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President's Message
Woody Woodard
December 2012

The Nov 17, 2012 Chapter Meeting covered many subjects which I will review for you. Additionally our RVP, Vic McMurry attended the meeting and shared some thoughts.

The South West Region RVP is assigned the May 2013 tables, we will need volunteers with trucks, large BOM and Annual meeting duties with his chapters. Our Chapter include: Naples, Caloosa, Charlotte, Highlands and Saramana. To quote from Vic's memo of 5/1/12 – "We will need volunteers to man the S UV's, etc to pick up the FLSSAR property AFTER the Jan 12, 2013 BOM. Most of the items will need to be replenished, etc. These same items will need to be returned for our May 2013 BOM. The room will need to be set up and ready for business no later than 11:00AM on May 4th".

The meeting dates for the Spring Annual Meeting are May 4,5 & 6, 2013. Vic stated at our meeting he isn't coordinating this, but wants the Chapters to work it out.

Obviously we will need to talk about this at our Dec 15 Chapter Meeting.

Another subject I will bring up at the Dec meeting is whether we would like to consider a lunch meeting format for Chapter Meetings.

Regular Agenda items include the following: J Ron Smith, our Chancellor, has agreed to additionally serve the chapter as a Vice President. J Ron was sworn into office at the meeting.

Bill Geiger was inducted into membership in Highlands Chapter. Our Register, Mike Flood, will follow up on clarification of Bill's NSSAR Record Copy. Vic, "stand-in" for Phil Tarpley to also welcome Bill into the SAR.

Pending inductions include Bill Wilder, Stephen P Frost and Stephen J Frost.

Pending applications include Ron Yates, Michael Yates and Michael Yates Jr.

A proposed joint annual meeting with the DAR is under consideration for Nov 2013. J Ron is our liaison since Shelia, his wife, is the Regent, (President), of the Patriot Chapter, (local chapter).

The Treasurer report submitted by Mike Flood reflects a balance in our checking account of \$619.54 as of 10/31/12. Chapter members began turning in their dues for 2013 at the meeting. Several members have already made their voluntary donations to the CAAH building program, (Center for Advancing America's Heritage). Please forward your 2013 dues to Mike Flood ASAP. Mike then forwards to State and National their portions.

George Frey is focused on the 2013 ROTC programs for Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid.

James Dean is organizing his thoughts for a Boy Scout program.

Don Gradeless, Mike Flood and Stephen Strobel have completed Supplemental Ancestor forms. If you feel also qualify, Don, Mike or Stephen will be helpful in your effort to research this info.

We all welcomed Jeanette Frey and Ramona Glen to our Chapter Meeting. Jeanette and Ramona are very active members of the DAR. Both are responsible for research of many of our current member applications. Ramona is the current Registrar for the Patriot Chaps of DAR.

Will Beaton turned in his Veterans Battalion Survey info containing his US Navy information. I have forwarded this to Chuck Sweeney, Adjutant for the FLSSAR Vet Btn.

Don Gradeless would like to invite you to attend an ancestry group that meets the 2nd Tues of each month, Dec to Mar, at 10 AM at the Avon Park Bandstand area. An informal meeting is followed by lunch at 11 AM. Please give Don a call for more specifics if you are interested.

As of Oct 13, FLSSAR membership was 1908.

Let's take a moment to give thanks, not only for God, Family and Country, but also for the SAR and the fellowship of our new friends. We

have the opportunity to pass on our Countries Values to the next generation.

Our next Chapter meeting is Dec 15 at 12:30 pm at Heartland National Bank in Lake Placid. I look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas,
Woody

Birthdays for December

Wilfred L Beaton	12
George D Leidel, Jr	14
William G Gentry	25
John D Ware	27

Birthdays for January

James T Dean	02
Steven J Frost	02
Wayne A Horton	08
Damon McCormick	30



J Ron being sworn-in as 1st Vice President



Bill Geiger accepting his certificate from Vic McMurry



November meeting with guests



Bill Geiger being sworn-in to the SAR



Rev William VanDuzer is given his certificate for outstanding support to the SAR