

F.S.C.A.R. Orange Blossom

Letter from the Editor

Hello, I am the editor, James Hamilton. I am the 2nd state vice president for the state of Florida.

I've enjoyed reading your news, so keep sending it to me. If you would like to send society photos/news, please send them to floridasociety@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to an amazing proceeding year and I am also looking forward to the Colonial Night Watch coming up.

Thank you and I hope to see you there!

-James Hamilton, the editor



August 2021



Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and having a good start to the school year. I have been staying busy with my senior year, and have been trying to go to as many events as possible! We will be planning some more events this year, so keep a lookout on your emails and the Florida Society C.A.R. Facebook page. So far for my project Helping Homeless Heroes, we have made 3 trips to the Cocoa Beach Veterans Support Center, and have donated about 30 boxes each time. At our West Coast packet meeting, we ended up making about 50 bags and were able to send them to some other shelters in Tampa and South Florida. If you are still collecting, that's great! Just keep selling the pins as well, so we can raise money for the Florida Veterans Foundation! Some things my local society has done is continue cleaning our local cemetery and have been out to place flags on Memorial day and Flag day. We have been doing this service project for a couple of years and this has been a great way to get members and local DAR chapters involved. After these comes meetings! We had a blast at the West and East coast meetings. These meetings were held to go over the program packet and look for some ideas for contests for the State Conference. If you couldn't make the meetings the packet is on the members website for the Florida Society. I hope everyone is staying active and trying to get some more membership. If you aren't planning anything in December on the weekend of the 4th, there is the Colonial Night Watch in St. Augustine. I will be attending and hope to see you there! Have a great week, and keep on Helping Our Homeless Heroes!

Sincerely,
Sydney Rigaud
F.S.C.A.R. State President 2021-2022

State Officer Focus

State Second Vice President:

Hey! I am James Hamilton, the F.S.C.A.R. 2nd Vice President.

On the more casual level, I am a part time mermaid and garbage can.

Some of my hobbies include python coding, playing video games, and being a nerd.

I am in 8th grade and I am currently serving as the NJHS Co-President and playing on the soccer team in my middle school.

I am looking forward to serving the state this year in this role and I am hoping to see you all soon!

James Hamilton



State Officer Focus

State Treasurer:

Hello Everyone! I am Robert McAuliffe, and I'm honored to serve as the 2021-2022 Florida State C.A.R. Treasurer. I have been a member of C.A.R. for 10+ years and been active in my chapter as well as an officer for the past few years. I currently serve as the Ponce de Leon Society Treasurer. This past school year I was my Middle School's Vice President. I like to run and to do theatre at my school.

As your F.S.C.A.R. Treasurer I wanted to share with you all the option of Life Memberships. Becoming a C.A.R. Life Member is a great option for people who love doing C.A.R. and would like to continue to do DAR/SAR in the future. You and or your parents will not have to worry about paying national dues every year and will save tremendously in the long run. To quote the National Bylaws "National Life Membership should always be encouraged." And I am encouraging you to do it as well! Members are also eligible for a cool life membership pin to show all of your friends and family your C.A.R. status.



State Officer Focus

State Chaplain:

Arran joined the Ponce de Leon Society in 2011 at the age of two and has been the Society's president since 2019. In 2018 he was an aide at the SE Regional State Conference in Jacksonville and participated in the Colonial Night watch in St. Augustine the following year. He has served as state Curator, Organizing Secretary and Recording Secretary before being elected to his current position as Chaplain. His true dedication to C.A.R. was in attending the state workshop in Chattahoochee in September 2016, immediately after Hurricane Hermine. We didn't have power for days!

Arran is in the 7th grade magnet program at Cobb Middle School in Tallahassee. He enjoys the outdoor activities the Big Bend has to offer including hunting and fishing with his father, Leon, a member of the Tallahassee Chapter S.A.R. When he visits the NE coast of Florida, he enjoys sailing and surfing in Jacksonville and Crescent Beach, where his grandfather, Michael W. Fisher, is a member of the Jacksonville Chapter S.A.R., and his grandmother, Dr. Linda M. Fisher, is a member of the Jacksonville Chapter D.A.R. His mother, Laura Lee Corbett, is the Ponce de Leon Society senior society president and a member of the Fort San Luis Chapter D.A.R.

Arran has a keen interest in archaeology, thus many of the Ponce de Leon Society meetings have convened at locations such as Mission San Luis, Lake Jackson Mounds, Lechworth-Love Mounds and Wakulla Springs. He is an active member of Faith Presbyterian Church and enjoys various faith based service projects and camping experiences. In addition, Arran has a passion for collecting and antiquing. A fun fact we have discovered is that Arran and fellow F.S.C.A.R. board member, Kyle Peterson, are distant cousins. C.A.R. is such a fantastic way to make new friends...even family!



