

Florida Patriot Withlacoochee Chapter Citrus & Hernando County www.withsar.org



President Edward Gingrich's message

Lillian and I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO FAITHFULLY SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY ALL OVER THE WORLD!

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Meeting Information - Chapter & State

Monthly Membership Meeting

January 2015 Joint DAR/SAR January 6, 2015 (Saturday 10:15 AM)

Executive Board Meeting - EBM

January 7, 2014 (Wednesday 1:00 PM)

Board of Management Meeting (B.O.M.) North Central Region Chapters will be the Host Region for the 2015 Winter BOM and Annual Meeting. January 30 - 31, 2015 <u>http://www.flssar.org</u> North Central Regions: Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, Gilchrist, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Levy, Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, Lake

The Florida Society SAR will hold its Winter Board of Management Meeting (B.O.M.) and Annual Meeting at <u>THE FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER</u> at the Florida Mall, 1500 SAND LAKE ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32809. Interested in going to the B.O.M.? Contact Chapter President <u>Edward Gingrich</u> You can find more information about this event at the FLSSAR website. (www.flssar.org)

Officers of 2014-2015 Term

President: Edward Ralph Gingrich

- 1st Vice President: <u>Clyde Elza Johnson</u>
- 2nd Vice President: <u>Nelson Roy Peters</u>

Secretary: Larry Dean Sturgeon

Treasurer: Jack L. Townsend

Registrar: Robert James Folk

Chaplain: Norman Romeyn Freyer

Genealogist: John Austin Pardee

Historian: Kenneth Ronald Dunn

Immediate Past President: <u>Robert James Folk</u>

Color Guard Commander: Larry Dean Sturgeon



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Committee Organization 2014-2015

<u>Chaplain:</u> Norman Romeyn Freyer <u>Ass't Chaplain:</u> Larry Dean Sturgeon

<u>Color Guard:</u> Commander: Larry Dean Sturgeon Vice Commander: Richard Lawrence Sumner II Adjutant: Vacant

DAR Liaison: Harley Benjamin Abijah Nelson

Keyhole to History: Vacant

<u>Student Poster Competition:</u> Chairman: Norman Romeyn Freyer Vice Chairman: Larry Dean Sturgeon

Flag Certificates: Jack L. Townsend

Friends of the Library: Harley Benjamin Abijah Nelson

Good Citizenship: Jack L. Townsend

Chapter Challenge: President Edward Ralph Gingrich

Membership: Immediate Past President Robert James Folk Sr. JROTC Program:

Ass't Genealogist: Vacant

<u>Veterans Programs Committee:</u> Chairman: William Gilbert Teater Sr. Vice Chairman: Larry Dean Sturgeon

Veterans Parade: William Gilbert Teater Sr. Larry Dean Sturgeon

<u>Civil Air Patrol:</u> Citrus County - Vacant Hernando County – Richard Hugh Trout Jr. <u>Veterans Nursing Home:</u> Chairman: Larry Dean Sturgeon William Gilbert Teater Sr. Jack L. Townsend

Publicity:

Chairman: Norman Romeyn Freyer (Citrus Co.) Vice Chairman: Charlie Louis Day Jr. (Hernando Co.)

<u>Medals and Awards:</u> Chairman: Jack L. Townsend Vice Chairman: Charlie Louis Day Jr.

<u>Newsletter:</u> Editor: Larry Dean Sturgeon

Eagle Scout Program: Chairman: Charlie Louis Day Jr. Vice Chairman: Thomas Timings Holme Jr.

<u>Scout Triplet Program Liaison:</u> Chairman: Vacant

JROTC Program: Chairman: Vacant Jack L. Townsend Harley Benjamin Abijah Nelson

Budget & Finance: William Gilbert Teater Sr. Jack L. Townsend Charlie Louis Day Jr.

Webmaster & Eectronic Technology: Webmaster: Kenneth Ronald Dunn



Thomas Jefferson Camp 11



TAKE NOTICE!

We are in need of more Guardsmen to further serve our Chapter, the public, and most importantly, our patriot ancestors. We dress in American Revolutionary War Uniforms marching in holiday parades' and observances', and posting of the colors at our general membership meetings.

