Chapter Challenge and the Annual Membership renewal report, orders and maintains stock of secretarial and other chapter supplies. Transmits invoices to Treasurer for payment; and performs other duties as may be assigned by EC. He reports deceased Chapter members to the FLSSAR Secretary and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR). **A Recording Secretary may assist the Secretary in preparing and maintaining minutes of business meetings of the Chapter and of the EC EXCOM, and after review and approval by the President or EC EXCOM will disseminate them prior to subsequent meetings;**

Section 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer serves as the Chapter's financial officer, and shall: chair the Budget Committee that shall prepare an Annual Budget that is based in part on the Annual Dues paid by membership for EC EXCOM approval each December meeting, verifies that expenditures are appropriately documented and authorized, reimburses officers for approved expenditures, oversees chapter bank accounts and investment funds in consultation with EC EXCOM and Trustees, verifies the Annual Membership Renewal Report prepared by and issues an appropriate check to the Secretary for the amount that is due the FLSSAR, prepares financial reports based on bank accounting records: serves as a Trustee of the Caloosa Chapter Trust Fund, and performs other duties as assigned by EC EXCOM.

Section 6 - Registrar

The Registrar shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee. It is the applicant's responsibility to place the application before the Registrar and he shall assist prospective members, associates and affiliates including those seeking to transfer or join as Dual Members in completing their applications. He shall keep a copy of all papers pertaining to original and supplemental membership applications. He reviews and approves applications and evidence documents that demonstrate eligibility for each membership category, and upon his favorable review and approval shall assure the application is complete and forward the application either to the Chapter Secretary for Affiliate membership or to the FLSSAR Registrar for their his review and approval. Upon receipt of NSSAR and FLSSAR approval, he notifies the applicant and provides membership documentation to the Chapter Secretary.

Section 7 – Genealogist

The Genealogist shall be a member of the Publicity Committee, whose objective is to attract the interest of boys and men who are candidates for membership. He shall guide prospective applicants in preparing membership applications, including gathering and organizing supporting proofs.

Section 8 - Chaplain

The Chaplain opens and closes meetings of the Chapter with appropriate observances. He shall maintain communications with the FLSSAR Chaplain. The Chaplain, if informed, should assure Chapter representation at the funeral or memorial service for a departed member, particularly if not be able to attend personally.

Section 9 - Historian

The Historian shall collect and preserve all Chapter Newsletters, historical records, documents, news items, relics and memorabilia relative to the history and activities of the Chapter. He shall also maintain a history of the Caloosa Chapter and its relationship to FLSSAR and NSSAR, and perform historical research as may be assigned to him by the President or by the EC EXCOM. He reviews books and other materials being considered for donation to libraries, and recommends research materials for possible acquisition.

Section 10 - Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms assists in preserving and maintaining order and decorum at all meetings of the Chapter, subject to the instructions of the President. He handles the physical arrangements within the meeting hall, including the equipment required for meetings, and the provision of flags, decorations, regalia and other items. He is the primary officer to advise on questions of protocol and ceremony. He shall also be responsible for the care and safekeeping of the Chapter's flags, bunting, bell, gavel, name-tags, signs and other such property.

Section 11 - Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President. He prepares, publishes, and distributes ~~at least eight monthly~~ issues (October-May) of the Caloosa Chapter Newsletter with general information about upcoming meetings of the Chapter, Chapter activities, and ~~the patriots who served and events of the Revolutionary War, that has been authorized, approved~~ other information relevant to the purpose and objectives of the Chapter. The Chapter Newsletter may be reviewed by the President before publication, directed in advance of publication by the President, including but not limited to meeting dates and locations, contact information of EC EXCOM members, summaries of EC EXCOM meeting actions, etc.

Section 12 - Color Guard Commander

The Color Guard Commander shall be appointed by the President and is the officer-in-charge of The General Lighthorse Harry Lee Camp, Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade Color Guard. He presents the Chapter's colors on appropriate occasions, participates in various local, state, and national functions, and prepares a quarterly/annual report for the FLSSAR Sons of Liberty Brigade Commander. He shall also be responsible for the care and safekeeping of the Chapter's Color Guard flags and uniforms and other such property.