State Packet Meetings Recap

This year we held two state packet meetings: one in St. Augustine and the other in Tampa. I enjoyed both, as I got the chance to reveal my true, inner garbage can form. We had a lot of fun learning about all the state contests. Members and Seniors were also able to get together afterwards to spend some time together. We also packaged backpacks and boxes to veterans in need as a part of the State President's project/mission.

The state packet is on the members' only state website in case you'd like more information on the state contests.

James Hamilton, Editor

East Coast Packet Meeting

7/10/2021

St. Augustine, FL

Guy Harvey Resort





SKITS



SERVICE PROJECT



OUTING IN DOWNTOWN ST. AUGUSTINE



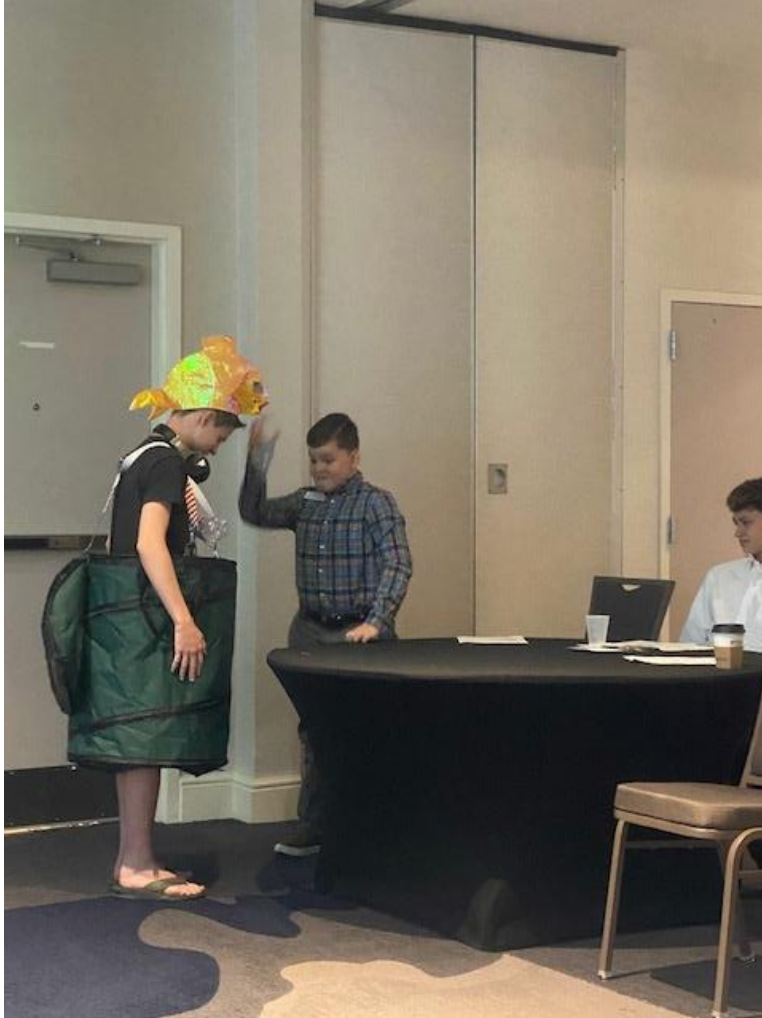
West Coast Packet Meeting

7/31/2021

Tampa, FL

Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Airport Westshore





SERVICE PROJECT



2021-2022 State Officers!



State President: Sydney Rigaud, Treasure Coast Society

State 1st Vice President: Madison Ramirez, Tequesta Society

State 2nd Vice President: James Hamilton, Treasure Coast Society

State Chaplain: Arran Corbett, Ponce de Leon Society

State Recording Secretary: Caroline Pierce, Vaughan-Latham Society

State Corresponding Secretary: Kyle Peterson, Swamp Fox Society

State Organizing Secretary: William Ramirez, Tequesta Society

State Treasurer: Robert McAuliffe, Ponce de Leon Society

State Registrar: Ezekiel Martin, Ponce de Leon Society

State Historian: Caleb Golden, Billy Bowlegs Society

State Librarian: James Popham, Tequesta Society

State Curator: Sydney Wagnstrom, Vaughan-Latham Society

SOCIETY NEWS:

Brewster Baker Society:

Bright and early before school started members of the Brewster Baker Society, along with DAR members from the Hickory Bluff chapter, NSDAR and the Caloosa chapter SAR, participated in ~~the~~ placing American flags on veterans graves for Memorial Day at the Rest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Port Charlotte Florida. We had such a wonderful turnout and our member, Jordis Hart, took pride in helping the senior members place flags at many gravesites of these brave men and women. Jordis lead the members in saying the pledge of allegiance. Thank you everyone for your dedication to keeping the memory alive of those who fought and died for our country.



Fort Brooke Society:

Fort Brooke Society participated in a wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day at the American Legion Post 5 in Tampa. The Society participated with the Tampa Chapter SAR Color Guard.

