

Highlands Chapter



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October 2012

Two new members were inducted into Highlands Chapter, Wilfred Beaton and Damon McCormick. Welcome Wilfred and Damon

George Frey accepted the Chairmanship of our ROTC Program for 2013.

Mike Flood, Treasure, reported a bank balance of \$613.66. Additionally he was notified the IRS has accepted our chapter filing of the 990-N form which maintains our Not for Profit 501 (c) (3) status for another year.

Membership members were reminded to turn in their Vet Battalion form if applicable.

John and George will ask the DAR, if they would be interested in establishing an annual joint meeting with Highlands Chapter SAR. If they are, we will discuss the proposed format.

Dues for 2013 will be voted on at the Oct 20th chapter meeting. It's proposed that the Highlands Chapter remain the same, \$10.

The Chapter representative to the Quarterly BOM Meeting in Orlando, will be reimbursed \$20. gas money in addition to the registration fee of \$10., as provided by the By-Laws.

Ron Yates, a new applicant for membership attended the meeting. When he is approved, he, his son and grandson will add three new members to the Highlands Chapter.

George and John Frey were presented with NSSAR Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts for the Chapter since our Charter ceremony on Feb 26, 2011.

Approved members waiting induction are James Dean, Wm Wilder, Wm Geiger, Steven P Frost and Steven J Frost.

In addition to the three Yates pending applications, we also have pending Rod Dilling and Al Forbes.

Information from the August 1 lunch meeting attended by Mike, George & myself:

Highlands Chapter has 5 more new member applications approved by National and State. We have 7 new members. Certificates and record copies are on my desk. The newest approvals are for William Geiger, NSSAR #183944, FLSSAR #10099; Wilfred Beaton, NSSAR #184153, FLSSAR #10120; Damon McCormick, NSSAR #184154, FLSSAR #10121;

Steven P. Frost, NSSAR #184151, FLSSAR #10118; and Steven J. Frost, NSSAR #184152, FLSSAR #10119. When these 5 Compatriots, as well as James Dean and Bill Wilder are available, I will induct them into Highlands Chapter. Great job again, from Registrar, Mike Flood.

The Treasurer's report from Mike shows a bank balance of \$613.66 as of 7/21/12.

The Summer BOM, (Board of Management) meeting held on Jul 27-28, produced a "Blue Book" or summary of the past quarter activities conducted by the 33 Chapters in all 7 Regions of the State. In addition there are reports from the FLSSAR Officers and Committees. As of 12/31/11, there were 1570 Florida society members and 26,093 National, by May 18, 2012, the total was 29,715.

Veterans Affairs Chairman, James Gibson and FLSSAR President, Phil Tarpley, encourage all Chapters to improve participation. Excerpts from the FLSSAR Veterans Battalion Report by Chuck Sweeney include the following – Florida has the largest number of WW II Vets in NSSAR, who have been processed to receive the National Society Certificate of Patriotism signed by the SAR President General. We have 183 Compatriots whom are members of the Veterans Battalion. A Vet with a WSM designation is authorized to purchase and wear the War Service Medal, MSM means the Vet is authorized to wear the Military Service Medal. I encourage all of our Vets to participate in the Vet Battalion.

George Frey has agreed to become ROTC Chairman for Highlands Chapter. He will contact all ROTC units in Highlands schools and arrange for the presentation of the SAR ROTC Medal, Ribbon and Certificate to an outstanding Cadet who meets the requirements set forth by the National Organization. Chapter members are encouraged to attend presentation ceremonies.

Our next Regular Chapter meeting is Oct 20th at Highlands National Bank, Lake Placid, at 12:30, as usual. We look forward to seeing you there.

James Dean was in town for the weekend of Oct 14 and we had the privilege to induct him into the Chapter, see picture below. Welcome James. All the best, Woody

Birthdays for October
 Michael V Leidel 11

Birthdays for November
 Jonah Z Shelton 12
 Stephen L Strobel II 12
 Stephen L Strobel 15
 OW "Woody" Woodard 17
 Kevin E Christmas 23



**Just a reminder –
 Please vote**



James Dean and Woody



**Wilfred Beaton accepting his
 certificate, also accepting for
 Damon McCormick**



**John and George Frey
 with Woody**