Section 13 – Webmaster

The Webmaster shall be appointed by the President to coordinate all updates and revisions that have been authorized and approved to the Chapter website. ~~they are then submitted to the State Webmaster.~~ He is responsible for insuring that information on the website is current and accurate.

Section 14 – Officer Replacement

Any Officer, who in the opinion of the President or EC EXCOM, is unable to perform the duties expected of an Officer of this Chapter, may be replaced by majority vote of EC EXCOM members voting at a regular meeting of the EC EXCOM.

Section 15 – Member At Large

The Member-at-Large is elected annually and serves as a member of the EXCOM.

The Member at Large represents the general membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure. He shall listen to the membership, and communicate their issues, needs and interests to the Executive Committee. He shall assist the EXCOM as requested.

COMMITTEES

Section 16 - Committee Structure

Standing Committees. The following are the permanent Standing Committees of the Chapter:

- a. Program Committee, chaired by the Vice President, and sets up the program offerings for the program year.
- b. Membership Committee, chaired by the Registrar, works to bring new members into the Chapter.
- c. Publicity Committee, chaired by the ~~Vice President~~ Newsletter Editor, is responsible for publicity of Chapter events and programs.
- d. Budget Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, responsible for developing the Annual Budget for the Chapter.

Ad Hoc Committees. The following are examples of Committees formed at the pleasure of the President or the ~~EC~~ EXCOM and serve for a limited time to accomplish a specific task or purpose:

- a. Audit Committee. Reviews the financial reports and records of the Treasurer for accuracy and completeness, and determines if the financial reports accurately reflect the reported financial condition of the Chapter.
- b. Nominating Committee. Appointed by the ~~EC~~ EXCOM as prescribed in the Bylaws for the purpose of proposing a slate of officers for the following program year.
- c. Bylaw Review Committee. Appointed to review some or all of the Bylaws for possible changes. Any changes to the Bylaws must be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

MEETINGS

Section 17 – Meeting structure

Executive Committee Meeting. The ~~EC~~ EXCOM meets eight to ten times per year. The current President determines the meeting date, time and place and proposes an Agenda.

Monthly Meeting. This general membership meeting is the primary gathering of the Caloosa Chapter. Meetings for the program year ~~2010-2011~~ (October – May) will generally be held at the ~~Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 W 1st St, Fort Myers, FL 33901~~ at a location to be determined by the EXCOM.

Annual Meeting. The Chapter is required to conduct an Annual Meeting at which formal Chapter business is conducted. This meeting is held in conjunction with the ~~May~~ December Monthly meeting.

Trustee Meeting. The Trustees of the Caloosa Chapter Trust Fund meet on an as-needed basis, but at least annually.

DUES AND FEES

Section 18- Dues and Fee Structure

The Caloosa Chapter has several forms of memberships: Regular (including Life, Dual, ~~Emeritus~~), ~~Affiliate~~, ~~Associate~~, and Junior as defined in the Chapter's Bylaws. Except for Regular Members on Active Duty with the U.S. Military and Junior Members, all other members will pay local dues, which are \$30 for 2011. The following matrix will be used to determine dues for 2011 ~~the current year~~ for NSSAR, FLSSAR and Chapter dues.

Because of the cost of supplies and postage required to complete an Application for Membership, the Chapter charges a **new** one time application fee of \$10.

| | Regular | Life/Dual | Emeritus 1 | Emeritus 2 & 3 | ACDU Military | Junior |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| NSSAR \$30 | X | | | X | X | X |
| FLSSAR \$20 | X | X | | | | |
| Caloosa Chapter \$30 | X | X | X | X | | |
| Total | \$80 | \$50 | \$30 | \$60 | \$30 | \$5 |

Caloosa Chapter Fees and Dues

7/26/2014

| Action | Chapter dues | Chapter Application Fee | FLSSAR Dues | FLSSAR Application Fee | NSSAR Dues | NSSAR Application Fee | Total Amount Due |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Membership Annual Dues | | | | | | | |
| Regular Member Renewal | \$ 30.00 | n/a | \$ 20.00 | n/a | \$ 30.00 | n/a | \$ 80.00 |
| Junior Member Renewal | \$ - | n/a | \$ - | n/a | \$ 5.00 | n/a | \$ 5.00 |

