

# Highlands Chapter



Florida Society  
National Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution

# The Highlands Newsletter

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<http://www.fl-genweb.org/west/sar.html>

**President's Message**  
**Woody Woodard**  
**October 2014**

In accordance with Highlands Chapter SAR By-Laws Article 11 – Fees + Dues, we will vote on the dues for next year. As you know, I will propose we retain our chapter dues at \$10. You might wish to bring your check for Mike together with an annual information update that was distributed last month.

The National Society of the SAR awarded Mike Flood the Liberty Medal in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members and signed by President General Joseph W. Dooley.

Milt Krom was also recognized by the National Society of the SAR as a member of its World War II Veterans Corps. He is honored with the Certificate of Patriotism for standing ready to defend the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic. As a Veteran, he is authorized to purchase and wear the War Service Medal in grateful recognition for his service to country during the Second World War. This certificate was signed by Lindsey C. Brock, President General.

James Dean has been appointed Sargent at Arms for Highlands Chapter.

Wil Beaton will be working to follow up on possible members.

Our next lunch meeting is Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the Brick Room of Chicanes in Inn on the Lakes at Sebring. Guests are welcome. See you there.

All the best,  
Woody

**Birthdays for October**

Ronald E Yates	10
Michael V Leidel	11

**Birthdays for November**

Jonah Z. Shelton	12
Stephen L Strobel	15
O.W. "Woody" Woodard	17
Kevin E. Christmas	23

## The Origins of the SAR

In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, California, area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain. They desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny -- a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.

Out of the Sires grew the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was organized on April 30, 1889 -- the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President. We have used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for over 100 years. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state societies to charter chapters within their borders. [Federal Legislation](#) that established a federal charter for the National Society SAR.

### *Flag Certificate Presentations*



The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to **individuals, companies and government agencies** that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. The US Flag Code found at <http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/RL30243.pdf> may be used as a guideline to verify that the flag is properly being displayed and cared for.

A chapter, state or the National Society can present it. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the appropriate organization to be engrossed. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. This is usually the person that recommends or presents the certificate.

For state societies that present a Flag Certificate and have 50% participation of their chapters in presenting a Flag Certificate during the calendar year, they will receive a Flag Streamer at the SAR Congress. Chapters need only present one Flag Certificate each year and report such presentation to the Florida Patriotic Activities Committee.