



Florida Orange Blossom Time

**F.S.C.A.R.
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WELCOME TO ISSUE #3!

IN THIS EDITION YOU'LL SEE LOCAL SOCIETY AND F.S.C.A.R. ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTED. IN ADDITION, INFORMATION IS INCLUDED ON A FEW STATE CONTESTS AS THEY RELATE TO SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES. I HOPE THIS GIVES YOU IDEAS FOR ENTERING CONTESTS BY 1/10/2023.

I HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT FALL AND HOLIDAY SEASON. HAPPY 2023!

ARRAN CORBETT, 2ND V.P. F.S.C.A.R



Notes from Holly Hamilton Senior State President



1/10 State Contest entries are to be **received** by the chairmen and officers by this date. ***All entries may be emailed and all chairmen and senior chairmen receiving the entries should reply to the email letting the society know they were received.***

1/15 Last day for the hotel room block for State Conference. Rooms will be available on first come first reserved. The block will be available until this date or until it fills

1/24 State Chairmen and Officers judging contests should have conferred with their Senior and must submit the winners to Mimi Leroy-Marler, the Senior State Awards Chairman.

2/17-2/19 State Conference! Friday night will be an ice cream social and the theme is Wacky Socks! Saturday's trip will be to Wonderworks.

James Hamilton
F.S.C.A.R. State President



Hey all! I can't tell you how excited I am for the state conference in February, and I am so excited to see all of your faces and to see what everybody has been doing to show that CAR C.A.R.E.S!

Thank you for all you have been doing in your communities, and I can't wait to see you all!





F.S.C.A.R. Statewide Activities

F.S.C.A.R. State President James Hamilton represented the C.A.R. at the FSSDAR Fall Forum in Orlando with the help of National VP SE Region Sydney Rigaud. A great response was received with many questions about membership and supporting the C.A.R. (with kids and grandkids in other states as well). C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. certificates are being presented and FSSDAR State Regent Debbie Duay was presented a certificate for the work she's doing and for encouraging chapters to support their local communities.





STATE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Objective: Experience C.A.R.'s travel opportunities by attending State Conference, Regional Meetings, and National Convention in person or virtual.

Program: Share your C.A.R. travels.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Take an actual or virtual road trip to a regional meeting, visit different road side attractions along the way.
2. Keep a journal to document your travels. Keep maps, written descriptions, and drawings of the places visit on your travels.
3. Learn about C.A.R.'s Voyager Fund and the Voyager Fund Pin and their purposes. Present a Voyager Pin to someone special in your life.
4. Practice singing The C.A.R. Song as you travel on your road trips.
5. Publicize your C.A.R. journeys in your local community and in the C.A.R. Magazine.

Contest: Society with the best program

On November 6th State President James Hamilton presented a program to the Lighthouse Point Chapter as well as two C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. certificates (Kim Zeman and Lori Matyskiel) and two dog tags to two Vietnam Veterans in attendance.





The F.S.C.A.R. winter meeting and was held at the historic Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine on December 3rd.

Did you know it was the first Presbyterian congregation in Florida as organized in June of 1824 during the Territorial Period in the state's history?



State President James Hamilton presented a C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. certificate to Jay Smith for allowing us to meet in Memorial Presbyterian Church. It was a double parade day and the F.S.C.A.R. was grateful for the location!



Cathy Paunov brought supplies and taught members how to make homemade cards for troops and kids.





Participants crafted away after the meeting and popcorn chicken & sandwich lunch!



Members participated in the Colonial Night Watch parade.
Night of lights in St. Augustine is beautiful!





A close-up, low-angle shot of the American flag waving in the wind against a clear blue sky. The flag's stars and stripes are prominent, with the blue field of stars in the upper left and the red and white stripes filling the lower right. The text "Patriotic Activities" is overlaid in a dark blue, serif font, centered horizontally and partially covering the flag's stripes.

Patriotic Activities

Revolutionary War Patriots Honored on Veterans Day, November 11

The Snowden-Horne Society
Children of the American Revolution,
joined by members of the San
Bernardo Society C.A.R., the
Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter DAR,
and the Emerald Coast SAR placed
wreaths on the graves of two
Revolutionary War Patriots.

Private Aaron Snowden, who was
engaged in the Battle of Eutaw
Springs, under the command of
General Francis Marion, also known
as the “Swamp Fox,” rests in the
Milton Benevolent Cemetery. Private
Joab Horne, who is buried in the
Stewart Cemetery in Baker, fought
in the Battle of Guilford Court
House.



