

ORANGE BLOSSOM



2024-2025

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National Project: We are partnering with Tunnel to Towers to provide wounded first responders with mortgage free Smart Homes to accommodate their new lives. These homes are for those who have multiple amputations, paralysis, and traumatic brain injuries among many other challenges.



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State President: Caleb Golden
Senior State President: JoAnn Welker

State Project: "Nobody Walks Alone."
We are raising money to support Wolfhound Legacy. Wolfhound Legacy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, run 100 percent by volunteers. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and train dogs from shelters to become certified service dogs. These certified service dogs go on to meet the individual needs of veterans and first responders with PTSD.



*Florida state president,
Caleb Golden*



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Supporting Our Troops: Virginia Poffenberger

Veterans: Amber Lamoreaux

Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer For The New Year

"Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom"

VETERAN CORNER

As We Celebrate The Holidays, Take A Moment To Remember The Men & Women That gave Everything So We Have The Freedom To Celebrate, And The Family's That Won't Be Celebrating The Holidays With Their Loved One.





Orange Blossom Simple Syrup

Prep Time:
10 minutes

Cook Time:
20 minutes

Orange Blossom Water

Ingredients:

1 cup orange blossoms
2 cups water

Orange Blossom Simple Syrup

1/2 cup Orange Blossom Water

1 cup sugar
1 tbsp orange zest

Instructions:

You first need to infuse the water.

In a pot, bring water and flowers to a boil.

Remove from heat and cover. Let rest for at least 2-3 hours.

Strain out the flowers.

Your water will be and should be slightly tinted in color.

Now, time to make the simple syrup

*This make 1 cup of simple syrup, you can easily make more by sticking to the ratio.

In a saucepan, stir the sugar into the orange blossom water. Heat to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and allow to simmer for 10 minutes. You'll notice the mixture will thicken a little. Stir occasionally.

Zest your orange and put zest in bottom of mason jar or whatever you are going to store your syrup in.

Pour mixture into jar over zest and let it cool.

Once cool, store in refrigerator until you're ready to enjoy.

2025-2026 F.S.C.A.R. Nominated Slate of Officers

President-- Jaelyn Tillman, Billy Bowlegs Society

1st Vice President-- Levi Golden, Billy Bowlegs Society

2nd Vice President-- Eli Maddox, Vaughan-Latham Society

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Librarian-- Ruth Gabriel, Fort Gatlin Society

Curator-- Colin Matthews, Sugar Mill Society

Honor Your First Responder Family Member

We invite you to bring a photo and a short bio of a first responder or veteran family member you would like to honor at the upcoming state conference. These submissions will be featured as part of our tribute to their service and sacrifice.

If you prefer, you may also email the materials to FSCARpresident@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us recognize these
heroes!

Support the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution!

As part of his membership campaign, FSCAR State President Caleb Golden is selling magnets to increase awareness of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). Magnets are available for \$10 each, with all proceeds supporting Caleb's state project.

If you're interested in purchasing a magnet, please email FSCARpresident@gmail.com. Magnets will also be available at the Florida State Society Children of the American Revolution Conference.

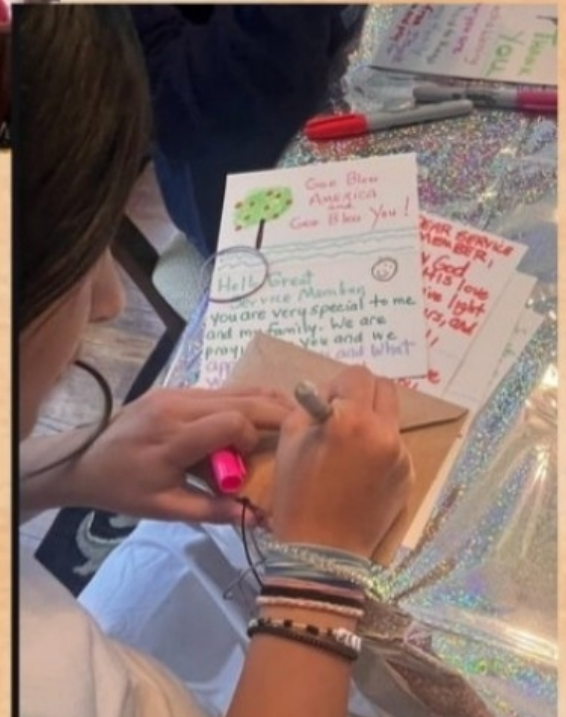
Show your support and help make a difference!



