



Florida Orange Blossom Time

**F.S.C.A.R.
ORANGE BLOSSOM
NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME TO ISSUE #2! I'M ARRAN CORBETT, THE F.S.C.A.R 2ND VP SO MY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE STATE NEWSLETTER, THE ORANGE BLOSSOM. I HOPE YOU HAD A FANTASTIC SUMMER. AS FOR ME, I TURNED 14 AND ENJOYED SAILING, SURFING, CHURCH CAMP IN THE NC MOUNTAINS, AND ANTIQUING.

I'M ENTERING THE 9TH GRADE AT LEON HIGH SCHOOL IN TALLAHASSEE. I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT START TO SCHOOL. SEE YOU AT THE COLONIAL NIGHT WATCH IN ST. AUGUSTINE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD!



Hello everybody! I would just like to thank everybody who attended the packet meeting in Gainesville and helped make the items for the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital! You all did a wonderful job and they surely agreed! Keep in mind that Colonial Night Watch is coming up in December, and I invite everybody to attend. Now that school is in session, I would like to wish everybody good luck in their classes this year. Thanks!

James Hamilton

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





● Conservation Activities

- On January 29th, six families of the **Chichi-Okobee Society** braved the windy winter weather to tour the citrus groves at Mixon Fruit Farms. We took a tram tour which gave a history of the farm as well as additions that had been made to the property. We stopped at the wildlife refuge to view animals, such as crocodile, emus, white raccoon, tortoise, parrot, owl, but the highlight was an alligator where adventurous members and their parents were able to hold or touch it! Children asked insightful questions about the natural environment as well as the rescued animals. These animals are a part of the Wild World Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. which rescues animals and relocates (if possible) - all free of charge. After the tour, families could enjoy the playground area, take a turn through the maze, see the koi pond, and explore the produce in the general store. Children were treated to fresh orange ice cream. We had some new families joined us while others were able to reconnect after time apart, so it was truly an enriching experience.





On March 26th, the **Chichi-Okobee Society** invited the Sara de Soto DAR Juniors to participate in their National Day of Service - observed on our founding date, April 5th. Members gathered together along with others in the community at Siesta Beach to cleanup the beach in association with the Keep America Beautiful Campaign. We wore patriotic colors - red, white, and blue - to attract attention to our cause during our act of service after the busy spring break period as we worked to keep America's #1 beach clean!



