



Florida State Children of the American Revolution

Orange Blossom

By Emma Glazener 2nd Vice President, Sydney Rigaud,
and President of the Treasure Coast Society

February 2021

State President's Message-

Dear Florida C.A.R. :

It is beyond crazy to me that my time with you as president is almost over. I would like to begin my last president's address by saying how appreciative I am of all of the kindness and support I have received over my term as president. A job like this would be impossible without all of you cheering me on. I am extremely proud of how far we have come as a society and how much we have grown despite the challenges facing us this past year. I know that the next president is going to do an amazing job so I ask that you continue to guide and support her the way you did me. If we continue this pattern of positivity and encouragement, this organization will continue to thrive for many years to come. The last few months of my term have been spent planning the 90th Annual State Conference. My conference committee and I have been working diligently to piece together a fun, covid-safe conference that I hope you all will enjoy. We have put together a lot of exciting activities to ensure that the brief time we have together as a society is meaningful and entertaining. I hope that you enjoy it as much as I will. I also would like to mention the amazing numbers we have had this year. Pin donations were higher than I ever expected and the registration for the conference has flown through the roof. It is incredible to me that we managed to come together to be extremely successful in a year like 2020. But again, this success would not have been possible without your hard work and dedication so I thank all of you for working with me, learning with me, and overcoming these new challenges with me. I am going to miss all of you when my time is up but I will always be here cheering the next person on. Remember to keep spreading positivity and making splashes! I love you Florida!!

Emma Glazener

State President

Senior State President's Message-

Hello from the Senior State President!

What a weird and wonderful year we have had. Despite the limitations with COVID and all of the changes we had to make, we still had a great year. I am so honored to have served with Emma Glazener as State President and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. I know that whatever she chooses to do, she will do full heartedly with the utmost commitment. It has truly been a joy serving with her in this capacity and I know that I will still see her quite often in the DAR. I thank you all for your flexibility and desire to further the goals of this organization. I am excited for this State Conference and I can't wait to finally see you all in person! We hope you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Sincerely,

Holly Hamilton

N.S.C.A.R National Project-

2020-2021

National President-Liza Marie Fridenmaker

National Senior President-Lori B. Walters

National Theme-"Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots"

National Project- Support our Brave and Noble Patriots

"Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots" is inspired by a line in our C.A.R. Song, which was written in 1928 and continues to represent C.A.R.'s ideals of patriotism and support for our veterans.

The National Society will be partnering with Pets for Vets, a 501(c)(3) organization, to raise funds to place companion animals with veterans, many of which are experiencing PTSD. The animals are adopted and trained through donations, and each companion animal is highly trained to best meet the veteran's needs.

Pets for Vets assists in the veterans fight against PTSD through building a safety net with the animal, creating connections, and overcoming trauma. Veterans apply for an animal through Pets for Vets and go through an interview process to match the veterans with an animal. Animals are then selected from the shelter specifically for each individual veteran and are trained before being placed with the veteran. Through this process, Pets for Vets helps to save pets from shelters, as well as provides veterans with the companions and support they need.

Through this year's National Theme and Project, C.A.R. members are encouraged to give back to those who have served our nation and *Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots*.

To learn more about Pets for Vets, please visit their website at <https://petsforvets.com/>



F.S.C.A.R. State Theme-

2020-2021

State President- Emma Glazener

Senior State President- Holly Hamilton

State Theme- "Let's Make a Splash"

State Project- "Florida Springs Institute"

My State President's project is the Florida Springs Institute, a non-profit organization focused on educating people about how to maintain the health of the springs located all throughout the state. They bring young college students to the springs to have them study the water and then compile that data to create presentations and internet posts which educate civilians on how to maintain the livelihood of some of our most precious natural resources. They are currently moving into phase 2 of their Santa Fe River Project which hopes to improve the conditions of the Santa Fe River over the course of the year. All of the progress made on this project so far has been documented on their instagram page (@floridaspringsinstitute) and on their website (floridaspringsinstitute.org) if you want to read more about it.

2020-2021 State Officers

As Officially installed at the 89th F.S.C.A.R Convention

State President: Emma Glazener

Senior State President: Dr. Holly Hamilton

State 1st Vice President: Lauren Glazener

Senior State 1st Vice President: JoAnn Burns Welker

State 2nd Vice President: Sydney Rigaud

Senior State 2nd Vice President: Adrienne Abiodun

State Chaplin: Emma Robbins

Senior State Chaplin: Theresa M Peterson

State Recording Secretary: Arran Corbett

Senior State Recording Secretary: Tiffany Ireland

State Organizing Secretary: River Phillips

Senior State Organizing Secretary: Kris VanNederynen

State Corresponding Secretary: Madison Ramirez

Senior State Corresponding Secretary: Sydney M. Glazener

State Treasurer: James Hamilton

Senior State Treasurer: Chuck Decker

State Registrar: Caroline Pierce

Senior State Registrar: Katie Nicholson

State Historian: William Ramirez

Senior State Historian: Julia Saldivar

State Librarian: Kyle Peterson

Senior State Librarian: Kimberly L. Zeman

State Curator: Ezekial Martin

Senior State Curator: Carol Bryant-Martin

Website Links-

N.S.C.A.R. Website-<https://nscar.org/>

F.S.C.A.R. Website-<http://www.floridasocietycar.org/index.html>

F.S.C.A.R. Member Achievement-

Hello,

My name is Victoria Sovran and I was a member of the Fort Mellon chapter of the FSCAR during the 2000's and early 2010's. I am now a member of the Sallie Harrison DAR chapter here in Central Florida when I aged in during 2017.

