

ORANGE BLOSSOM



2024–2025

National President: Emerson Sites-Byers
Senior National President: Jeff Voris

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.



2024–2025

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.

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LETS GIVE OUR NEW OFFICERS A WARM WELCOME!

MEMBER OFFICERS:

State President: Caleb Golden, Billy Bowlegs Society

State 1st Vice President: Olivia Schopf, Vaughan-Latham Society

State 2nd Vice President: Jaelyn Tillman, Billy Bowlegs Society

State Chaplain: Levi Golden, Billy Bowlegs Society

State Recording Secretary: Sydney Rigaud, Treasure Coast
Society

State Corresponding Secretary: Colin Matthews, Sugar Mill
Society

State Organizing Secretary: Sarah VanNederynen, Battle of
Thomas Creek Society

State Treasurer: Kayley Kelly, Treasure Coast Society

State Registrar: Landon Alexander, Vaughan-Latham Society

State Historian: Eli Maddox, Vaughan-Latham Society

State Librarian: Ezekiel Martin, Ponce de Leon Society

State Curator: Phelan VanNederynen, Battle of Thomas Creek
Society

SENIOR OFFICERS:

Senior State President: JoAnn Burns Welker

First Vice President: Carol Bryant-Martin

Second Vice President: Katy Peterson

State Chaplain: Debbie Cook

Recording Secretary: Roberta "Bobbie" Schofield

Organizing Secretary: Cathy Paunov

Corresponding Secretary: Holly Hamilton

Treasurer: Rhonda Rigaud

Registrar: Richard "Dick" Young

Assistant Registrar: Diane Libertini

Historian: Theresa "Teri" Peterson

Librarian: Tiffany Ireland

Curator: Melissa Pena



*state president,
Caleb Golden*

Questions and Answers with our state president, Caleb Golden

(Q) Ok Caleb, can
you tell us a little
bit about yourself?

(A) My name is Caleb Golden
and I am 14 years old.
My birthday is May 27th.
I hope to be a Doctor when I
grow up.

(Q) How about
your family?

(A) My mother is Amber Golden and my
father is Joshua Golden, I also have
three other siblings, I have 2 sisters
and 1 brother.

My brother is Levi Golden and he is
State Chaplain, my sisters are not old
enough to be on the State Board but
they love being apart of our local
society.

(Q) What is your state project and can you tell us about it?

(A) My State Project is "No Hero Walks Alone" We are raising money to support
Wolfhound Legacy.

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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.

(Q) Who is your patriot?

(A) My Patriot is William Lynch, He fought in the revolutionary war and provided
resources for the soldiers.

a fun fact about my Patriot is in addition to his years of service he was married
four times and had 34 children, 27 who made it to adulthood, 17 sons who served
the American Government in some respect.

Questions and Answers with our State President, Caleb Golden (Continued)

(Q) How Do you plan to contribute to help with Chapter/Society Develop, Retain, and attract members, or recognize others consistent with CAR programs?

(A) I plan to talk at several S.A.R. and D.A.R. events and encourage them to have their children and grandchildren join the C.A.R.

(Q) Can you tell us about some of your recreational interests?

(A) I like playing video games and I am on the football team at my school. I also like hanging out with friends.

(Q) As the state president, what would you like to accomplish with your senior and accomplish with the state project?

(A) As State President I hope to accomplish things like National Gold Merit Award and have a fun State Conference with my senior. My goals for my State Project are to help Wolfhounds Legacy make the lives of first responders and veterans in need of a service dog 10x better by giving them a service dog suited just for them.

Questions and Answers with our State President, Caleb Golden (continued)

(Q) What is your
occupation?

(A) I don't have a job
but I do work with my
grandfather mowing
yards

(Q) If you could
give advice to the
future presidents,
what would it be?

(A) Have fun.

(Q) What would you
like to see the
members of The
Children Of The
American Revolution
accomplish through
the year?

(A) I would like to see
members of the Children of
the American Revolution
having fun volunteering
at animal shelters across
Florida.

Questions and Answers with our State President, Caleb Golden (continued)

(Q) What made you choose this program for your state project?