C.A.R. members presented programs which included the soldiers' biographies prior to the placement of four wreaths in honor of each man. As those paid tribute to these brave men, a hauntingly beautiful version of *AMAZING GRACE*, played on the bagpipes by Mr. Leslie P. Matheson, President, Emerald Coast Chapter Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, filled the air.

Snowden-Horne Society President, Trinity Baker, thanked Mr. Leslie Matheson, President, Emerald Coast Sons of the American Revolution, with an F.S.C.A.R. challenge coin.





Treasure Coast Society participated with the Pelican Island Chapter DAR for Wreaths Across America at Brookside Historic Cemetery on December 17th. Members participating included F.S.C.A.R. State President James Hamilton and N.S.C.A.R. Vice President Southeastern Region/F.S.C.A.R. Honorary State President Sydney Rigaud.





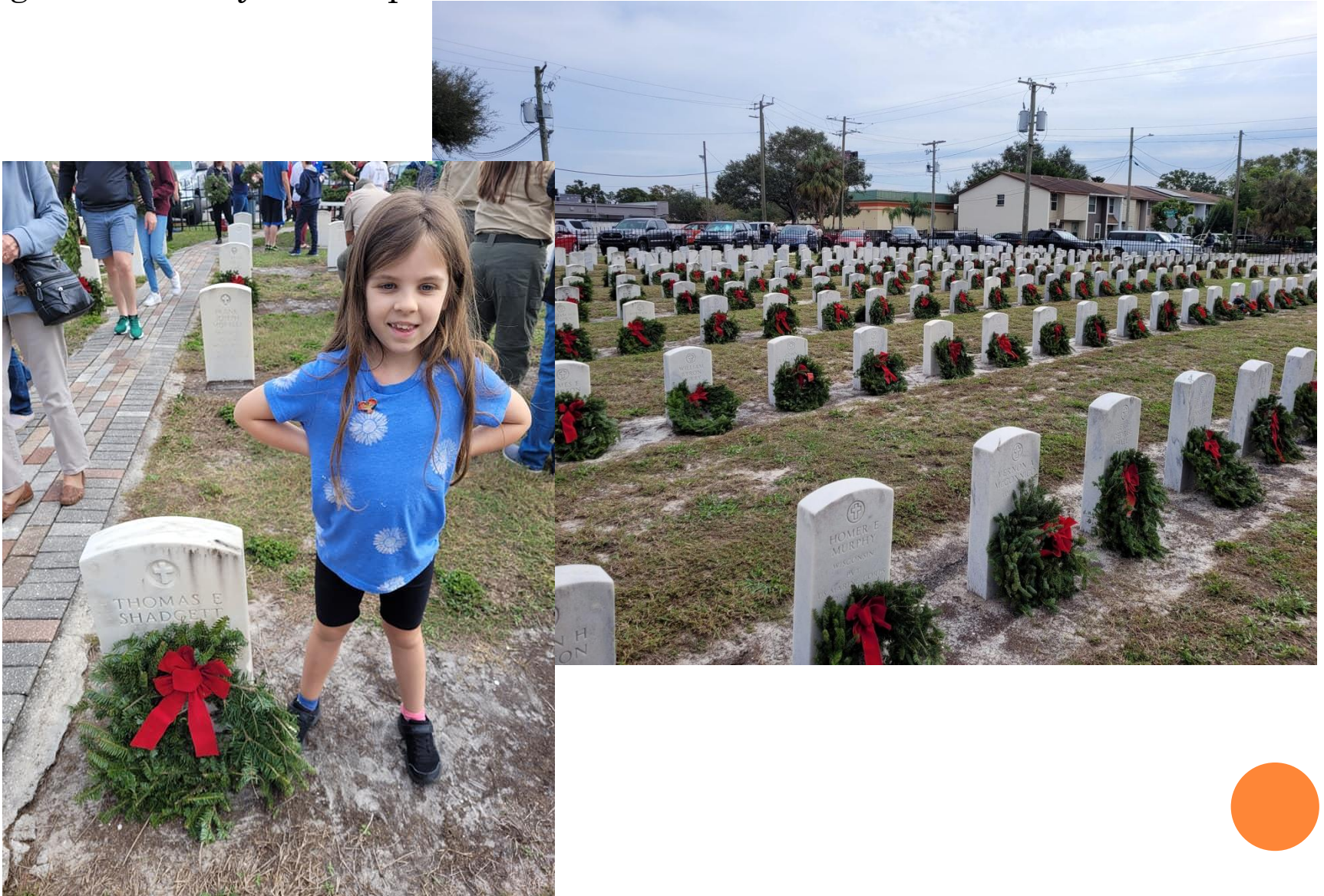
St. Lucie River Chapter SAR, Fort Pickens Chapter DAR, and Treasure Coast Chapter DAR, and other organizations were present. Forty-three veterans were honored at Brookside Historic Cemetery.