I was reaching out because I had recently published my first book and wanted to share this achievement with the FSCAR. The book is titled "Boy in Blue" and is written under my pen name, Avery Evans. It's been very well received so far, earning a 5-star rating on Amazon and a 4.67 star rating on Goodreads.

Here is a link to the book: https://www.amazon.com/Boy-Blue-Avery-Evans/dp/B08MMH2YF4/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1604173891&sr=8-3

I'm very appreciative of the education I received and the friendships I made from being a member of CAR. I credit the leadership skills I learned in CAR with cementing my drive to become an author.

Thank you so much,

Victoria Sovran

mvsovran@gmail.com

Swamp Fox Newsletter Add-ins- **Support Our Troops**

As members of C.A.R., let's join in a tradition that's over a decade strong to show support to our troops. It's a tiny act that means much more than people seem to realize. On Fridays, let's all wear an article of red clothing — a shirt, a tie, anything — as a reminder to all to **Remember *Everyone* Deployed**. These Fridays became known as R.E.D. Friday. Take a picture and let us feature you in our newsletter!

State Second Vice President

Voyager Fund. C.A.R.'s Travel Opportunities

The purpose of the Voyager Fund is to provide grants to assist with travel expenses for the National Officers (except the National President), State Presidents, and National Chairmen who attend regional meetings. The monies received help to provide members with an exceptional experience, so please consider a \$50 donation to the Voyager Fund. It can be in your name or in someone's honor. The recipient will be recognized at national convention with a pin (photo below) and a photo opportunity with the National President. If you would like to donate to the Voyager Fund, please send \$50, to Swamp Fox Senior Treasurer, Cathi Servideo and indicate that it is for the Voyager Fund and who's name should be the recipient or you can go directly to www.nscar.org and click on the Support C.A.R. tab at the top and then choose "Donation Pins" on the drop down menu and complete the N.S.C.A.R. Pin Donation Form.

~SOCIETY NEWS~

Treasure Coast Society News-

Written By: Treasure Coast Society President, Sydney Rigaud

Hello Everyone!

The Treasure Coast Society has been busy with our ongoing conservation project with the Cemetery we adopted and take care of. Some of our members have been to our local D.A.R. meetings and have learned the importance of Flag day and other important Holidays. We helped the Pelican Island D.A.R Chapter with their Wreaths Across America ceremony. The Treasure Coast Society C.A.R. cannot wait until the conference, and I hope everyone is staying safe through these rough times.

Sincerely,

Sydney Rigaud

Treasure Coast Society C.A.R.

Vaughan-Latham Society News-

Vaughan-Latham Society held a meeting and program on military "Meals Ready to Eat" or MREs. The speaker was Mr. William Schmelling, retired Navy CPO.

Members and Seniors tried the food which was very good.

We donated a case of MREs to American Legion Auxiliary 54, to distribute to Veterans who can use them in emergency situations. Mrs. Cara Curtin of the Amelia Island DAR facilitated our donation, and she arranged for publicity in the NewsLeader Newspaper .

Members in attendance from Fernandina Beach and Yulee were:

Top Photo left to rt.

Front row: Chaplain Sydney Wagnstrom, President Olivia Schopf.

Back row: Senior Curator/Librarian Anne Wagnstrom, Senior President JoAnn Welker, Mr. Schmelling, Corresponding Secretary Ashly Schmelling, Senior Corresponding Secretary Sharon Schmelling, Senior Registrar Lisa Beth Schopf.

Bottom Left MRE member donors from St. Augustine:

David Alexander, Vice President Aislin Alexander, Registrar Landon Alexander, Senior Recording Secretary Andrea Alexander.

Bottom Right photo MRE member donors from Alphretta Georgia:

William, Erin. Michael and Jenna Lee.

-Submitted by JoAnn Welker Senior President



Orange Blossom's Editors Message
By OB Editor- Sydney Rigaud
Florida State C.A.R. Second Vice President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone has had a nice year despite all of the hardships we have had to go through. After this last Orange Blossom the new Newsletter and magazine editor will take over. I have loved doing this newsletter and I have learned about a lot of the societies. I can't wait to see everyone at the State Conference and be able to have some more things to help put in the Orange Blossom. Hope everyone stays safe, and I will see you all at the conference.

Sincerely,
Sydney Rigaud
F.S.C.A.R. Second Vice President
Newsletter and Magazine Editor