(A) The idea of kill shelter has always been a very sad thing to me and I wished there was someone who would save all those animals, and service dogs have such a big impact on someone's life so when I heard of Wolfhound Legacy I knew I wanted to support them in any way I could.

My father is a 4th generation first responder, he has been with the fire department for 19 years, one of his colleagues received a service dog from Wolfhound Legacy.

My father has seen firsthand the benefits of this organization both for the service animal and the first responder.

As the dogs come from High-Risk shelters and are paired and trained with a veteran for their specific needs, Wolfhound Legacy is helping the lives of both the veteran and the dog, saving two lives.

Thanks for sharing Caleb!

I hope the members will find this interesting and informative. 9



*Senior State President
Mrs. Jo Ann Burns
Welker*

Questions and Answers with our Senior State President.

Ms. JoAnn Burns Welker

Q) Ok Ms. JoAnn, can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

(A) Certainly!

Q) What is you're occupation?

(A) I am a retired high school teacher.

I taught in Ohio where I held the positions of Work-Study Coordinator, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Track Coach, Student Counsel, Advisor and Play Director.

(Q) how about you're family?

(A) My husband is Robert and we have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. Our grandchildren are Aislin and Landon Alexander.

Aislin has been C.A.R. State Curator and National Merit Award Chairman.

Landon is the current State C.A.R. Registrar.

The family includes 2 toy poodles named "Raven" and "Mini".

*Questions and Answers with our Senior State President. Ms.
JoAnn Burns Welker
(Continued)*

(Q) can you tell us about some
of you're recreational
interests?

(A) My husband and I have
enjoyed many different
recreational interests,
like showing obedience
dogs and Arabian and
Quarter horses; boating on
the Great Lakes and Great
Loop; Flying our little
plane; Traveling in our
motorhome and going to
NHRA Drag Racing events.

(Q) who is your patriot?

(A) My Patriots are Private Tobias
Hammer and Major James Burns.
Tobias was a Soldier from Burns
Mills, Pennsylvania, a town
founded by Major Burns.

The Major was with George
Washington at Valley Forge and I
am a past Adjutant General of the
Descendants of Washington's Army
at Valley Forge

*Questions and Answers with our Senior State President. Ms.
JoAnn Burns Welker
(Continued)*

Q) as the state senior president, what would you like to accomplish with you're state president and accomplish with his state project?

(A) Caleb and I will be working to make communities aware of the role that service dogs play in the life of a service man or woman who has mental or physical challenges.

We will also be teaching members about caring for a dog, rescuing dogs and having a dog as an obedience or conformation project.

We would like to raise funds, and gather needed supplies, to support Caleb's Project organization "Wolfhound's Legacy", a group that rescues, rehabilitates, and trains dogs to be service animals for veterans and 1st responders with PTSD.

We will also be looking at ways to support the "Service, Courage and Honor" National Project which is focused on helping to provide homes for disabled 1st Responders through the Tunnels to Towers Program.

There will be many opportunities for Florida Societies to reach out to local 1st Responders with help and gratitude.

Again, a great way to show gratitude is through the "C.A.R.E.S." Certificates of appreciation and ways to help can be found in simple random acts of kindness.

We can be very creative with our acts!!

We will ask every member to make a difference in the lives of those who serve.

*Questions and Answers with our Senior State President, Ms.
JoAnn Burns Welker
(Continued)*

(Q) do you plan to contribute to help with Chapter/Society Develop, Retain, and attract members, or recognize others consistent with CAR programs?

(A) Membership retention and recruitment is vitally important to the State Society.

Together with the State President, Board Members, Senior Board Members, I will work to develop a plan that encourages every Society to provide activities that are inviting to new prospective members..." Fun while you learn and grow".

Additionally, I would ask that members acknowledge those who support C.A.R., by using the Next Step Program, C.A.R.E.S. Certificates, Challenge Coins presentations, and, Verbal or written expressions of gratitude to D.A.R., S.A.R. and S.R. and others who have given financial aid and help.