Snowden-Horne Society

Bella Negron, Snowden-Horne Society President
Christie Pratt, Senior Society President

Members of the Snowden-Horne Society took time to remember both active and veteran military personnel this Christmas. Over 100 thank you notes were completed for local active duty service members. The beautiful cards were delivered to a program called "Operation Warm Heart." This group takes care of the many active service personnel who must remain on Eglin and Hurlburt Field Air Force Base during the holidays. The cards were delivered along with Christmas dinner on December 25.



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Family and friends joined Snowden-Horne carolers to spread the spirit of Christmas to the veteran residents and family members at Bob Hope Village, the independent living neighborhood at Air Force Village, and Hawthorne House, an assisted living facility open to all veterans and their families.



Chichi-Okobee Society

Society President, Nathan Putnam
Senior Society President, Erin Alton

Reading Campout - 11_10_24

This year, the Chichi-Okobee C.A.R. Society is focusing on literacy and building our chapter's library. As the book donations have been pouring in, we celebrated with a reading "campout" on November 10th, 2024 located at the Sara De Soto DAR Chapter house grounds. Everyone pitched in as some families brought tents and others brought the food. Younger members wore pajamas and brought their favorite stuffy and blankets. Kids of all ages participated in building the tents which promoted great team working skills. After inaugurating our newest member, two-year-old Emmett, the families gathered to eat chili and grilled hotdogs.

The girls immediately claimed a small blue tent to snuggle up and read and let the boys have the larger tent. Six-year-old Historian, Chloe read the book *Brave Clara Barton* to avid story time listener, four-year-old Mary. In the big tent, Society President Nathan, read *Our Flag* to Luke R., Adam, Luke A. and baby Emma followed by Society Vice President, Luke R. who read a book about Lewis and Clark.

No campout would be complete without s'mores, which were roasted over the grill! The evening adjourned with the kids playing flashlight tag as the adults did the final clean up. Reading and working side by side really brought the kids closer together. By the end of the night, plans were already forming about doing this event again next year.

By: Society Historian, Chloe Westerberg (6) with help from her mother, Senior Society Librarian Sunny Westerberg

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Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2024, the Chichi-Okobee society of C.A.R. joined several thousands of others across the country to participate in **Wreaths Across America**. Families honored those buried at Sarasota National Cemetery by each placing wreaths on graves. In keeping with tradition and as a sign of respect, we said the name of the individual and thanked them for their service.

Members used their vehicle to transport wreaths in their trunk to volunteers and assist in placement. With a wonderful turnout and excellent coordination, our location was finished in about an hour after the ceremony!

On December 7, 2024, our Society President, Nathan Putnam, volunteered with the Myakka DAR chapter to place **solar light memorials on veterans' graves** at the Jesse Knight Memorial Cemetery in Nokomis. Volunteers prepared a brief biography of the veterans to read that day as well.

In preparation of the Christmas season, our C.A.R. members are honoring those who have served remembering our country just like their patriot ancestors.

Fort Brooke Society

Tampa

Lulu Nicholson, President

Lisette Young, Senior Society President

Lulu and Abigail along with the Tampa SAR color guard, placed wreaths at the American Legion Post 5 during the Wreaths Across America ceremony. It was a beautiful day to honor our service men and women..



Treasure Coast Society

Society President, James Hamilton
Senior Society President, Holly Hamilton

Treasure Coast Society has been busy this Fall. The society has had multiple meetings and programs and most recently participated with the Pelican Island Chapter DAR with Wreaths Across America on 12/14/2024. Also, after the event, members met to celebrate the often neglected people buried in the African American Cemetery at Brookside Cemetery by placing a wreath for the holidays and cleaning the grounds of litter.