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|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|---|
| Dual Membership Annual Dues | | | | | | | \$ | - |
| If Primary is Florida | \$ 30.00 | n/a | \$ 20.00 | | \$ 30.00 | | \$ 80.00 | |
| If Primary is Not Florida | \$ 30.00 | n/a | \$ 20.00 | | \$ - | | \$ 50.00 | |
| Applications | | | | | | | \$ | - |
| New Applications | \$ 30.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 185.00 | |
| Family Group | | | | | | | \$ - | |
| First Member | \$ 30.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 185.00 | |
| Additional Members | \$ 30.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 135.00 | |
| Additional Members under 25 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 135.00 | |
| Junior Membership - on approved line and patriot | \$ - | \$ 10.00 | \$ - | \$ 15.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 60.00 | |
| Junior Membership on new Line and patriot | \$ - | \$ 10.00 | \$ - | \$ 15.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 110.00 | |
| Memorial Membership | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30.00 | \$ - | \$ 380.00 | \$ 410.00 | |
| Life Membership - NSSAR | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$ - | Sliding Scale | \$??? | |
| Supplemental Applications | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5.00 | \$ - | \$ 80.00 | \$ 85.00 | |
| Transfers | | | | | | | \$ | - |
| Transfers From CAR | \$ - | \$ - | n/c | n/c | \$ 30.00 | \$ - | \$ 30.00 | |
| To A Different FLSSAR Chapter | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| From Another State Society | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 | |
| Reinstatements | | | | | | | \$ | - |
| Former FLSSAR Member | \$ 30.00 | none | \$ 20.00 | \$ - | \$ 30.00 | \$ - | \$ 80.00 | |
| Former non-FLSSAR Member | \$ 30.00 | none | \$ 20.00 | \$ - | \$ 30.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 90.00 | |

These Standing Rules have been adopted by a majority of the Executive Committee meeting on ~~January 4, 2011~~ **6 Oct 2014** for the general operation of the Caloosa Chapter, FLSSAR for the program year ~~2011~~ **2014 and 2015**. These Rules supersede and replace any previous form of operational rules or policies of the Chapter.

Lee Matson, President

John Jones, Secretary

END OF PROPOSED BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

The Official Pledge to the S.A.R.

We, the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifice, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

From the President

Greetings Compatriots and Friends,

The first summer meeting of the Southwest Region Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution was held on August 16, 2014 at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Port Charlotte. Welcome and greetings were made by Regional Vice President Lee Matson and National and State officers were introduced. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and their Chapters. A total of 13 members were in attendance who represented NSSAR, FLSSAR, and the Caloosa, Charlotte, Naples, and Saramana Chapters. Reports were given by the officers.

- Chaplain General Randy Moody gave a report on the National Headquarters in Louisville, stressing the need for additional funding to complete the building. He encouraged all to consider leaving an endowment for NSSAR in their wills. He and National Trustee Phillip Tarpley noted other changes being made, and emphasized the need for more members to attend the leadership meetings.
- Senior Vice President Larry Fehrenbaker reported on the upcoming Fall BOM and discussed possible venues for the 2015-2016 meetings. Also discussed were the types of refreshments for the hospitality suite.

Following a lunch break, there were round-table discussions on four topics: 1) What your Chapter does well, 2) Where your Chapter needs help, 3) How the Florida Society supports the Chapter well, and 4) What your Chapter needs from the Florida Society.

- There was much discussion regarding youth outreach, and problems in getting to the right individuals to promote various programs.
- Discussion of the Color Guard program included differing views on “points vs. events” systems that are used to award color guard members the bronze color guard medal. It was agreed that the topic needs to be addressed and resolved at the Fall BOM.
- Discussion of the various workshops at the BOM included observations that new members were confused about who was to attend and what they were about. While those who have attended past workshops understood these matters, it was agreed that a simple explanation should be provided for the benefit of those lacking the experience.
- There was discussion about the handling of applications based upon “older” pre-1974 approved applications, with the concern being that the current process is too burdensome. It was felt that there may be some resolution to this forth coming.