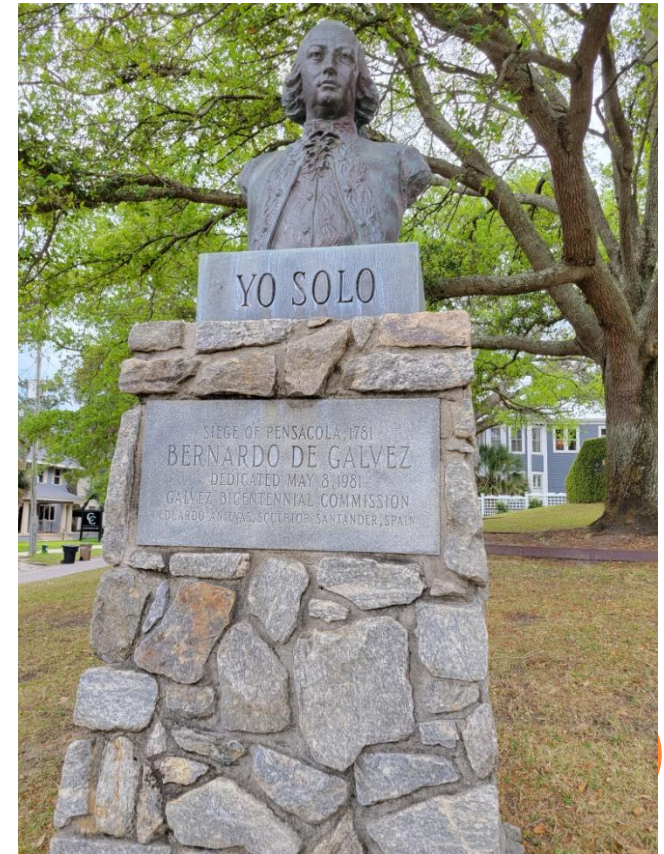
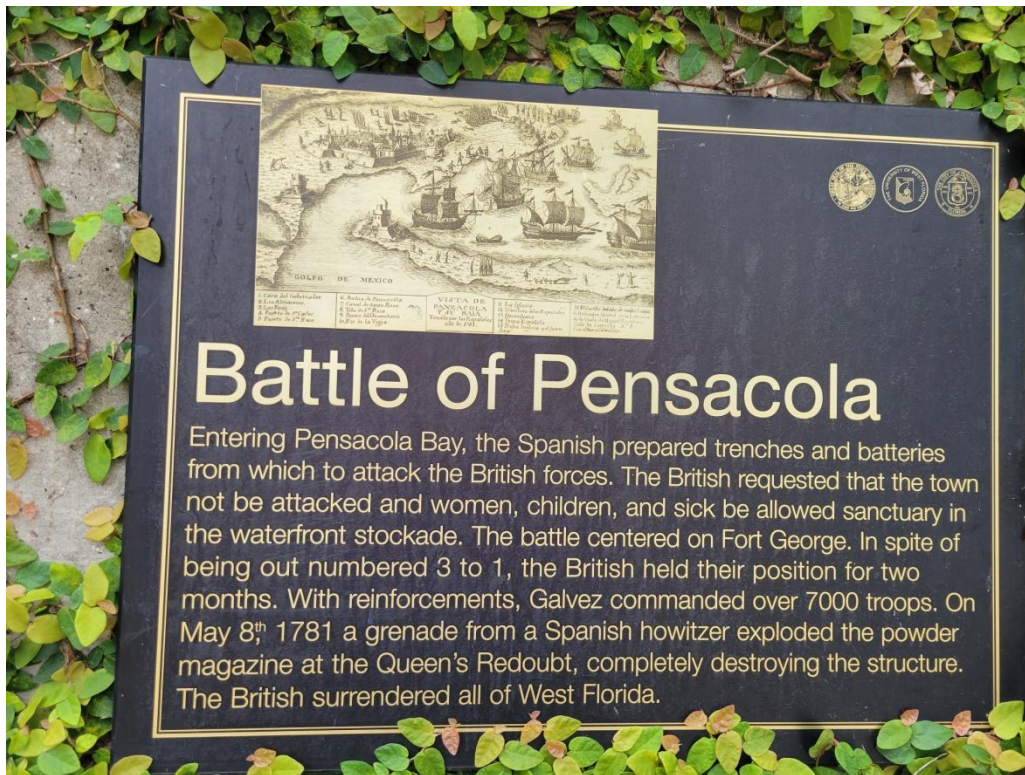


The **Fort Gatlin Society** met in June for a Family Event at The Bunker in Orlando. F.S.C.A.R. Senior State President, Holly Hamilton was our guest. We installed new officers and welcomed in a new member. SAR member, Burt Fairchild, presented a program on bees. Holly shared upcoming information with our families. Members each received a tricorn hat and made a cockade to go on it. Families toured the Bunker and museum.





The **San Bernardo Society** went to Fort George in Pensacola to learn about the Battle Of Pensacola, the longest siege of the American Revolution. We also cleaned up the park for our C.A.R. Day Of Service.





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 in the lower right. The text "Patriotic Activities" is overlaid in a dark blue, serif font, centered horizontally and partially obscured by the flag's folds.

Patriotic Activities

In July 2022 the **Fort Gatlin Society**, a few members installed flags at the gravesites of the founders of the Orlando Chapter DAR. Two of our members were part of the SAR Honor Guard.



The **Ponce de Leon Society** participated in a Memorial Day Observance event held at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on May 29, 2022. Ezekiel Martin, Organizing Secretary, thanked the keynote speakers, both notable female veterans, for their service. The event included a Presentation of Colors by the Big Bend Honor Guard, opening remarks by Tallahassee National Cemetery Director Raymond Miller, pledge of allegiance, national anthem, and remarks by keynote speakers Karen Bauer, 2nd Lt, USA, and Pia S. Woodley, LCDR, USB (Ret). The Laying the Wreaths Ceremonies commenced: One wreath for the Military Branches and the other a KIA wreath. The benediction was followed by a 21 gun Rifle Salute and Taps. Ezekiel then helped place flags at the gravestones of our fallen heroes. The occasion was a mix of somber remembrance, patriotic spirit, and volunteer service.





Ezekiel Martin is pictured with Lt. Bauer and Commander Woodley.



On December 18, 2021 the **Chichi-Okobee** joined several thousand of other across the country to participate in Wreaths Across America. Families honored those buried at Sarasota National Cemetery in a modified event by each placing a wreath on a few graves per volunteer. In keeping with tradition and as a sign of respect, we said the name of the individual and thanked them for their service.