On 1/4/2025, Treasure Coast Society President James Hamilton and Senior Society President Holly Hamilton were invited to present a program on the C.A.R. to Seminole Chapter DAR. They presented a program introducing the C.A.R. to chapter members, including the state and national projects as well as the state's America 250 marker project. Members were very excited to hear about the C.A.R. and many had not even known about it. The chapter made a \$100 donation to the America 250 marker fund in James's name.



Swamp Fox Society

Society President, Kyle Peterson
Senior Society President, Katy Peterson

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Swamp Fox Society, Pompano Beach, Florida

2024 – 2025

National Theme – "Courage, Service, Honor"

National Project – Tunnel to Towers Foundation <https://www.tunnel2towers.org/>

N.S.C.A.R. Website <https://www.nsca.org/>

Florida State Theme – "Nobody Walks Alone"

Florida State Project – Wolfhounds Legacy <https://www.wolfhoundslegacy.org/>

F.S.C.A.R. Website <https://www.floridascar.org/>

Swamp Fox Newsletter

National President: Emerson Ives Ryan

"Courage, Service, Honor"

This year's project will be focusing on our first responders. To do this, we are partnering with Tunnel to Towers to provide wounded first responders with mortgage-free Sweet Homes to accommodate their new lives. These homes are for those who have multiple amputations, paralysis, and traumatic brain injuries among many other challenges.

Florida State President: Cathy Collins

"Nobody Walks Alone"

This year's project will support Wolfhounds Legacy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, pair and train veterans and first responders with their dogs. Based in Cape Coral, FL, their goal is to have the dogs certified through Wolfhounds Legacy as service animals to support veterans with PTSD and meet their individual needs. All the

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rescue dogs that are brought into the program are from high-risk shelters and begin their training in a home-like setting being exposed to children, other pets and normal outdoor activities that make up the "veterane" daily lives. Once a suitable match is made between dog and veteran, they will go on to train for approximately 9 months, which is broken into three times.

Wolfhounds Legacy – Service Dogs for Veterans and First Responders (S.D.F.)

<https://www.wolfhoundslegacy.org/>

Our Annual State Conference is 2/14/25 – 2/16/25 in Melbourne, FL.

Booked rooms will be second for the Annual State Conference in Melbourne, FL, for the weekend of 2/14-2/16-24. If you haven't registered, please do so as soon as possible.

Please remember to buy pins and challenge coins to help us support our

Presidents State Project.

State Presidents Project Fundraiser Coins

C.A.R. raises money for our state project by selling pins and challenge coins. If you are a C.A.R./S.A.R./D.A.R./S.E. society member, please buy pins and challenge coins. Please use the link below when ordering. Ordering and shipping instructions are found when clicking the link.

https://www.floridascar.org/products/348333401997?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=2024

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State Project Pin \$10

Order stamped pins with your society name and state. (Pins stamped in silver metal)

Project Challenge Coin \$15 / F.S.C.A.R. Challenge Coin \$15

Challenge coins are stamped with your society name and state. (Coins stamped in silver metal)

U.S. National Honor Society. They have great special gifts and gifts to community leaders.

C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. Presentation Pin \$6

To be presented with the C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. certificate

F.S.C.A.R. Backpack \$10

Not F.S.C.A.R. bag with screen print logo

F.S.C.A.R. Florida Pin (also used for recognition) \$10

Great for presenting to local S.A.R. S.A.R. chapters or community members looking for their support

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State Historian

The History of the Swamp Fox: Francis Marion

Francis Marion, often referred to as the "Swamp Fox," was a prominent military officer during the American Revolutionary War. Born in 1732 in South Carolina, Marion earned his nickname due to his elusive tactics and deep knowledge of the swampy terrain in the southeastern United States. He led a band of guerrilla fighters who conducted surprise attacks against British forces, disrupting their supply lines and communication. Marion's unconventional warfare and ability to evade capture made him a legendary figure in American history. His efforts significantly contributed to the eventual American victory, and he is remembered as a pioneer of guerrilla warfare.

