

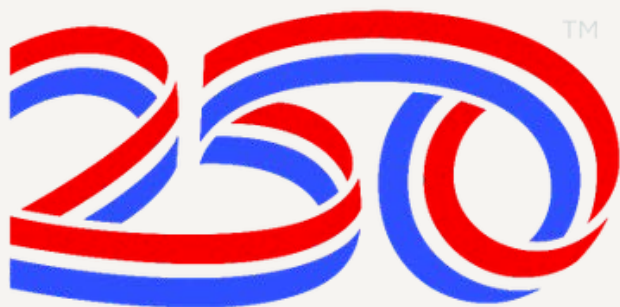
FLORIDA SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

THE ORANGE BLOSSOM

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution trains good citizens, develops leaders and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people.

EMPOWERING
FUTURE LEADERS

AMERICA



State President Levi Golden
Senior State President Rhonda Rigaud



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OUR TEAM:

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Levi Golden

State President 2026–2027

“Motivate Others Via Example M.O.V.E.”

Leadership is not just about what we say—it’s about what we do.

This year, F.S.C.A.R.’s theme is M.O.V.E. – Motivate Others Via Example. The theme M.O.V.E. encourages C.A.R. members to lead through action by staying active, working together, and serving others. This theme promotes leadership, healthy habits, and meaningful service while supporting the mission of the Children of the American Revolution.



Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch Memorial Park

This year’s Florida State Presidential project aims to raise \$5,000 to support the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch Memorial Park.

The Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch provides veterans with a place to heal, rebuild, and rediscover their strength after life-changing injuries. Through adaptive sports, recreation, and a strong sense of community, veterans are empowered to move forward with hope, purpose, and connection.

Their Memorial Park project honors veterans who have served our country and reflects their resilience, perseverance, and patriotism. It’s more than a park—it’s a place where warriors and their families find strength together.

The M.O.V.E. theme and the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch Memorial Park project provide an opportunity for C.A.R. members across Florida to stay active, serve others, honor veterans, and lead by example while strengthening the mission and values of the Children of the American Revolution

How You Can Get Involved:

C.A.R. members across Florida can support this project by:

- Participating in fitness challenges and sports activities
- Hosting fundraisers and service projects
- Working together within their societies to stay active and engaged

When members take action, they bring the M.O.V.E. theme to life.

2026–2027 State Presidents Membership Campaign.

T.E.A.M. – Together-Empowering-Active-Membership

This year, the Florida State C.A.R. President encourages every member to be part of T.E.A.M. Together-Empowering-Active-Membership. By working together, empowering one another, and staying actively involved, we can grow our societies and increase Florida’s impact in promoting the goals of C.A.R. Prompting American history, honoring those who serve, encouraging patriotism, and developing future leaders.

Levi Golden

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



2026-2027 N.S.C.A.R.
"Liberty's Legacy"

National President:
Will Elston
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Jamie Burchfield

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Two hundred and fifty years ago, young boys and girls played a quiet but powerful role in the fight for American independence. Too young to hold official rank and often overlooked by history, they served as messengers, drummers, nurses, and even spies. Their courage helped sustain the patriot cause during the earliest days of the Revolution, and they demonstrated a firm commitment to the ideals of liberty. This year, our goal is to lead members in a nationwide effort to recognize the role children played during the American Revolution. As our country observes its 250th anniversary, it is important for our members to learn about this underrepresented part of our history and share it with their local communities. Members will be encouraged to explore the theme "Liberty's Legacy" through meaningful and engaging programs that bring history to life.

The National Project will be in partnership with the National Park Service to raise \$50,000 for the creation of interactive panels that recognize the contributions of youth during the American Revolution. Two interactive panels will be placed in Yorktown with the potential of expanding to other parks. In addition to this, we will look to raise \$10,000 for the N.S.C.A.R. operating fund, so that the legacy of our organization continues. All funds raised after the \$60,000 mark will be split, 75% going to the National Park Service and 25% going to our operating fund.

A key component of the project is the Leadership Legacy Campaign, which challenges members to complete 250 minutes of service, participate in leadership training, and take part in individual fundraising efforts throughout the year. Members will be recognized for their achievements, with additional incentives and society-wide competitions encouraging participation.

Will Elston
National President, N.S.C.A.R., 2026-2027



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July 10-11, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Golf Resort & Conference Center
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**F.S.C.A.R. State Packet Meeting
August 1, 2026 in Tampa, FL**

**REGISTRATION LINK FOR
MEETING & HOTEL**

TREASURE COAST SOCIETY



Treasure Coast Society was represented at National Convention by members Sydney Rigaud and James Hamilton. Sydney Rigaud finished her term serving as National Chaplain and James finished his term as National Vice President for the Southeastern Region and was elected to the national board for 2026–2027 as National Treasurer. Senior Rhonda Rigaud was installed as Senior State President for the 2026–2028 term.





CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

Celery Fields and Cleanup

On March 28, 2026, the Chichi-Okobee Society of C.A.R. met at Celery Fields to learn more about birds from the Sarasota Audubon Society exhibits. Members also cleaned up trash along the trail as a part of our National Day of Service for our organization's Founding Day, April 5th.

We went to Celery Fields which is a big mountain. We were taking pictures of birds which were in a special area eating bird food. We learned about an app which identifies birds. You can take a picture of the bird or listen to the sounds. We heard birds on the mountain and saw a cardinal. Adam's favorite part was seeing the automated bird feeders where the birds would sit on a pad and it would dispense food.

Then, we hiked up the mountain and collected trash. We used gloves and put it in a trash bag. I was not surprised that there was trash because people litter at the top of the mountain.