If you are interested in joining our ranks please contact the Camp Commander to get started. We would be honored to have you as a fellow Guardsman. Commander: Larry Dean Sturgeon Vice - Commander: Richard Lawrence Sumner II



The North Central Region Chapters are the Host chapters for the 2015 Winter BOM Meeting.

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http://www.flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/PatriotMa g/FLSSARPatriotWinter2015.pdf

Compliments of Charles Louis Day



William Teater, Capt. USN (Retired) - Bronze Roger Sherman Medal & Certificate



L – R: President Ed Gingrich, William Teater, Capt. USN (Retired), Nelson Peters, Maryann Teater and Clyde Johnson.

Bill has been overall Chairman of the Chapter Veterans Programs for over 6 years. This has included record keeping for Members Military service, Veterans Corps and Veterans Battalion records. He has provided oversight and time as a worker, in the Veterans without Families Program at the Baldomero Lopez Memorial Veterans Nursing Home, Inverness, Florida (Citrus County) Veterans Parade and the Veterans Fair program. He has also helped in setting up other Veterans awards such as the Wounded Warrior Coin presentations and Good Citizen awards when used to honor good works of other veterans. We also "Thank him" for helping us with meeting our Chapter obligation to our Veterans.



Compatriot Lonnie James Johnson induction by proxy. His father, Ist Vice President Clyde Elza Johnson, proudly accepts his Oath, Rosette and SAR certificate. Compatriot Lonnie James Johnson was unable to attend his induction due to out of state commitments. L - R: John Pardee, President Edward Gingrich, 1st Vice President Clyde Elza Johnson.



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Immediate Past President and Registrar Robert Folk presenting Genealogist John Pardee with new Liberty Medal and Supplemental Certificate. The Liberty Medal commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR.

New member recruitment: 23



At the November 8th meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter, Roger Owen, on behalf of the "Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels" presented SAR Past President Charles Day with a signed commissioning document from Kentucky Governor, Steven L. Beshear conferring the Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities appertaining to a Kentucky Colonel. With the commission the Governor recognizes the recipients' service and accomplishments on behalf of others. Kentucky's Colonels are ambassadors of goodwill and fellowship around the world. Other commissioned Colonels have included President Lyndon B. Johnson, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Astronaut John Glenn, and other wellknown people, Getty White, George Clooney to name a few. The presentation came as a complete surprise to Day. Day said "I had no idea that members of the Chapter were working on this consideration or that it was even in the realm of possibility - what a surprise". Compatriot Charles Day also learned that both Billie Brock, President General's wife, and Lindsey Cook Brock are Kentucky Colonels.



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Compatriot Charles Louis Day displaying his Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonel certificate and Compatriot William Teater displaying his Bronze Roger Sherman certificate.



Ladies Auxiliary: L – R: President Ellie Folk, Lillian Gingrich, Dot Day, Barbara Sumner, Barbara Lincoln, Maryann Teater, Jean Nelson, Kathe Echlin, Verna Van Fleet.



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The Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution prepare for the Inverness, Florida, Citrus County Veterans Day Parade. L - R: Compatriots Richard Osborn, Nelson Peters, Clyde Johnson and President Edward Gingrich. November 11, 2014



Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2014 Inverness, Florida

Withlacoochee Chapter Color Guard Front: Compatriot Jack Townsend. Rear: L – R: Compatriots Robert Folk, Mark Idle, Edward Gingrich and Larry Sturgeon.



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The Cornerstone Baptist Church Veterans of the Sturgeon Base USSVI Presentation of the 19th Annual Massing of the Colors, Sunday November 16, 2014



L – R: Color Guard Richard Sumner, Edward Gingrich, Larry Sturgeon



Color Guard Vice-Commander Richard Sumner



Color Guard Commander Larry Sturgeon



The Cornerstone Baptist Church and to the Veterans of the Sturgeon Base USSVI Presentation of the 19th Annual Massing of the Colors, Sunday November 16, 2014



L – R: Color Guard Edward Gingrich and Larry Sturgeon



L – R: Front Row: Richard Sumner, Edward Gingrich and Larry Sturgeon L – R: Back Row: Charles Day, William Teater and Robert Folk