Francis Marion was involved in several significant battles during the American Revolutionary War. Some of his major engagements include:

- **Battle of Sullivan's Island (1776):** Marion fought valiantly in the defense of Fort Sullivan against a British naval attack.
- **Siege of Savannah (1779):** He participated in the failed Franco-American attempt to recapture Savannah from British control.
- **Battle of Black Mingo (1780):** Marion led a successful surprise attack against a British force.
- **Battle of Townson Swamp (1780):** Another successful ambush led by Marion against British forces.
- **Siege of Fort Watson (1781):** Marion played a crucial role in the capture of this British fort.
- **Battle of Fort Mifflin (1781):** Marion's forces helped capture this strategic fort from the British.
- **Battle of Eutaw Springs (1781):** One of the last major battles in the Southern Theater, where Marion's tactics were instrumental.

Marion's use of guerrilla warfare and his ability to conduct surprise attacks made him a formidable opponent and a key figure in the American fight for independence.

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S.A.R./C.A.R. Relations, D.A.R./C.A.R. Relations & Veterans



devoted to period uniforms, added a touch of historical authenticity and grandeur to the event, showing enthusiastic approval from the audience. The collaboration between Swamp Fox Society, D.A.R., and S.A.R. highlighted the unity and shared mission of these groups in honoring the legacy of the American Revolution. Their participation not only enriched the parade but also served as a reminder of the enduring values of patriotism and community spirit.

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Supporting Our Troops

We encourage all members to wear RED (Remember Everyone Enlisted) on Fridays.

Members of C.A.R. are teaming up with S.A.R. members to collect socks and other hygiene products to distribute at Sandy Nussinger State Veterans' Nursing Home. If anyone would like to contribute, please bring these items to any of our C.A.R. Swamp Fox meetings.

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Swamp Fox Society

Society President, Kyle Peterson
Senior Society President, Katy Peterson

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Community Events

Members of the Fort Lauderdale Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.), Fort Lauderdale Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), and Swamp Fox Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) came together to participate in the Wreath Across America event in Pompano Beach, FL. The ceremony began with the presentation of colors by the Fort Lauderdale S.A.R. Color Guard and the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by C.A.R. Swamp Fox Members. This solemn and respectful display set the tone for the day's activities. Participants then proceeded to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans, honoring their service and sacrifice. Each wreath symbolized a tribute to the bravery and dedication of those who served in the armed forces, ensuring their sacrifices live on. The event fostered a deep sense of community and patriotism, bringing together individuals of all ages to remember and honor the nation's heroes.



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Patriotic Education Program

Patriotic Pop Quiz
By Bradley Steier

1. In what year did the United States declare its independence?
A. 1774
B. 1776
C. 1783
D. 1790
2. Who was the first president of the United States?
A. Thomas Jefferson
B. James Madison
C. John Adams
D. George Washington
3. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
A. John Adams
B. Benjamin Franklin
C. Thomas Jefferson
D. George Washington
4. The American flag once had more than 13 stripes. How many were there?
A. 14
B. 15
C. 16
D. 17
5. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
A. 10
B. 24
C. 42
D. 56
6. When was the Pledge of Allegiance first composed?
A. 1776
B. 1892
C. 1901
D. 1952
7. What is the national anthem of the United States?
A. "God Bless America"
B. "American the Beautiful"
C. "The Star-Spangled Banner"
D. "The Stars and Stripes Forever"
8. Which document begins with the words, "We the people"?
A. The Gettysburg Address
B. The Bill of Rights
C. The Declaration of Independence
D. The Constitution of the United States

Answers:

1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B, 5-D, 6-B, 7-C, 8-

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Swamp Fox C.A.R. Upcoming Events and Dates 2024-2025