C.A.R. members and families shared their heartfelt observations with us:

This experience was truly breathtaking. I hope we do it again next year. I wish I could hang a billion wreaths. Every time I hung one, I felt like I was going back in time to where all these people once lived. I felt really lucky to thank these people for protecting our country with their lives.

---Layla, age 10

When I placed the wreath on the grave stones, I felt like I was honoring our heroes. It was truly a good experience. I recommend somebody else do it. It is a good chance to thank our veterans.

---J.D., age 7

What a humbling experience. It was such an honor to lay the wreaths at 8 Veteran gravesites in the Sarasota National Cemetery. I asked Amelia (age 10) to think about something to say at each gravesite, and I had no clue what to expect. She thanked all the WWII Veterans, for fighting for us, so that we don't live under a Dictator, or speak another language.

—C.A.R. mother



Snowden-Horne Society President, Trinity Baker, proudly carried the C.A R flag as she led her fellow members in the 2022 Defuniak Springs Independence Day Parade. Young and old alike were treated to waves, smiles, and red, white, and blue candy along the parade route.

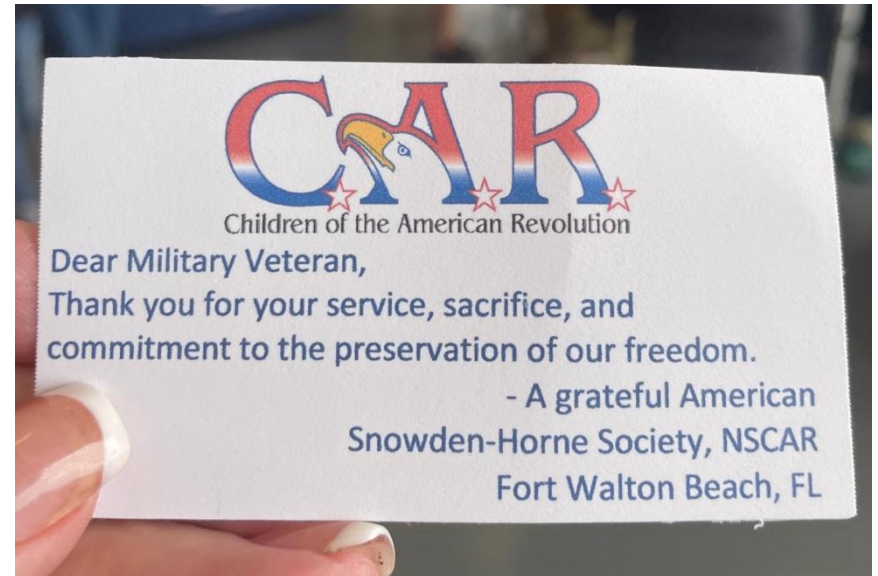




On November 21, 2021 the **Chichi-Okobee Society** had its first event of the fall at Nailed It DIY. Five families met as children were able to choose a patriotic project based on their age and ability. While all of the children applied different painting techniques, the teenagers were able to use power tools to assemble their projects. C.A.R. members made “Let Freedom Ring” signs, American flag wall art, “1776” door tags, and decor boxes. Although using different manual tools, woodworking was a skill honed by many of our patriot ancestors. The children received a similar experience in a modern setting under the supervision of professionals and they got to keep their craft which proudly displays their patriotism and honors their heritage!



Denise and Kylee Heidbreder, members of **Snowden-Horne Society** greeted members of the military at the 50th Anniversary of Duke Field on Eglin AFB. Special cards of appreciation were distributed along with big smiles and words of personal thanks.



On February 5, 2022 the **Chichi-Okobee Society** hosted Sunshine Post #3223 of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) at their home facility for a business meeting and appreciation event. We were joined by special guest Sarasota Mayor Erik Arroyo for Valentines with Veterans.

During the business meeting, we inducted four new members into our local society by listing their full name, membership number, and patriot ancestor. We also had two prospective members, Liam and Audrey Morgan. With our first business meeting of the year, we were proud to display our C.A.R. flag as well as our patriotism among some of our country's heroes. Then, the members and guests made valentines together with craft supplies donated by C.A.R. families, DAR members, and corporate sponsorships as well as festive refreshments for the event. We are truly grateful for the community support!

Members were able to create valentines for VFW members as well as family members (like grandparents) who had served in the military. It was heartwarming to see the children connecting with some veterans in a social setting as well as many of our youth demonstrating their leadership skills by leading us in our opening ritual. Mark Ruster served as our society chaplain for the today while society historian Nathan Putnam interviewed members and guests for a local news segment.