Members of **Snowden-Horne Society**, C.A.R. honored Veterans with a wreath following the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Beal Memorial Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on December 19th.



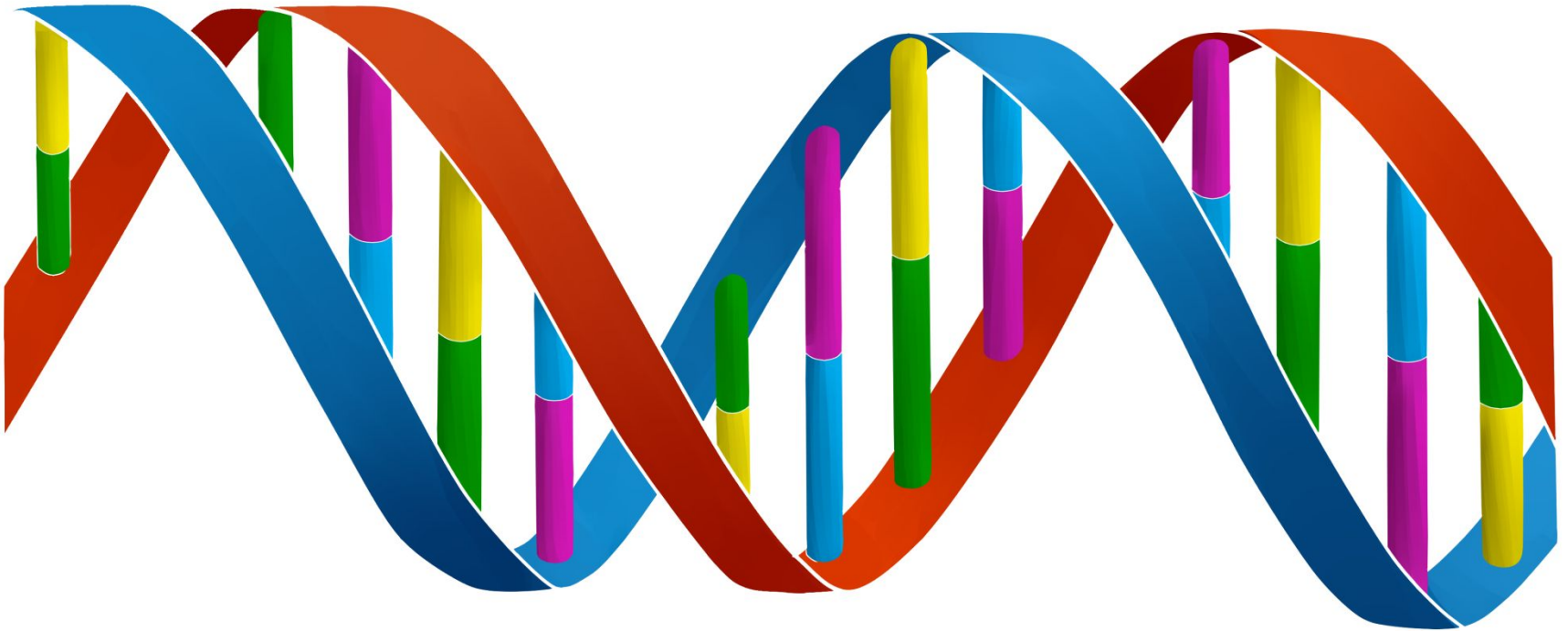
Fort Brooke Society participated in Wreaths Across America at the American Legion Cemetery in Tampa.



Fort Gatlin Society participated in the Orlando Veterans Day Parade marching in front of the Central Florida Chapter SAR.



Heritage Activities



Fort Gatlin Society celebrated a Colonial Thanksgiving, where each family made a recipe from the Colonial era that their ancestors would have eaten in thanks for their blessings. 4 C.A.R. CARES Certificates were awarded. President Taylor Phares presented certificates to Laura Grant Buckner, Orlando Chapter NSDAR and Elaine Hatfield Powell, Second Vice Regent.

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Certificates were also presented to Scott Cook, Central Florida Chapter SAR and to Debra Rosenau, Past Senior Society President and a very active supporter of Fort Gatlin Society.