January	Happy New Year
11	2025 P.L.S.C.A.R. Regional Meeting, hosted by the Fort Lauderdale S.A.R. Chapter
11	D.A.R. Fort Lauderdale Chapter Meeting
18	C.A.R. Swamp Fox Scrapbook Party
30	Immigration Day
31	Palm Beach S.A.R. Chapter Meeting
February	
7-8	140 th Anniversary of the Battle of Battle Creek Revolutionary Days
14-16	F.S.C.A.R. State Conference Melbourne, FL
March	
1	The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest Day
6-9	F.S.D.A.R. State Conference Orlando, FL
13	2024 commemoration of the Last Naval Battle

The Florida Society Children of the American Revolution upholds the national mission to train good citizens, develop leaders and promote love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people.

State Registrar & Membership

Swamp Fox would like to welcome our newest members!

Matthew David Scott - Descendant of Elias Palmer
Guerra Neptuliano - Descendant of Darius Chapin
Maya Chapin - Descendant of Darius Chapin
Liana Chapin - Descendant of Darius Chapin

Swamp Fox is actively seeking new members, and we encourage all local S.A.R./D.A.R. chapters in the Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade County areas to attend our upcoming meetings. Bring your children, grandchildren, and any other eligible relatives to our meetings and community events. For more details, please contact us at kpeterson@foxsociety.com or adamson@foxsociety.com. For membership questions, please contact Sarah Moran at skmoran@foxsociety.com.

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State Curator

Historic preservation is crucial for maintaining the cultural and architectural heritage of a community. By preserving historic buildings, landmarks, and sites, we safeguard the tangible connections to our past, allowing future generations to learn from and appreciate the rich history they shaped their present. It fosters a sense of identity and continuity, promoting community pride and cohesion. Additionally, historic preservation can drive economic benefits through tourism and revitalization of neighborhoods, creating jobs and stimulating local economies. It also supports sustainability by repurposing existing structures, reducing the need for new construction and minimizing environmental impact. Overall, historic preservation enriches our lives by keeping the stories and achievements of our ancestors alive. Historic preservation faces several significant challenges including inadequate funding, development pressures and lack of skilled preservationists needed for restoration work.

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.) Museum, located in Washington, D.C., is dedicated to helping young people understand and appreciate American heritage. Founded in 1995, N.S.C.A.R. is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. The museum houses artifacts from the colonial era, the American Revolution, and the post-Revolutionary War periods. It serves as an educational resource, offering exhibits and programs that highlight the contributions and sacrifices of America's early pioneers. The museum also features a Children's Room, which has been used for various purposes over the years, including as a meeting space and a library. Through its exhibits and activities, the N.S.C.A.R. Museum aims to inspire a sense of patriotism and historical awareness in young visitors.



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Government Studies, American History and State Chaplain

The recent meeting of the Swamp Fox members was both beautiful and educational. Members took the time to write letters of support to an active military member undergoing training, expressing their gratitude and encouragement. They also penned prayers for the well-being of the country, reflecting their patriotic spirit. The meeting featured an America 250 presentation about the Battle of Fort Washington by Kevin Stearns from the Fort Lauderdale S.A.R. chapter, which provided valuable insights into the nation's past. Additionally, a discussion on the three branches of government was held, fostering a deeper understanding of the structure and function of the U.S. government. The combination of these activities not only strengthened the members' sense of community but also enriched their knowledge and appreciation of their country's history and governance.



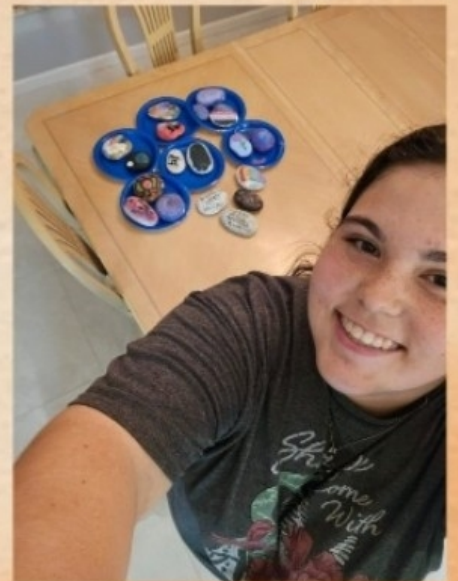
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Billy Bowlegs Society

Society President, Jaelyn Tillman
Senior Society President, Teri Peterson

Billy Bowlegs Society Members painted rocks for "Cooper The Rock Worm" at Lakes Park in Fort Myers, FL. Society President, Jaelyn Tillman placed the rocks with her 4-H groups rocks.