There was evidence of a party being there as we found streamers and confetti. The wind probably blew it around.

We did the cleanup, so animals do not eat the trash. The birds could think that the streamers are worms. Interestingly enough, we did not find any balloons. Chloe's favorite part was finding confetti and learning that it is important to clean nature or animals like birds could eat things they are not supposed to and die. Adam also loved cleaning up the mountain because it felt like he was doing something good for the environment.

At the end, we took turns running up the hill. I liked hiking up the mountain the best.

Mary's favorite part was seeing butterflies.

By Luke (age 7), Society Historian, with help from his mother, Erin Alton, Senior Society Historian





CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

Memorial Day Parade

On May 25, 2026, the Chichi-Okobee Society of C.A.R. joined our two of our sponsors, the Sara de Soto DAR chapter and the Saramana SAR chapter for the Sarasota Memorial Day parade.

There were three girls, two boys, two mothers, and one father going to the parade for C.A.R. We marched half mile on Main Street. We wore red, white, and blue clothes for Memorial Day. Memorial Day means that people died to save our country.

I held a tiny flag that said "America 250" while Adam and Chloe were holding a big banner that said "Children of the American Revolution." The other people were watching us and taking pictures. Adam enjoyed having pictures taken for the newspaper and representing our group.

Mary liked that she and Luke could chat while they marched and waved their little flags. She also liked the drum sound from SAR.

Emma liked that we decorated her stroller with balloons and streamers. She also liked seeing the waterfront.

We rode the trolley back with DAR and SAR.

I had fun and want to march again next year.

By Luke (age 7), Society Historian, with help from his mother, Erin Alton, Senior Society Historian





CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

Fun at the Farm

On May 30, 2026, the Chichi-Okobee Society finished off the season with a visit to McLean Farm which ties into our state society's annual theme of "Hooves of Freedom."

We went to a farm with animals, like goats, donkeys, and a horse. We went into the animal pen and watched the goats. As the historian, I was the photographer and got to take pictures.

Nathan opened the gates and controlled the animals. He has been to the farm before.

We fed the animals hay and grass to eat. We brushed the horse and one of the donkeys that is smaller. They were in a separate pen from the other bigger donkeys and goats. We used brushes to comb them and a hay lifter to feed them. My favorite part was brushing the horse and feeding the little donkey.

Adam liked lifting the hay to feed the horse. Mary got to wear cowgirl boots and liked petting the big horse. I wore my farm clothes which were jeans and a plaid shirt that ties.

There were lots of droppings on the farm and it smelled. We were scared at first but when we went to the second pen, no one was scared!

By Luke (age 7), Society Historian, with help from his mother, Erin Alton, Senior Society Historian



SWAMP FOX SOCIETY



Declaration of Independence Signing

Swamp Fox held a recent meeting focused on the signing of the Declaration of Independence, where members learned about its history and significance. Each child then had the opportunity to sign the Declaration of Independence and write their own declaration of freedom, which they shared with the group.

Following this, members participated in a patriotic charades game to reinforce learning in a fun and engaging way. Several new and prospective members also attended, and it was exciting to welcome their interest and engagement in joining Swamp Fox.



Liberty Tree Event

WE ATTENDED A LIBERTY TREE EVENT IN TAMARAC, FLORIDA, JOINING S.A.R., D.A.R. AND THE COMMUNITY IN A MEANINGFUL CEREMONY HONORING FREEDOM, CIVIC HERITAGE, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. THE GATHERING REFLECTED ON THE SYMBOLISM OF THE LIBERTY TREE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE VALUES IT REPRESENTS.

SWAMP FOX & TREASURE COAST SOCIETY'S



Celebrating America's Amphibious Legacy

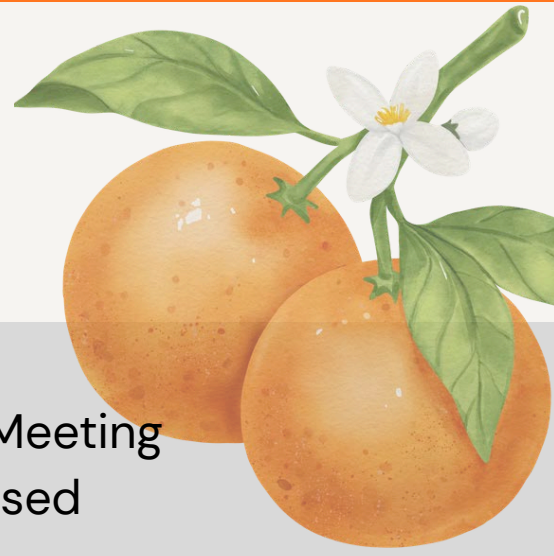
In March 2026, members proudly attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the First Amphibious Assault Memorial at the Pompano Beach Pier. Hosted alongside a dedication by the Sons of the American Revolution, the event honored the legacy of America's first amphibious assault.

The ceremony commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Nassau, when the newly formed United States Marine Corps secured vital British gunpowder—marking a defining moment in Revolutionary history.

As part of the nationwide America 250 celebration, the event brought together community members to reflect on our nation's founding and honor those who served. It was a meaningful and memorable day, proudly representing the Swamp Fox society and celebrating the enduring spirit of 1776.



UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS:



- June 15th–16th – Rocky Mountain Region Meeting
- June 19th – Juneteenth; Headquarters closed
- June 19th–20th – Western Region Meeting
- June 22nd–28th – DAR Continental Congress
- June 24th – Opening Night
- June 30th–July 1st – Great Plains Region Meeting
- July 4th – Independence Day “America 250”
- July 10th–July 11th – SE Regional Meeting
- August 1st – FL State Packet Meeting

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