I would like Societies to plan programs and events, collaboratively, with D.A.R., S.A.R. and S.R., whenever possible.

Questions and Answers with our Senior State President.

Ms. JoAnn Burns Welker

(Continued)

(Q) what would you like to see the members and seniors of The Children Of The American Revolution accomplish through the year?

(A) I would like to see members and seniors reach out to each other, (through an agreed upon means of communication that keeps them connected); whether it be through text, emails, in person, or by phone.

This is especially important when contests are judged by officers and chairman. Lets Talk!!

Additionally, having served as Senior National Merit Award Chairman, I would like to see all societies plan their year by looking at the 2024-2025 National and State Merit Award forms, and the State Standard of Excellence form, with the hope that every Society will submit an entry. Whether a society receives top in the nation, gold, blue, red, honorable mention or participant; there is recognition there for all members in the Society and for the State of Florida.

Questions and Answers with our Senior State President.

Ms. JoAnn Burns Welker

(Continued)

(Q) if you could give advice
to the future senior and
member presidents, what
would it be?

(A) I would ask that they never forget
the fundamental principles of The
Children of American Revolution and
that they work to engender those
values in communities throughout the
State and Nation and I would remind
them to make it all lots and lots of fun.

Thanks for sharing Ms. JoAnn
I hope the seniors will find this interesting
and informative.

Thoughts & Prayers

It is with a very heavy heart that I share with you that Anne Wagnstrom passed away on May 5th, 2024.

Anne was the Senior Society President of Vaughan-Latham Society and in spite of her illness, was her daughter, Sydney's, biggest cheerleader as Sydney led the Florida State Society as our President for the 2024-2025 year.

Cards and notes of sympathy can be sent to:
Mr. Wayne and Miss Sydney Wagnstrom at
33100 Prairie Parke Place, Fernandina
Beach, FL 32034-1170

Thoughts & Prayers

In Memorial of Mrs. Anne Wagnstrom



Please keep
Honorary State
President, Sydney
Wagnstrom and
family in your
prayers



Anne Marie Wagnstrom

August 25, 1969 - May 5, 2024

Vaughan-Latham Society Senior President

Mother of Sydney Wagnstrom, State President 2023-2024



Sydney and Anne

Thoughts & Prayers

On April 28, a tornado devastated Sulphur, OK, the primary town for Chickasaw families and small businesses. It is also the tribal home of five C.A.R. members. The Lighthorse Police, who are Native first responders, are assisting the community.

The Indigenous History committee encourages societies and members to support the Chickasaw affected by the tornado by mailing \$20 Walmart Gift cards to:

Chickasaw Nation Emergency Management
Attn: Steve Cash
1300 Cradduck Rd
Ada, OK 74820

Please do not send other items or checks/money. Cards will be used to purchase clean-up items, food, and needs by the community.

Veteran Corner

What's the difference?

Veterans Day- To honor and remember all who have served in the military.

Memorial Day- To reflect on and honor all who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Armed Forces Day- A chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces. Also to promote the armed forces and community including their families and cadets.

Women	Characteristics	Men
18.8%	Army	81.2%
20.9%	Navy	79.1%
9.8%	Marine Corps	90.2%
23.4%	Air Force	76.6%

Ways to support your local CAR group

Invite your friends to C.A.R. meetings

wear your C.A.R. T-shirts

start learning the C.A.R. song

visit the C.A.R. children's room located
in the D.A.R. headquarters virtually

Talk to your local D.A.R. and S.A.R.
chapters about the C.A.R. State
Project and let them know what they
can do to support the project

Talk to your local D.A.R. and S.A.R.
Chapters about how they can get
their children, grandchildren,
Niece's, Nephews and neighbors into
C.A.R.

What is National Prayer day in the US?

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

What is the National Prayer?

Heavenly Father, We come before You to lift up the United States of America on this National Day of Prayer. Thank you for the freedom to gather and pray here in America. We pray for your guidance and wisdom for our leaders and all those in positions of authority.
Amen.

How can I submit my Society's events and happenings to the Orange Blossom?