The Suncoast News Network thought our event was a lovely story and provided press coverage on their site to generate some publicity for the local C.A.R. as well as the veterans. Thank you to everyone who came, donated, and supported our youth in their service to veterans!





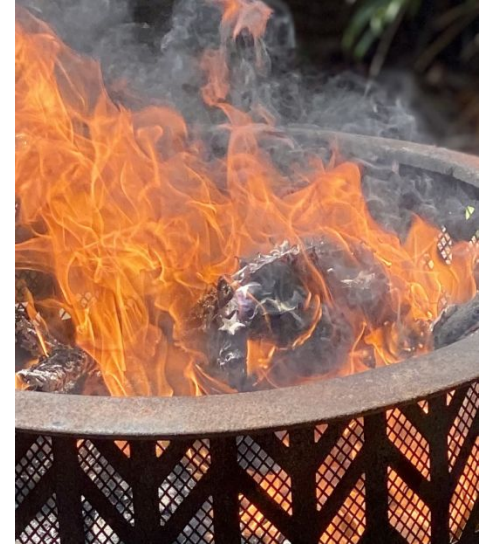
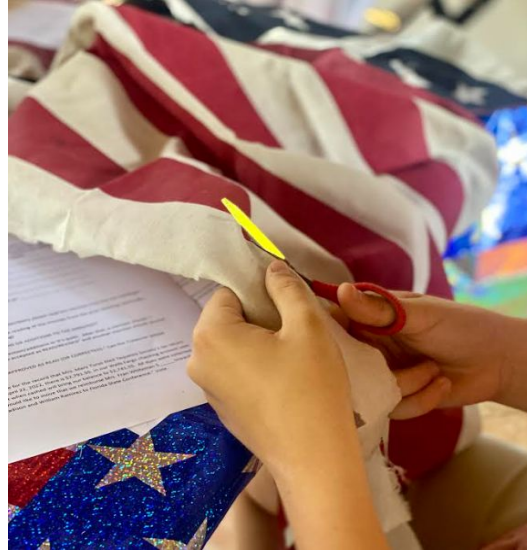
Treasure Coast Society participated in the July 4th parade in Sebastian, FL, handing out flags to the people in the crowd, attended the Battle of Thomas Creek ceremony, volunteered at the traveling Vietnam War Wall, and presented the state and national projects. One focus is on membership this year as it strives to increase its numbers and activity of current members. Treasure Coast Society is looking forward to an exciting year!



F.S.C.A.R. President James Hamilton helped reflag for Memorial Day and attended the Last Naval Battle in Melbourne.



The Tequesta Society retired worn and tattered flags in May with a proper flag retirement ceremony. President, Ryan Pezoldt and Vice President, George E. “Mac” Cadman, V led the ceremonies. The preparation prior to the ceremony was to first remove the field of blue away from the stripes and to never cut into the field of blue as to never separate our union of sovereign states ever again. It is last to be placed in the flames.



Secondly, the members cut and separated the stripes. Each one represents an original colony during the Revolutionary War. The red stripes symbolize the blood that was shed for freedom while the white signifies the spirit of this great nation and the honor and valor to gain liberty and freedom. Each color stripe is placed into the fire as the name of the original colonies were read aloud. The beauty of the service was that it was read from the perspective of the flag. “I am your flag I appear in many places. I have taken many forms and have been called many names. I was authorized by Congress in 1818 in the form you see now and have remained unchanged except to add a new star each July 4th after a new state joined the union until I reached my present number of 50.”

“I am more than just red, white and blue cloth shaped into a design. I am a silent sentinel of freedom. Born amid the first flames of America’s fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of 13 colonies to a united nation of 50 sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. “

“Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than life itself, so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.”

Then the participants placed the red stripes and the white strips into the fire and placed the field of blue with 50 stars into the flames. The grommets of the flag were buried by CAR members. “