It was agreed that the meeting was helpful, and there was much input from all attending.

Lee Matson, President

From Your Newsletter Editor

Compatriots,

Please give me ongoing comments on how to make additional improvements to your newsletter and submit your items of interest for inclusion in the future issues. My email address is: rmcguire@slvx.com.

Issues of the Caloosa Patriot are distributed to Chapter members and “Friends of the Caloosa Chapter” primarily as email attachments. Members without email access may request that paper copies be mailed to them. Members who would like to have individuals added to the “Friends” list to receive copies of the newsletter should send me the name and email of each such individual. Past issues of the newsletter are available through links on our webpage: caloosasar.org.

Constitution Week Celebration. The Estero Island Chapter, NSDAR is hosting a luncheon program celebrating the 227th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States of America on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The Caloosa Chapter extends well wishes and support for the program. Chaplain General Randy Moody will bring greetings from the NSSAR, Regional Vice President and Chapter President Lee Matson will bring greetings from the FLSSAR and the Chapter. Contact Arlene Pulner, Chairman for additional information: (239) 245-7712, email arlenepulner@hotmail.com.

FLSSAR Board of Management Fall Meeting. The FLSSAR will hold their Fall BOM October 3rd to 5th in Orlando. This meeting will be hosted by South West Region Chapters of FLSSAR. All BOM meetings are open to all members of FLSSAR. Agendas are set by the committee chairs.

Meetings are held at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the Florida Mall, 1500 Sand Lake Rd, Orlando FL 32809. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Specify “Florida Sons of the American Revolution” to get the special room rate. Phone 800-588-4656 or 407-859-1500 for reservations. To register for conference attendance, go to flssar.org and click the button “BOM” for instructions and forms.

Caloosa Chapter members of the BOM are appointed based upon categories listed in the FLSSAR Governing Documents. Current members consist of Compatriot Randy Moody (incumbent officer of NSSAR); Compatriot Lee Matson (incumbent Chapter President); and Compatriot Russ Radcliffe (chairman of the FLSSAR Rumbaugh Committee). Also attending the meeting will be Compatriots John Jones and Robert McGuire.

ExCom Meeting. The next meeting of the Caloosa Chapter ExCom is scheduled for October 6, 2014, location TBD. Contact any ExCom member for information concerning that meeting.

I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you and your guests at our October 8th meeting.

Bob McGuire

Chapter Facebook Page



Compatriot Albert Myers keeps our Facebook page up-to-date with current activities. The link to the page can be entered with a click on the logo to the left. The Facebook page provides the most current and timely information and images covering Chapter programs and local happenings. Often there are updates posted by Compatriot Albert before the end of the day of an event. If members have items of interest, he also welcomes email submission of photos and information. Send it to aemyers.net/contact.

New Web Page



Compatriot Webmaster Robert McGuire has recently developed a new web page for the Chapter and it is now available by entering www.caloosasar.org into your web browser. It is also be available through a link on the Florida Society webpage www.flssar.org and clicking on the “Chapter Locations” button, then the Caloosa listing. You may also be interested in visiting the National Society Sons of the American Revolution webpage: www.sar.org which includes a “members only” section and access to the SAR Merchandise Store. There is very little information which is duplicative throughout these several websites...each should be explored to obtain the full depth of information to be found. The Chapter webpage is a public site available to anyone who wishes to visit. Both the state and national websites have “Members Only” sections within them. Members should contact FLSSAR Webmaster Scott Bushnell (scottb@scottbushnell.com) to obtain as user ID and password for access to the members only section of the state website. Members may obtain access to the members section of the national website online by entering required information after which, you will create your own user ID and password.

Once a member has obtained access to the state and national databases, there is a wealth of information available. Individuals should go to the member’s own information section in each website to ensure that it is complete and accurate. Changes to most fields in the personal information section on the state website (including addition of a bio) may be made by individuals themselves. Photos may be submitted to the webmaster for inclusion as well.

