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THE ORANGE BLOSSOM

DECEMBER 16TH, 2023



PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Project
Conservation
Right Whale

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, we will show what our Florida State C.A.R. members have been up to! We hope the submissions will help see the progress our State Society has made so far this year, and inspire others on projects in the future.

Olivia Schopf, 2nd V.P. F.S.C.A.R.
Editor of The Orange Blossom



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Hello Everybody!
I am Sydney Wagnstrom and I am the 2023-2024 Florida Society Children of the American Revolution State President. A project is chosen every year by the state president. The state then focuses on supporting and raising money for the organization chosen. This year I hope to educate people on the Right Whales with the theme "Project Conservation Right Whale." Right Whales help to benefit Florida by bringing nutrients from the bottom of the ocean to the top which helps feed fish. There is a need to educate people on not only the importance of these whales, but also their possible extinction. The fact that there are less than 340 Right Whales left should encourage individuals to take action in saving them.

My goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Clearwater Marine Research Institute. Adding on to this, I hope to help empower kids throughout the state to participate in volunteering with the saying, "Being a Kid is My Superpower." Because I am president at such a young age, I hope to boost kids in realizing they can lead too. I cannot wait to see how my project helps others to learn more about the Right Whales, while encouraging kids to speak up and become more involved.

I hope to see you soon,
Sydney Wagnstrom
F.S.C.A.R. State President
2023-2024

SENIOR PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy December! It's hard to believe the holidays are here. That means that State Conference is right around the corner. I hope you are all planning on attending State Conference. State President Sydney Wagnstrom has a great program planned and we are looking forward to seeing you all there! All of your State Officers and Chairmen are also excited to see your contest entries this year.

Thanks for all that you are doing to further the state and national projects. We are thankful for your help in funding our American 250! marker as well. I hope you all have a great holiday season and we will see you in February!



STATE CONFERENCE/CONTESTS



FEBRUARY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER SO DON'T FORGET ABOUT STATE CONFERENCE, STATE CONTESTS, AND SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION FORM!

For State Conference please don't forget to register!

- The Conference is scheduled from February 16th-18th
- The last day to register is January 31, 2024.
- For more information check the F.S.C.A.R. facebook page

State Contests

- Entries due to judges on or before January 14th 2024

State Officer Nomination Forms

- Due on January 1st 2024

F.S.C.A.R PROJECT CONSERVATION

RIGHT WHALE

SWAMP FOX SOCIETY



Swamp Fox had a November meeting at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton. It is a Nature Center, Marine sanctuary and we thought it was similar to the presidents project with the right whales. Swamp Fox is donating a \$100 to the state presidents project. We reinstalled officers. We have 2 new members and one who is waiting on paperwork. We had a nice time socializing and getting to know each other better. We had several SAR and DAR grandparents and supporters in attendance.

Sincerely, Katy Peterson



MEMBER ACTIVITY

SNOWDEN-HORNE SOCIETY

The Snowden Horne Society, C.A.R. met on Saturday, September 23, 2023, for our monthly meeting. Following the business meeting, members viewed a video about “bullying” after which they compiled a “Bullying Vocabulary.”

Our guest speaker then explained the process of writing a proclamation, and using that information and our vocabulary terms, members worked together to create the BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH, OCTOBER 2023, Proclamation.

The Snowden-Horne Proclamation will be presented to the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners for presentation at their October 3 meeting. Senior and Society members plan to attend the meeting to accept the proclamation as a part of our Community Involvement.



Choctawhatchee Bay NSDAR has chosen another Snowden-Horne/Choctawhatchee Bay dual member as their 2023-2024 Chapter Outstanding Junior. Lauren served as a Page at Spring Conference.



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE OCTOBER 2023 AS
“BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH”

WHEREAS, Bullying is defined as deliberate misuse of power in relationships through verbal, physical, and / or social behavior that is meant to cause physical, social, and / or mental harm; and

WHEREAS, Bullying has become increasingly widespread and damaging to children and adults, especially through the use of technology, also known as cyberbullying; and

WHEREAS, The Snowden-Horne Society, Children of the American Revolution encourages and challenges citizens of all ages to help end the many forms of aggressive behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners that we do hereby PROCLAIM and RECOGNIZE October 2023 as

“BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH”

and encourage our citizens to participate in efforts throughout the year to raise awareness of the pervasiveness of bullying, practice empathy, inspire inclusion, and display respect toward others.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ROBERT A. “TREY” GOODWIN III
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

By:

J.D. PEACOCK II
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT



Our Snowden-Horne Bullying Prevention Month proclamation was approved and presented by the Okaloosa County Commissioners this morning. Since the commissioners meet at 8:30 AM, Society members were in school except for little Emory Bird, a nine year old prospective member.

The lady on the right, Gloria Wilson, was our guest speaker who presented the proclamation program in September.

MEMBER ACTIVITY

SAN BERNARDO SOCIETY



In honor of Veterans Day, San Bernardo Society members Ruby, Marcus, Xander, and Rose Herman helped wash the Wall South at Pensacola Veterans Park.