C.A.R./SAR/S.R. RELATIONS

Objective: Establish and develop communications and relationship between members of C.A.R., SAR, and S.R.

Program: Increase involvement and connection with your local SAR and S.R. chapters through service and love of history.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Explore past activities that children would participate in for fun and share with your local SAR and S.R. chapters
2. Enter contests for parent organizations to support their national themes
3. Find a creative way to promote joint membership with parent organiza-tions
4. Partner with a local parent organization to complete a community service project
5. Hold a school supply drive in conjunction with parent organizations to benefit DAR Mountain Schools

Contest: Society with the **best program**



Educational Activities



Tequesta Society C.A.R. attends Constitution Luncheon

By Mackenna Turso, Tequesta Society Librarian

On September 17th, 2022, Tequesta Society C.A.R. sold pins and challenge coins to raise money for the F.S.C.A.R. President's State Project. We had a meeting at Miami Shores Country Club where we celebrated with the South Florida Regent's Council and local D.A.R. chapters at the Constitution Luncheon!

The guest speaker was David B. Mitchell Esq. and he spoke about "Hamilton: The Man without the Music". We learned that founding father Alexander Hamilton was the only founding father who was not born a British Citizen. He was from the Dutch West Indies.

Society members in attendance included: Ryan Petzold, Treasurer; Mackenna Turso, Librarian as well as several senior leaders including Sr. President George E. Cadman IV. C.A.R. members enjoyed spending time celebrating the US Constitution with local D.A.R. and S.A.R. chapters.



The Ponce de Leon Society C.A.R. met on September 17 on the grounds of The Grove museum for a presentation on Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's Animal Therapy Program. Presenters were DAR member, Annie Berentsen, and her Collie, Pippa, as well as Rhonda and her Goldendoodle, Louie.



It was a beautiful day for this special presentation for Society members and guests. After the business portion of the meeting, the group was then treated to a tour of the museum.



Chichi-Okobee Society By Amelia Hemmer, Age 11

I am glad that I went to the World War II Reenactment. It was very informative and educational. Be aware this is for older kids, ages 12+, because there is a lot of yelling at the passengers (us) making it very authentic to the time period. Depending on the place you sit in the train might determine your fate. In the front of the train, you have a less chance of getting chosen during the interactions. There is also air conditioning in the front of the train. However, if you want to feel what it was like during WWII, go to the back and look at the older wood of the train. There you have a higher chance of being told you're a spy!



The trip was really fun, just be quick and fast when getting your passport. They are trying to keep it real, so don't expect a warm hug or a pat on the back. While some people were waiting to get on the train, we saw two American airmen who were captured behind enemy lines, being taken onto the train. A little while later when we were on the train, we were told that the airmen were going to be shot.

There were also people on the train with baskets of bread. They were part of the French Resistance. Later, when we were riding on the train, the main German asked my dad nicely if he could shoot me. My dad was deciding but in the end said "no". Later, my mom was taken off of the train for "being a spy". My mom and some other people were lined up and were going to be shot, but the Americans came and saved them! Then the Americans took control of the train and drove us back.



I can't believe that the actors' voices weren't hoarse partway through the interaction! I got a "pill" from the American medic who told me I was "hysterical" for witnessing my mom being lined up for an execution. After doing the reenactment, one of the main German soldiers told us how strong of a force the Germans were during WWII, and how the war could have gone either way. The Germans had better weapons and strategy most of the time. He also told us that he and the other reenactors do this for no pay. He wants people to remember history and learn! I really think that it was fun and informative, just be prepared for a lot of yelling!



Chichi-Okobee Society Builds a Battle on November 12th



The Constitution Week display was put up next to the Children's Dept at the North County Library in Sebastian. It's a collaboration with the Treasure Coast C.A.R. and the Pelican Island Chapter DAR. F.S.C.A.R. State President James Hamilton assisted with the display.



STATE LIBRARIAN

Objective: Learn how important libraries are in your community

Program: Research the importance of libraries as repositories for information and primary documents as a method of discovering American history.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Discover your local library.
2. Visit or contact the state FSSDAR library West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center in Ocoee, FL to inquire about their genealogical collections.
3. Have an older member (or senior) read children stories of the American Revolution to the young members.
4. Research an historical topic at a library. Present a program to your society about the topic and your research process.
5. Research how libraries preserve older documents and reference material.