I hope that members will enjoy having access to these websites and find them to be a useful resource. I encourage everyone to share our website with friends, family, co-workers, and so forth to promote knowledge of and interest in our Chapter activities and programs. Also, don’t forget about our Facebook page which is administered by Compatriot Myers. It will remain the most up-to-date source of photos and information involving Chapter activities. Please let me hear from you concerning suggestions for improvements in www.caloosasar.org !

Highlights of July EXCOM Meeting

Technically known as the “Executive Committee” or “EC”, but commonly referred to as the ExCom, this committee is established in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws. It handles the logistics of the organization and allows membership meetings to be held without extensive administrative matters to be dealt with. It provides for the planning, organizing, and coordinating activities that are essential to the effective conduct of programs and the accomplishment of the goals of the Chapter. Membership of the ExCom consists of the elected officers plus the immediate past-president. Any member of the Chapter is welcome to attend meetings of the ExCom and may address its members. Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month.

The July 7, 2014 meeting of the ExCom was hosted by Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy Moody at his Buckingham Presbyterian church. The following are some highlights of that meeting.

- Compatriot Moody reported he is now Commander of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade and had written a manual for the Brigade. He remains commander of the Lighthouse Harry Lee Camp – the Caloosa Chapter color guard.
- Compatriot Thiess completed his move to another residence in Lee County. He is continuing his work at digitizing the Chapter’s archives. Compatriot Jones asked to have a list of charter members of 1972. Any who are living and still known to us may be recognized and celebrated by the Chapter.
- Secretary’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Registrar’s Report, Genealogist’s Report, Historian’s Report, and Webmaster’s Report were all submitted and accepted.
- The Color Guard Report was submitted by Compatriot Moody who stated that he served in uniform on Memorial Day at the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens annual event. Compatriot Allen Brown was also at the event, but in his military uniform. Compatriot Moody has several members interested in serving in the Color Guard, and they are in the process of acquiring uniforms.
- The Awards Committee Report was made by Compatriot Moody who stated that several certificates and medals are to be presented. When DAR members are to receive recognition and their Chapter meets at the same time as ours, it was agreed to ask the Regent to make the presentation.
- Compatriot Jones submitted a 2nd draft of revised Bylaws and Standing Rules. A major change is the removal of affiliate and associate memberships. The provision for electronic meetings is new, and is in accord with national and state provisions. The Executive Committee will be known as the EXCOM. Its quorum will be a simple majority. An elected member-at-large is added to the EXCOM. Compatriot Jones commented on the revisions page by page.
- Compatriot Matson presented notice of a summer meeting of the South West Region FLSSAR in Port Charlotte on August 16th.
- Discussion was held on meetings programs for the next season. Various suggestions were offered.
- The DAR Constitution Week luncheon will be September 20th. Compatriot Matson will bring greetings from the Chapter and Compatriot Moody will present greetings from the NSSAR President General.
- A Nominating Committee was appointed by the President consisting of Compatriot Myers (chairman), with Compatriots Brown and McGuire. A slate of officers for the 2015 term will be offered to the ExCom at the November meeting.

Our Calendar of Events

Helm Club at the Landings Yacht Golf and Tennis Club

4420 Flagship Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919

(off McGregor Blvd first light South of College Pkwy)



Follow this link to get a map to the Landings

<http://mapq.st/1bYbmwa>

Meetings are held Monthly on the 2nd Wednesday October through May

The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Cost for the lunch is \$20.00 per person paid at the door.

Since we started meeting at the Helm Club in the Fall of 2013, the kitchen and wait staff have consistently presented delicious meals at our meetings in an attractive and comfortable setting. Meetings are also an opportunity to spend time with an interesting group of men who share a common bond as descendents of patriots of the American Revolution. While a majority of our members reside in Lee County, other parts of Florida and at least 15 other States are represented as well.

Our meetings are open to all interested persons, and we particularly welcome Compatriots from other parts of the country who are visiting our area.

***Please RSVP for meetings to: Compatriot VP Russell Radcliffe at
russradcliffe@gmail.com, call (239) 949-6620 or mail***

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Next meeting will be October 8th 2014