

# Highlands Chapter



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# The Highlands Newsletter

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

**President's Message  
Woody Woodard  
March 2015**

I am pleased to announce the large Boy Scout emblem is back on their Lake Placid building. Things are still "in the works", however it looks like a good resolution for all parties.

Did you see James Dean on the front page of the March 5, 2015 Highlands Today for his involvement in the 1983 plane hijacking to Cuba and his 24 hours there with the other passengers? James looked a bit younger in his photo. Good article and James you are becoming quite a local celebrity.

Polly Boyd, DAR has invited the chapter to join them on Apr 6, showing of Silver Wings, Shattered Dreams, at the Circle Theater in Sebring on the circle. There is no admission charge. Doors open at 12:45, starting time is 1 pm. This is the story of women pilots in WW II. Vet organizations will be invited to attend.

Rod Dilling, Mike Flood and I had breakfast at Rich's Diner on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll have our informal lunch meeting there at noon on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The address is 267 US Hwy 27 N, Sebring. It's the same shopping center as the Sebring Chamber of Commerce and the Bulb Bin. It's called the Fountain Plaza. I would like to see "local" and "seasonal" members have lunch together and get better acquainted. Remember through SAR we can help to Preserve our countries Legacy and inspire future Patriots. See you there.

All the Best  
Woody

**Birthdays for March**

Michael J Yates, Jr	04
John R Frey, III	20

**Birthdays for April**

Timothy M Holmes, Jr.	06
George D Leidel, III	06
Dr. Donald Gradeless	17
James B Funk	26

**DAR Provides Contributed  
Supporting Documentation Online  
for Genealogy Researchers**

The National Society  
Daughters of the  
American  
Revolution (DAR) is



pleased to announce a new added feature to its Genealogical Research System (GRS). This new Supporting Documents feature allows users to purchase documents that were submitted with previously verified DAR membership and supplemental applications. These documents may include family bible records, deeds, wills and other various materials used to prove lineage to a patriot of the American Revolution.

"The DAR is committed to making family research materials more readily available to the public," said DAR President General Lynn Forney Young. "Genealogy is such an exciting passion for so many and these newly added resources will expand accessibility to family history documents."

The Supporting Documents made available on the GRS may prove to be very helpful to researchers who are looking for a missing piece in their genealogy search. For example, if a researcher is having difficulties connecting two generations or finding proof of an ancestor's military service, the needed documents could possibly be included in the supporting documentation submitted for a common ancestor.

The GRS is a free resource provided by the DAR to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since its founding in 1890.

GRS users have long been able to purchase Record Copies (previously verified DAR membership and supplemental applications), which show the lineage going back to the ancestor who contributed to the American

Revolution, but before now the documents which were submitted to support the Record Copy were not available for purchase online. Now these supporting documents are available on demand for the user to purchase either in conjunction with a Record Copy or separate from the application with which it is associated.

“The addition of Supporting Documents to the GRS may ease the difficulty of family research in some situations,” said Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library. “Previously, you may have needed to search through many resources in various locations to find documents; now you may be able to find them in the GRS.”

These Supporting Documents have been reviewed and indexed by DAR staff genealogists and DAR member volunteers. More Supporting Documents will become available as more are reviewed. Any documents that have not been thoroughly reviewed will not be available for purchase on the GRS.

Record Copies and Supporting Documents are now part of the DAR Online Library Documents Service. This service allows researchers to select an application or Supporting Documents (if they are available), pay by credit card, and instantly download the document as an Adobe PDF document. It is important to note that any applications or vital records (birth, death, marriage, divorce or other sensitive documentation) that are less than 100 years old will not be available in an effort to keep personal information confidential.

## New Additions to the National Headquarters!

Pictures of the recent addition of four flag poles to the front of the National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