Contest: Society with the **best program**





MEMBERSHIP

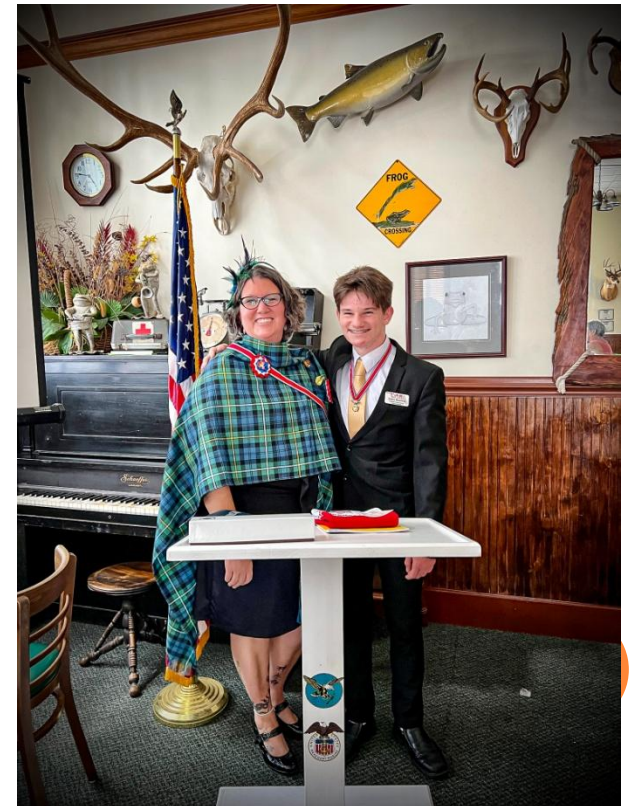




Ponce de Leon Society
members Arran Corbett and
Ezekiel Martin applied to the
Tallahassee Chapter, Sons of the
American Revolution for Junior
Memberships. Don Wilham, of
the Tallahassee Chapter, SAR,
was instrumental in facilitating
the applications.



F.S.C.A.R. State President James Hamilton presented a program on the C.A.R. and the state and national projects to the Pelican Island Chapter DAR on September 10th. The program was well received. James also presented a C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. certificate and special edition pin to Chapter Regent Rhonda Rigaud for their work in the community.



C.A.R./DAR RELATIONS

Objective: Establish and develop communications and relationship between members of C.A.R. and DAR.

Program: Increase involvement and connection with your local DAR, chapters through service and love of history

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Explore past activities that children would participate in for fun and share with your local DAR chapters
2. Enter contests for parent organizations to support their national themes
3. Find a creative way to promote joint membership with parent organizations
4. Partner with a local parent organization to complete a community service project
5. Hold a school supply drive in conjunction with parent organizations to benefit DAR Mountain Schools
6. Participate in state meetings for parent organizations
 - Serve as a page/aide or participate in Color Guard
 - Host a table promoting C.A.R. and the State and National Project

Contest: Society with the **best program**



The **Brewster Baker Society** sang to veterans and helped promote C.A.R. at the local Christmas bazaar on December 10th.





STATE REGISTRAR

Objective: Encourage member recruitment in your local and state society.

Program: Create awareness of C.A.R.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Plan fun and interactive events for new members.
2. Encourage parents to bring eligible younger siblings to meetings and enroll them in C.A.R.
3. Invite DAR, SAR, and S.R. members to enroll their children and grandchildren (and any other eligible relatives) in C.A.R.
4. Encourage prospective members to mark C.A.R. events on their calendars and send them reminders.
5. Create a society fact sheet that can be sent (emailed) to prospective members, DAR, SAR, and S.R. members.

Contests: Society with the best program

Society with the greatest number of new members*





Benevolent Activities

Fort Gatlin Society member, Ada Douglas, her mother, April Krause Douglas , and Senior Society President, Deborah Ryan Cook , delivered 100 Christmas stockings, books, and games, along with a huge bin filled with snacks, to the Arnold Palmer Pediatric Cancer Center on December 29th.



STATE PRESIDENT

Objective: Learn about ways to help children C.O.P.E.
(Children Overcoming Problems Everyday)

Program: Research the properties and qualities of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Haley Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders and the research they are performing there.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Reach out to your sponsoring or local DAR and/or SAR chapters about supporting the State Project.
2. Share information of Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Haley Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders with your local DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. chapters.
3. Visit the Florida Veterans Foundation website to learn about Vietnam Veterans.
4. Honor someone serving in your local community.

Contests:

Society with **the best overall program on the State President's project “*Kids Helping Kids C.O.P.E.*”**