Oliver Wilson, Lulu Nicholson with Tampa Chapter Color Guard Commander Dick Young

Imogene and Oliver Wilson, Lulu Nicholson

Member Abigail Williamson placed flags on veterans' gravesites at Ruskin Memorial Park. Abigail is pictured placing a flag on her 4xggf William Henry Hutchison



Tequesta Society:

7/1/2021:

Tequesta has donated a lot of items to veterans, which include 36 pairs of socks.

Also, Tequesta cleaned the gravestone of past State Regent Nancy Williams. According to Everglades DAR chapter they were unable to make contact with any of her descendants. After much searching newspaper.com, her great granddaughters were found. This past week one of them contacted Fran Whiteman . She asked for an address to write a note of thanks. At the time of this message, it had not been received yet. She was so excited. She has been working on her DAR application. One reason for not finding descendants was former State Regent Nancy Williams's only child spent a lot of military time in Japan. Two of his four children were born in Japan.

Member News:

William Ramirez, 8th grade, who attended American International Education Charter school received the top science award at the end of school year.

Fort Gatlin Society:

The Fort Gatlin Society N.S.C.A.R. met in June for a family picnic. Florida C.A.R. President, Sydney Rigaud and her mom, Rhonda, were special guests. Sydney shared her new State project, Helping Homeless Heroes, and the National project, 11 Strong. Members and their families made patriot ornaments, keychains, participated in fun games, enjoyed Mr. Cook's Colonial Word Quiz, and ate a delicious flag cupcake cake!



Snowden-Horne Society:

Members of the Snowden-Horne Society N.S.C.A.R., celebrated July 4th in grand style. Joined by family and friends, the group, ranging in age from 6-18, proudly marched in the Independence Day Parade in Defuniak Springs, Florida.



Sugar Mill Society

This officer attended the Reorganizing Meeting on 8/28/21 in Daytona Beach Shores and brought greetings from State President Sydney Rigaud. It was also this officer's honor to install the officers of this society. Congratulations to Society President Catherine Klocinski, Senior Society President Betty Stecker, and to Sugar Mill Society on their reorganizing!





Treasure Coast Society:

Society President Sydney Rigaud and James Hamilton were guests at the Pelican Island Chapter NSDAR May chapter meeting. Sydney presented her state project and the national project and also she and James had a skit about conservation. The Treasure Coast Society also received certificates from FSSDAR and NSDAR for their community service entry for JAC. They participated in helping the Pelican Island Chapter NSDAR reflag the graves at Brookside Cemetery for Memorial Day. Additionally, they joined together again with the DAR to help clean up at Pelican Island Wildlife Refuge.



Vaughan Latham Society

Photo 13.61.15

Vaughan-Latham Society Perspective Spotlight
Elizabeth Springer

Elizabeth sings the National Anthem at the Change of Command Ceremony at Kings Bay Naval Base. She is shown with her father, Commander Springer, and family. Elizabeth just acquired her pilot's license before graduating from high school and will study avionics at [FSCJ Aerospace](#) this fall.

Photo 12.59.21

Vice President Ashley Schmelling, participated in the Liberty Bell Tapping Ceremony in Philadelphia, on Independence Day. The event was sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution and the National Park System. Ashley was invited to attend because she is a direct descendant of John Hart, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Photo 16.06.51

On Independence Day, Vaughan-Latham Society Registrar Olivia Schopf and Recording Secretary River Phillips walked the streets of Amelia Island, in authentic attire, with the American Flag, wishing everyone a "Happy Independence Day". Senior President Welker and Senior Registrar Schopf also attended and were accompanied by members of the Jacksonville SAR Colorguard and the Jacksonville DAR.

Photo 15.07.24

On Independence Day Sunday, Flag Bearer Eli Maddox, in his Continental Marine Uniform, and Senior President Welker in period attire, greeted parishioners at St. Michael Church with "Happy Independence Day. God Bless America." Treasurer Sydney Wagnstrom was server and Registrar Olivia Schopf attended and took photos. Members posed with the Nuns and the Church bell.

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President Landon Alexander "Keeps Everyone Moving" on the challenge course at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia. The activity is in line our National President's Project. In October Vaughan-Latham will do a physical and mental, team building activity with retired Army, Navy, and Marine Military.

Photo 15.14.52

Treasurer Sydney Wagnstrom. Senior Treasurer Anne Wagnstrom, and Senior President Welker attended the East Coast Packet Meeting and packed care boxes for homeless veterans. Vaughan Latham donated toiletries, masks, and socks and first aid kits.

Sydney Wagnstrom



Greeters on Independence Day



Elizabeth Springer



SAR, DAR and CAR



Amelia Island



Independence Day
2021





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Shortcuts:

National website: www.nscar.org

State website: www.floridasocietycar.net

State Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/floridasocietycar

National Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/nscar1895