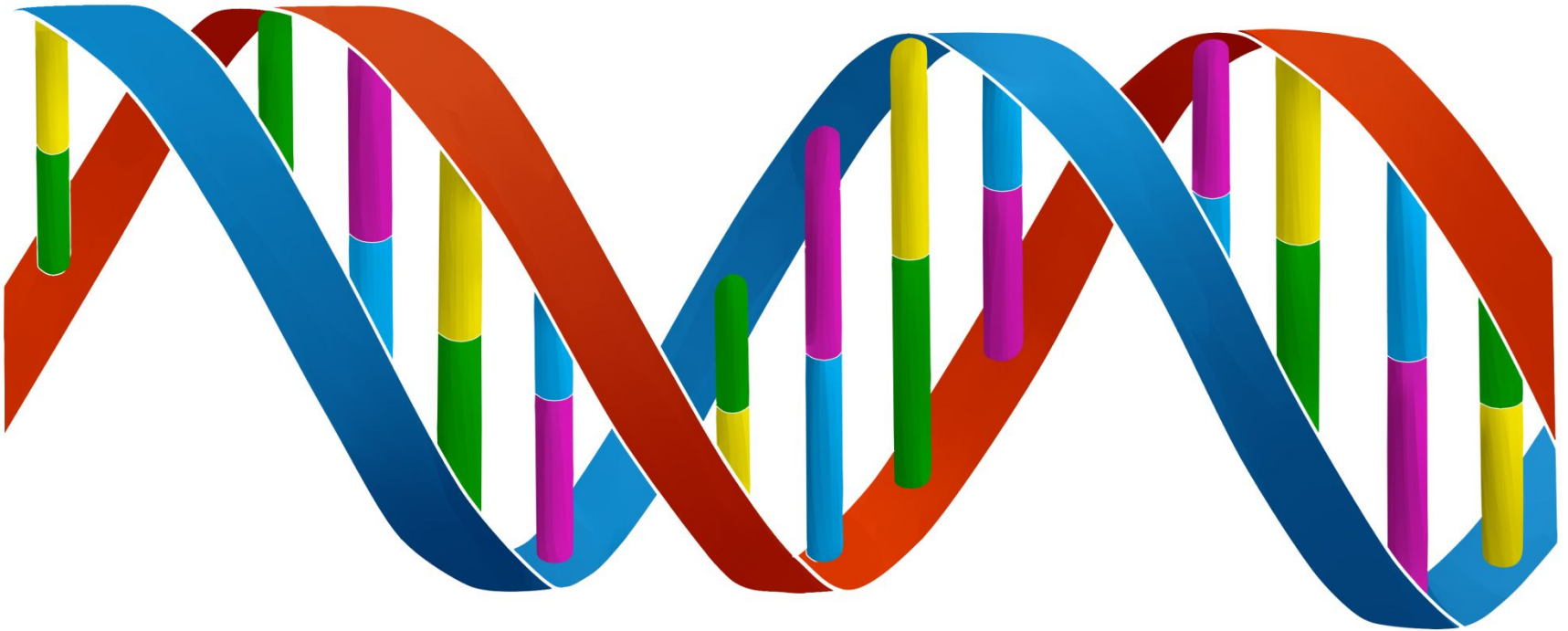
When my stripes are gone, kiss the blue field and lay it across the fire. Then stand silently as you watch each star twinkle and fade into ashes. “

For more great resources on flag retirements, please visit the sources we used along with Scouting ceremonies.

<https://southfayettepa.com/DocumentCenter/View/1920/Guide-to-Flag-Retirement-Ceremonies> or <https://southfayettepa.com/>