Billy Bowlegs Society

Society President, Jaelyn Tillman
Senior Society President, Teri Peterson
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Billy Bowlegs Society

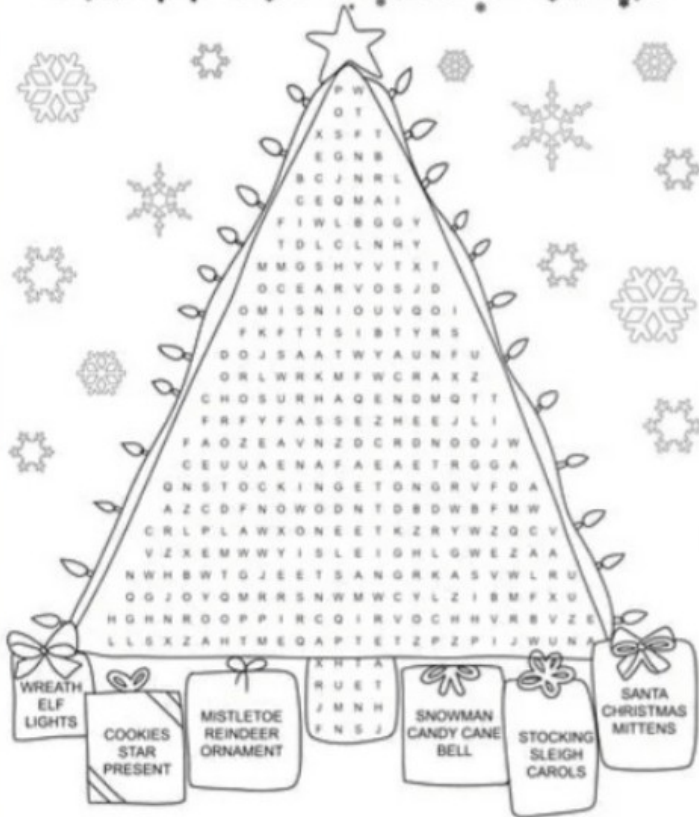
Society President, Jaelyn Tillman
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F.S.C.A.R. State 2nd Vice President and Billy Bowlegs Society President, Jaelyn Tillman talked about N.S.C.A.R. & F.S.C.A.R. at her local 4-H group, Teen-Leadership.



We Hope You All Have Enjoyed The 4th Issue Of The Orange Blossom!!

Christmas Word Search



DONATION PINS

Star Supporter: A recurring donation each month to support the National Endowment Fund, the General/Operating fund, or the Niebell Endowment fund. (\$5 minimum monthly).



Niebell Fund Pin
Support ongoing operations at National Headquarters through a donation to the endowment fund of \$50.



Endowment Fund Pin
Donate \$100 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Endowment Benefactor Pin
Donate \$500 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Endowment Legacy Pin
Donate \$1,000 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Apple Slice Pin
Any individual making a contribution of \$50 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. museum will receive the apple slice pin.



Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple Pin
A contribution of \$1000 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum is awarded with this pin.



Voyager Fund Pin
A \$50 donation assists with travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents, and National Chairmen.



Magazine Fund Pin
Donating \$100 to receive the pin helps lower our costs for the magazine.



Mountain Schools Pin
Show support for the mountain schools by donating \$25.



Library Fund Pin
Donate \$100 to the N.S.C.A.R. Library

Thank You
Jaelyn Tillman

F.S.C.A.R. State 2nd Vice President

Thank You
Ms. Katy Peterson

F.S.C.A.R. State Senior 2nd Vice President