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President's Message Woody Woodard Summer 2013

A number of reports were received at our Highlands Chapter meeting on May 18th. Mike Flood's Treasurers Report reflected a bank balance of \$898.92 as of April 30th. Mike also explained that our Web Page is a work in progress.

George Frey reported that he presented our NSSAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate to Zachariah Kunshier at Lake Placid High School. George also assisted the school officials by presenting other awards presented by other organizations that did not send their representative. As of May 18th the Sebring and Avon Park High Schools have not planned to have award presentations for their cadets. George is ready should they make the effort to recognize their cadets achievements. Good job of ROTC Chairman for "our guy" George.

Milt Krom, our Flag Chairman continues to excel in his office. Recently, due to a fire at his church, our American Flag was badly soiled with soot. Milt took the flag to the cleaners. They gladly cleaned the flag at no charge. Now Milt has

our flag back in place looking like "Old Glory" should look – "Standing Tall".

J. Ron Smith, Chancellor, Vice President and DAR Liaison, presented the DAR invitation to attend a joint Luncheon Meeting on Nov 4th at the Watering Hole. Details are still being worked out; however, we are now planning to attend. Time is expected to be 11:00 am. The speaker may be General James Dozier. Lunch will be "dutch". This will be our November Chapter meeting. We will keep you posted as details are refined.

Additionally, J. Ron has completed his Veterans Battalion Survey and mailed it to FLSSAR. Did you know J Ron was a Marine? Are you getting yours ready?

I hope everyone watches the news on TV. The past few months have been unbelievable. Since we are non political as an organization, I can't comment, however, it is important for everyone to be aware.

On Jun 25th, Mike Flood, George Frey and I were joined by Wil Beaton for lunch at the Watering Hole. Everyone is invited to join us for these lunches. Call me if you wish to attend.

Wil Beaton has also received his certificate for a Supplemental Patriot Ancestor, Abijah Smith. NSSAR always appreciates the effort involved in this research. This helps their research library.

Jeff Sizemore, our new editor of the Florida Patriot magazine requested information about Highlands Chapter for an article to appear soon. Of course, I sent him some information.

Rod Dilling has completed his application for membership with the help of our Registrar, Mike Flood. We will be getting together for lunch, Friday Aug 16th at Main Street Restaurant to decide when to forward his papers to be processed as well as any other business and just to visit.

Our Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Van Duzer is moving to Kansas City to be with his son, due to his health. We will miss Bill and wish him well. He will move his membership there and may apply to be a Dual member here. He would like to continue to receive our newsletter.

We have referral from Vic, our RVP, of a new prospect, Robert Worley. He has spoken with Mike and myself and is a “work in progress”.

Our summer “break” is coming to a close. It’s time to schedule our next Chapter Meeting for Sep 21st, 12:30, at Heartland National Bank in Lake Placid. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you at our next Highlands Chapter meeting.

All the best,
Woody

Birthdays for July

Michael J Yates	02
Jessie Frey	18
John Folk	18
Mike Flood	26
George Frey	28

Birthdays for August

Steven P Frost	05
Dylan M Dutton	12

Birthdays for September

William G Geiger	20
Timothy M Holmes	28
Dr Donald Ware	16

Sons of the American Revolution were proud to present to Cadet Zachariah Kunshier the JROTC Commendation Medal and Certificate on May 6th by Chapter Secretary George Frey at the Lake Placid Army JROTC commanded by Col Warren Johnson.

Report on Dues for 2014

The dues for the coming year will be mailed out in a few weeks. The Dues are for National \$30, State \$20 and for the Chapter \$10 for a total of \$60. Please pay promptly to keep us from sending out reminders.

Thank you, Mike, treasurer

Report on Fall FLSSAR Meeting

One of the items that they talked about was the Operation Ancestor Search for the “US Wounded Warriors” – see article from the NSSAR web page that I copied below.

The genealogy workshop that was presented at the fall meeting had a lot of good ideas – see the FLSSAR web page, choose Links and then pick “Debbies Genealogy Corner”.

Also at

<http://www.learnwebskills.com/corner/application.htm>



Ancestry.com Supports the NSSAR Operation Ancestor Search

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Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, and Fold3, the web's premier collection of original military records, presented a grant of \$180,000 to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the development and support of Operation Ancestor Search, a genealogy training program provided to US wounded warriors, their families and care givers.

Brian Hansen, general manager of Fold3, presented the check on behalf of Fold3 and Ancestry.com during the 122nd Congress of The Sons of the American Revolution in Phoenix, Arizona.

Conducted at military hospitals around the country, Operation Ancestor Search is free to U.S. wounded warriors, their families and care givers and it is operated by volunteers from local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. Operation Ancestor Search provides injured service members with the knowledge and tools that enable them to conduct family history research as they recover from their injuries. A key aspect of the program is the ability to offer genealogy resources to the injured service members, and this grant will provide access to Ancestry.com's online databases for the participants' use as well as funding for a national program administrator.



The program is a tremendous success at military healthcare facilities including the Walter Reed and Brooke Army Medical Centers. Captain Samuel Hoffman, U.S. Army, has participated in the program at Walter Reed since early 2011. Through the assistance of Operation Ancestor Search volunteers, Captain Hoffman discovered his ancestors served on both sides of the Civil War and

also in the Revolutionary War.

"The information I have uncovered about my family through Operation Ancestor Search has helped me learn a tremendous amount about my ancestors and exceeded my expectations," said Captain Hoffman. "I have a new found respect and understanding for family heritage and the impact that family history can have on a person's sense of self-worth and desire for personal growth."

More information regarding this program will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.