Heritage Activities

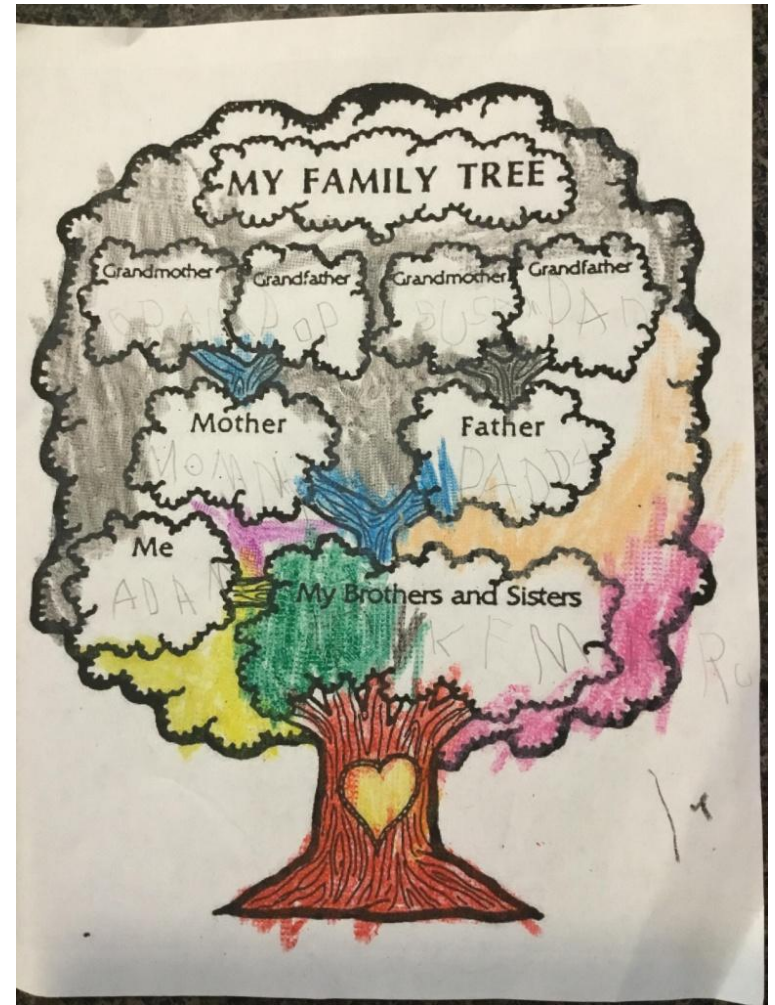


On May 1st, Osceola DAR member Nancy Johnson hosted a beginner's genealogy workshop for the **Chichi-Okobee Society**. In advance of the meeting, "peewee patriots" completed a simple three generation family tree and colored it in at the meeting. Older children had the opportunity to complete a more detailed four generation family tree. As many children were not involved in their C.A.R. application process, this may have been their first experience understanding their family tree and how we locate reliable information to complete it.

As president of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota, Nancy Johnson offered many resources and useful tips to our membership in a program geared toward children. She also addressed questions from the parents as we continued digging through our family history.

In addition, C.A.R. families loved the opportunity to explore the beautiful Sara de Soto DAR chapter house with its rich history. We appreciated the hospitality of one of our sponsoring organizations!





Educational Activities



The **Ponce de Leon Society** participated in the Inaugural Tallahassee History Festival and Expo, a free, public program highlighting historical and cultural resources in Leon and adjacent counties. This event was held on March 26, 2022 at Kleman Plaza in downtown Tallahassee with representatives from museums, historical societies, academic and research programs, churches, and historic sites appealing to people of all ages.



The Treasure Coast Society
attended FSSDAR State
Conference, was represented at
National Convention,
Mid-Southern/Southeastern
Regional Meeting, and the
Pennsylvania State Conference.





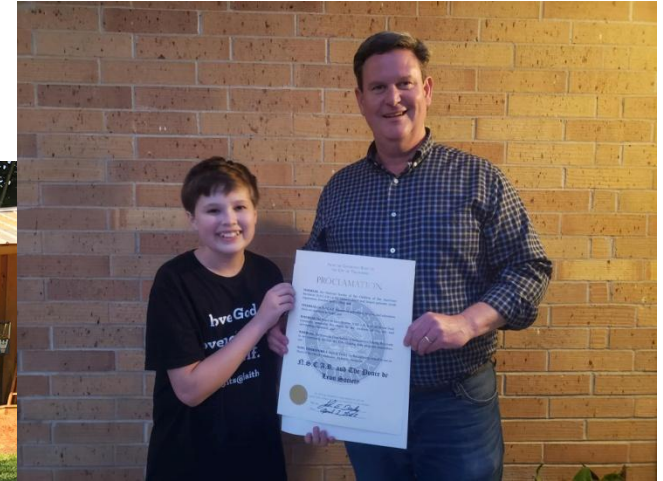
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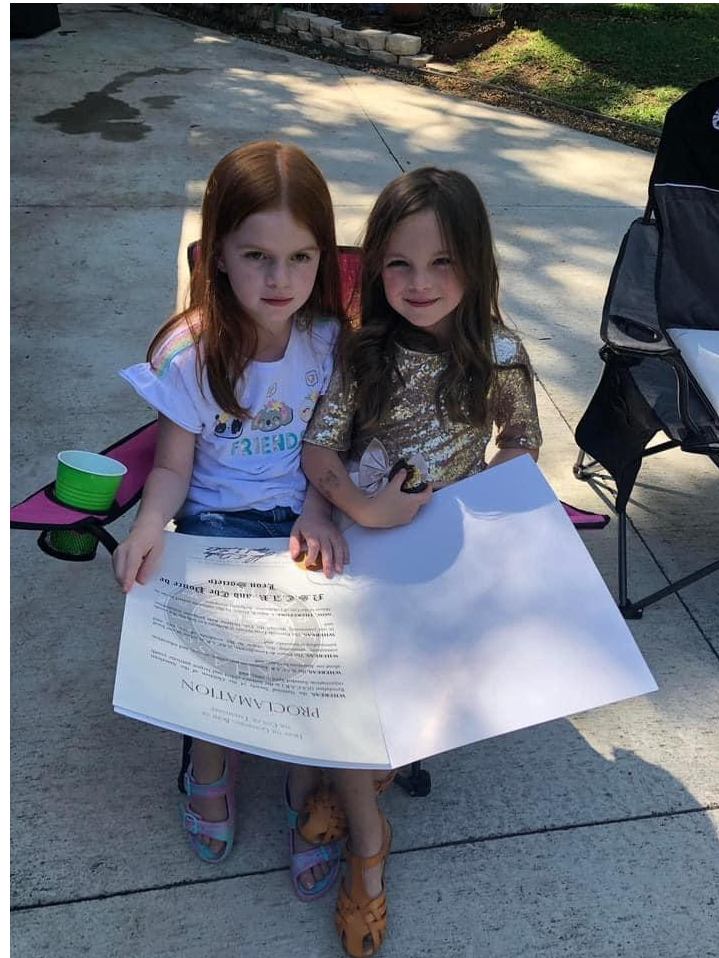
On April 3, 2022, the **Ponce de Leon Society** inducted a set of three cousins to membership in the C.A.R.! Alivia, Iris, and Lily were warmly welcomed into the society and their grandfather, Allen Compton, was thanked for his close to 15 years of service with the US Marines



Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey met with **Ponce de Leon Society** President Arran Corbett to sign a Proclamation for the N.S.C.A.R. Day of Service. Mayor Dailey shared that the DAR sponsored him to attend a leadership retreat held at Mount Vernon during his youth.



Society members participated in the N.S.C.A.R. Day of Service by collecting and donating non-perishable goods to Tallahassee's Veterans Village.





Treasure Coast Society is honored to have Society President Sydney Rigaud serving as the National Vice President to the Southeastern Region and James Hamilton serving as the F.S.C.A.R. State President and the National Webmaster.



Benevolent Activities



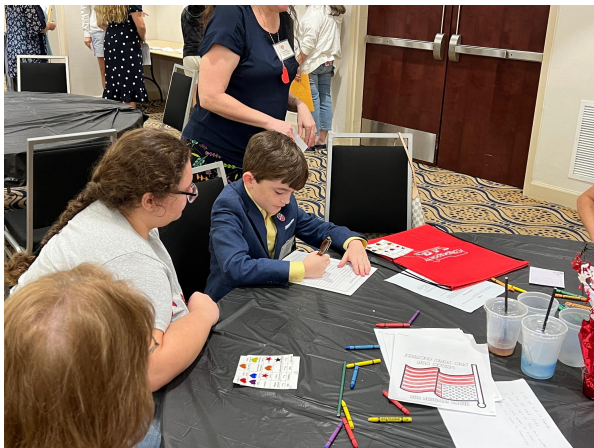
Ponce de Leon Society member Courtenay Green helped collect donations for Ukrainian refugees at the Fort San Luis DAR chapter meeting.

This was to help her Girl Scout troop with their Bronze award.

She is pictured with FSL Chapter Regent Danie Turner and with her troop leader and fellow Girl Scouts with the donations.



The statewide Packet Meeting was held on July 30, 2022 in Gainesville. It included introductions, the ritual and a review of state and national projects. Then participants broke up into groups and rotated around stations learning about various C.A.R. committees. Groups had a few minutes at each station and were able to participate and learn about each committee and contest as they worked together with other members.





Participants then worked on the F.S.C.A.R. service project by making no sew blankets and easy sew stuffed toys for kids at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.



The day ended with a tour of the nearby historic Haile Homestead.



A detailed still life painting featuring a cluster of oranges and white blossoms. The oranges are in various stages of ripeness, with some showing a greenish-yellow hue and others a more vibrant orange. They are surrounded by lush green leaves and delicate white flowers with yellow centers. The composition is set against a dark, textured background, creating a rich and vibrant scene. The text "Meet the F.S.C.A.R. Officers" is overlaid in a bold, yellow, serif font across the center of the image.

Meet the F.S.C.A.R. Officers



James Hamilton State President

“I’m excited about helping the Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital as my project.”

Treasure Coast
Society





Robert McAuliffe
State 1st V.P.

“I’m excited about representing the C.A.R. around the state this year..”

Ponce de Leon
Society





Arran Corbett
State 2nd V.P.