To share an article in the magazine, simply email the article to my senior and me

@Orangeblossomfscar@gmail.com

I ask that the article has:

Society's name

Society's location

Society President and Senior President's
name

1-10 pictures

Another great way to get your Society's name out is to submit a page welcoming new members and introducing the Society's officers.

The members love seeing their names in things like this, and if they ever run for office in the state, their names will already be out there!

Reminder

Every society
needs to have a
"Magazine minute."

Read a article out of
the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine
at your local Society
meetings

Since this newsletter is called "Orange Blossom," I thought it would be cool to include a fact about orange blossoms in every issue, so here is the first one!

"Fun fact about Orange Blossoms"

Orange blossoms are famously used to make neroli oil, a scented essential oil created from bitter orange flowers. The oil is produced by steaming the flowers and distilling the steam to extract the fragrant oil.



The orange blossom and fruit tree

The orange blossom fruit



The orange tree blossom

Save The Dates

South Central-Southeastern
Regional Meeting, July 6-7,
Oxford, Mississippi

Florida State Packet Meeting,
August 3, Ocala, Florida

Florida State Conference,
February 14-16, Melbourne,
Florida

National Conference, April
11-13, location to be announced.

Save The Dates

The registration link for the packet meeting as well as the hotel registration link are included on this flyer. Everyone attending the Packet Meeting MUST register for the packet meeting, even if you will NOT be staying in the hotel!



Florida C.A.R. Packet Meeting

August 3, 2024, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Picnic Lunch (\$10.00)

Fort King Presbyterian Church Hall

13 N.E. 36th Avenue, Ocala, Florida

Registration link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnsiWd2Tyb81aBxKXZdvq_Z90vLieqSvxRLGpGnxXF_n_WM1A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Room block is at the Hampton Inn & Suites—Ocala Belleview: [F.S.C.A.R. \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com)

Make it a weekend. Stay at the Hotel for a "Doggone Fine Time" Poolside on Saturday Evening.



The National Project Benefits Tunnels to Towers. The State Project Benefits Wolfhounds Legacy. Supporting and Thanking Veterans and First Responders with Pin Sales, Coin Sales, and C.A.R.E.S. Certificates

SERVICE PROJECT



Make a Service Dog Happy ... Bring 1 or 2 HARD dog chews for a large breed dog. (Like a KONG). Bring a tennis ball or several tennis balls. You just might get to throw a toy or ball for the dogs to catch!! Ask your Local Society, DAR, and SAR to donate a chew or toy. Take your pet to the pet store to shop. Take Pictures of your shopping trip with your pet and send them to Jaelyn for "The Orange Blossom"

Agenda

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Joint State Board Informational Meeting: Officers and Senior Officers. Dress Code Relaxed. Registration and Activity. Free Ticket to win free stuff. Sales Table (1 additional ticket for each item purchased).
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Packet Games. Learn about the 2024-2025 Programs and have FUN!!!!
- 12:00 p.m. Picnic (Yes... with "HOT DOGS" of course). Sales Table Open. Drawing for Nana Jo's Shed Stuff. (Kind of like the DAR "Addison's Attic")
- 1:00 p.m. President's Project Presentation with State President Caleb Golden.
- 1:30 p.m. "Responsible Dog Ownership" with Competitor Mrs. Poffenberger and her Silken Windhounds.
- 2:00 p.m. "Dog Obedience: Learn How: Make it a Hobby" with Mrs. Welker, trainer: C.D. and C.D.X. titles.
- 2:30 p.m. Introductions and "Wolfhound Legacy Presentation" with Service Dogs, Trainers, and Veterans. Chewy and toy presentation to the trainers. Member Interaction with the Dogs.
- 3:45 p.m. Special Presentation. Group photo with Presenters, Dogs, and toys.

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We hope you all enjoyed the first issue
of the 2024-2025 Orange Blossom.

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

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A special thanks to my senior,

Ms. Katy Peterson

Thank you for all your help
and guidance.

I hope I made you proud.

I would also like to thank my spell
checker and proofreader, Olivia
Schopf, State 1st Vice President.