KIDS HELPING KIDS

VAUGHAN-LATHAM SOCIETY

Kids Helping Kids: A Mission of Hope

By Aislin Alexander, Vaughan-Latham Society

Since I was very young, I have wanted to help other kids. It began, on the local playground, when I ran over to brush the woodchip bedding from a little girl's clothing after she had gone down the slide. From there it progressed to donating toys to the Marines "Toys for Tots," books to the D.A.R. Children's Library, donating clothes to the Salvation Army, and being a mentor for younger children at St. Michael Academy. Though these were all very rewarding experiences for me the most fulfilling experience of all was my mission trip to Uganda this summer.



I gardened, removed parasites from children's feet, dropped off school supplies, passed out clothing at an orphanage, distributed bread, clothing, and shoes to families, learned about the trials of teen mothers at a pregnancy center, passed out sweets, and on every occasion, I held hands, danced, and prayed with any child who needed a little extra love.

These children returned the favors by introducing me to their goats and sheep, demonstrating their crafts, using my phone to take selfies of us together, and instilling memories on my heart by always reaching for my hand, walking close beside me, giving me hugs, and leaving me with their contagious smiles.

C.A.R./D.A.R./S.A.R. RELATIONS

PONCE DE LEON SOCIETY

My name is Arran Corbett. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Leon HS. I am currently serving as the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution chairman of C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations. I am so glad to have joined the Tallahassee Chapter SAR as a junior member. I am the fourth generation in my family to belong to the SAR!

As state chairman, I want to share with you information on The Next Step Initiative. It involves working with C.A.R. parent organizations to transition our members to DAR, SAR and S.R. At SAR National Congress they said that they really want a relationship with the C.A.R. and are eager to help with transitioning boys into the SAR. The President General and other leaders told the SAR members to support the C.A.R. President General. They praised our Next Step Initiative and recommended that SAR members across the country get a copy of it.

The SAR waives the application fee for C.A.R. members in good standing. Most chapters pay the dues for junior members. Otherwise, it's only \$5 annually until age 18. Junior members can log in to the national SAR website with their member number and get items including insignia. When attending SAR events representing the SAR, dual members can wear it.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!

Arran Corbett

FSCAR Chairman of C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations

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Arran receives his SAR certificate from Tallahassee Chapter President Bill Gladwin at the George Washington luncheon at the American Legion Hall on February 26, 2023.

Arran represents Florida as a flag bearer at the National Society Children of the American Revolution SE Regional Conference in Clemmons, NC on July 11, 2023.

VAUGHAN-LATHAM SOCIETY

SAR DAR CAR Family

this year I have had the opportunity to go to SAR National, DARr Fall Forum, and local chapter meetings. I have also been to Thomas Creek, Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, Tolomato Remembrance Ceremony, and Colonial Nightwatch. It is has been an amazing experience.

There is so much to learn from them. All of these people are actively engaged in their organizations and their community. They have so much historical knowledge and are ready to share. I have learned a lot this year. Everything they do is greatly appreciated. I would encourage other families to become involved with them just for the personal growth. So may people can just gain knowledge from attending or being a part of these events.

Sydney Wagnstrom, Age 13



**SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS**



**There are several ways for your
C.A.R. group to support our troops.
Here are two options:**



Operation Shoebox allows you to adopt a troop from 1 to more soldiers and send letters & packages directly to them. You can contact them here:

<https://www.operationshoebox.com/adopt-a-troop/>



Or if you like to make paracord bracelets, lanyards, or knit scarves and hats, this project is for your chapter. Every couple of months they have a new project that you can complete and mail to them.

Sign Up Here: <https://www.operationgratitude.com>

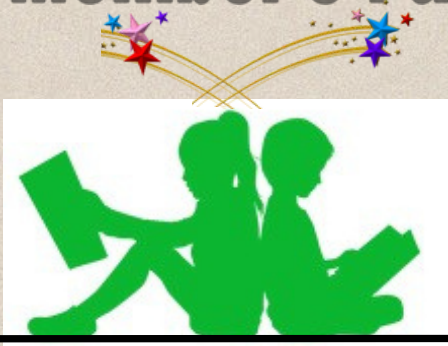
**Please keep me posted on what your chapter is
doing this year to support our troops! You can
contact me at
samthemancoventry@gmail.com
with pictures & comments!**

**Samuel Coventry
FSCAR Chair,
Supporting Our Troops**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Mountain School Children
Read C.A.R. Member's Favorite Books!



We would like the children attending DAR Mountain Schools to read books from the C.A.R. America 250! List of Historical Books. If you use the QR Code to reach the Amazon shopping list, you can make purchases that will be shipped directly to your favorite school. You don't need to worry about anything, only donating!

Amazon Booklist link for
Kate Duncan Smith School



Amazon Booklist link for
Hillside School



Amazon Booklist link^{for}
Crossnore School



Amazon Booklist link^{for}
Hindman School



Thank you,
Sam Schenck, National Librarian - Bridget Green, National Library Advisory Committee Chairman

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Please remember to log your volunteer hours on the N.S.C.A.R site! Our national goal is 600 individual volunteers. Both seniors and members can log hours and every person counts!
<----- To log your hours, scan the QR code on the left.