“I’m excited about the next State Society conference because I always have fun.”

Ponce de Leon Society



Meet Your Organizing Secretary

EZEKIEL MARTIN



Welcome

I am super
excited about the
state conference!

About me

Hi everyone! I am a member
of the Ponce de Leon Society!





Caleb Golden Chaplain

“I am excited about serving my state society as chaplain and I am honored to have the privilege of planning the memorial service for the state F.S.C.A.R. conference.”

Billy Bowlegs Society





Levi Golden Historian

“I am excited to compile the State History Book and present it at the state conference.”

Billy Bowlegs Society





David Baugus State Curator

“I’m excited to go to another cool place like a fort and learn things.”





Madeline Baugus State Recording Secretary

“I want to meet new people
and learn new things.”
San Bernardo Society





Audrey Baugus
State Corresponding
Secretary

“I’m excited to make
service project bags and
meet new people!”
San Bernardo Society



Sydney Wagnstrom

Librarian



“With my Senior Librarian, Marcea Oetting , we are working on promoting a project with the book “Thomas Paine and the Dangerous Word” and are encouraging Society Librarians to create something to tell the rest of their society about the book and what Thomas Paine did to impact the Revolutionary War.”

Vaughan-Latham Society



A detailed illustration of a grey bird, possibly a dove, perched on a branch. The bird is facing left, with its head turned slightly towards the viewer. It has a long, pointed beak and a single dark eye. The branch it sits on is thick and brown, with several large, round, orange fruits hanging from it. Interspersed among the leaves and fruits are numerous small, white, five-petaled flowers with yellow centers. The background is a solid light blue. The overall style is reminiscent of a classic book cover or a vintage illustration.

Meet the F.S.C.A.R. Senior Officers



Holly Hamilton

Senior State President

“I am excited for the continued progress! I am really looking forward to fun and engaging year!”

Treasure Coast Society/Pelican Island DAR





JoAnn Burns Welker
Senior 1st Vice President

" I am looking forward to exploring the National and State Packet topics for 2022-2023."

Vaughan-Latham Society





Carol Bryant-Martin
Senior 2nd Vice
President

"This year, the 2nd Vice President and Senior will host new state conference participants and guests. We will offer fun, giveaway items as our welcome table. Be sure to keep an eye out for us!"

Ponce de Leon Society





Rae Lyn Bland
Senior Recording Secretary

“I'm excited to get more involved in the F.S.C.A.R. activities with my own children!”

Treasure Coast Society





Teri Peterson
Senior State Chaplain

“I am excited about this year's theme- Kids helping Kids C.O.P.E..”

Billy Bowlegs Society



**Meet the F.S.C.A.R.
Committee Chairs**



William Lee
C.A.R Magazine and
Newsletters Chair

“I am looking forward to
learning more about C.A.R.”

Vaughan-Latham Society





Jennifer "Jenna" Lee
American Heritage Chair

"I'm looking forward to
discovering the art of the
revolutionary period."

Vaughan-Latham Society





Courtenay Green Kids Helping Kids Chair

“I'm excited about the important role I will have in helping our state president promote his state project.”

Ponce de Leon Society



Jonathan (J.T.) Kwak
Supporting Our Troops Chair

“I am excited about the fun activities to help us learn about our country's background.”

Fort Gatlin Society



**Meet the F.S.C.A.R.
Senior Committee Chairs**



Lauren Baugus
Conservation Senior Chair

“I’m excited to meet new people from all over the state!”

San Bernardo Society





Maryann Esenwein
American Indians
Senior Chair

“I’m excited to to see all the good things that the members achieve this year.

Abigail Wright Chamberlin
Chapter DAR





Roberta “Bobbie” Schofield American Heritage Senior Chair

“BIG in-person meetings while fully utilizing Zoom to pull this great big state together.”





Deborah Cook
C.A.R. Magazine/Newsletter
Senior Chair

“I'm excited about getting our society involved in the new State Project.”

Fort Gatlin Society





Teri Dioquino
Government Studies
Senior Chair

“Learning more about this wonderful organization and supporting the State President’s initiatives.”

Sugar Mill Society





Susan Shine

Public Relations Senior Chair

“I am excited to see all that my Grandson, James Hamilton, accomplishes during his year as State President.”

Regent

Rebecca Pickens Chapter

NSDAR

Dillon, SC.





Laura Lee Corbett

Kids Helping Kids

Senior Chair

“Helping James and Courtenay realize their goal of raising \$5,000 for the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.”

Ponce de Leon Society

