



Florida State Children of the American Revolution

Orange Blossom

By State 2nd Vice President, Sydney Rigaud, and President of the
Treasure Coast Society

Winter 2020

State President's Message -

Happy Holidays Florida Society!

I have missed seeing all of your bright and smiling faces over the past few months as all of our events have gone virtual, however, I have thoroughly enjoyed every virtual event that I have had the opportunity to attend and I appreciate every invitation that you extend to me. Over the past few months I have been very active on both the State and Local levels. I hosted the first ever virtual packet party in July to promote the state chairmen and contests affiliated with each of them. Each State Officer and Chairmen submitted a silly video of them introducing their contest and... let me tell you... they were hilarious! Hopefully you all are working on your contest submissions for both state and national. We made a goal as a State Society to receive a contest submission from every society and we need YOU to achieve that goal. All contest winners will be announced at the Banquet in February so all of your hard work will pay off as you are showcased for the state! I also had the opportunity to host the 2020 Winter State Society Board Meeting from the site of the Guy Harvey Resort (the venue for the 90th annual state conference). I was very sad to learn that Colonial Night Watch had been cancelled but my trip down to St. Augustine to host this meeting made up for it. We discussed important information regarding the state society and some exciting new information about our upcoming conference including but not limited to field trips, a silly sock s'mores party, and a DJ! I also had the opportunity to attend the November Swamp Fox society meeting

via zoom. Thank you to the Petersons for inviting me and I would love to tune in to other society meetings so please reach out to me and I will try my best to be there! I also have loved meeting with my beloved Princess Malee Society over the past few months. We have been lucky enough to meet in person rather than via zoom and have taken many precautions to avoid the spreading of Covid - 19. We attended the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens at the end of July to learn about manatees. Manatees are a keystone species within our springs environment and I am hoping that, through my State Presidents Project and the Florida Springs Institute, I will be able to make their home happier and healthier. We also got the opportunity to feed canaries, a baby giraffe, and stingrays...the rays were the scariest...eek! It was so intriguing to see so many different species in action. My society also marched in the Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade. Princess Malee members and Seniors, as well as 5 new members, dressed off our colonial dresses and marched alongside the SAR to thank our veterans for their service. We were even on the news! It was so moving to see all of the veterans and it makes my heart happy knowing that I was able to thank them for risking their lives for us. I hope you are all enjoying your holiday months and avoiding the 'vid. I am counting down the moments until I see all of you again at the 2021 State Conference in St. Augustine. Keep an eye out for new information on the Facebook page, keep up with those awesome pin sales, and share what your society has been up to on all social media platforms! Let's Make a Splash Florida!

Emma Glazener, F.S.C.A.R. State President

Senior State President's Message -

As we look toward 2021, it is exciting to think of all the changes this year that came about due to necessity. We have held virtual meetings out of need, which has ended up being a good thing as it has allowed people to attend that otherwise may not have been able to attend in person. We were unable to attend Colonial Night Watch since it was canceled but we were still able to hold a Winter Meeting virtually FROM the venue. That was exciting and innovative. I am proud of Emma and how she has stepped up to the challenges this year has provided. We are all looking forward to the State Conference in February and all of the changes it may bring compared to conferences in the past. As we adapt and move forward, it gives me great hope in the members coming up now and going out into the world as young adults. As for the State Conference, we have big plans and are expecting some special guests to join us! We hope you'll consider coming and please make sure to have your society enter at LEAST one contest. Remember, you don't have

to do all of them! And please submit your Society Standard of Excellence and Merit Award forms. To all the senior supporters, thank you for all that you do in helping to keep the societies active and engaged. It takes a joint effort of all of us to make the C.A.R. a success especially during a pandemic! We are looking forward to what F.S.C.A.R. has in store for it in the future and we're building toward that. Thank you all and see you in February!!

N.S.C.A.R National Project-

2020-2021

National President - Liza Marie Fridenmaker

National Senior President - Lori B. Walters

National Theme - "Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots"

National Project - Support our Brave and Noble Patriots

"Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots" is inspired by a line in our C.A.R. Song, which was written in 1928 and continues to represent C.A.R.'s ideals of patriotism and support for our veterans.

The National Society will be partnering with Pets for Vets, a 501(c)(3) organization, to raise funds to place companion animals with veterans, many of which are experiencing PTSD. The animals are adopted and trained through donations, and each companion animal is highly trained to best meet the veteran's needs.

Pets for Vets assists in the veterans fight against PTSD through building a safety net with the animal, creating connections, and overcoming trauma. Veterans apply for an animal through Pets for Vets and go through an interview process to match the veterans

with an animal. Animals are then selected from the shelter specifically for each individual veteran and are trained before being placed with the veteran. Through this process, Pets for Vets helps to save pets from shelters, as well as provides veterans with the companions and support they need.

Through this year's National Theme and Project, C.A.R. members are encouraged to give back to those who have served our nation and *Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots.*

To learn more about Pets for Vets, please visit their website at <https://petsforvets.com/>



F.S.C.A.R. State Theme

2020-2021

State President - Emma Glazener

Senior State President - Holly Hamilton

State Theme - "Let's Make a Splash"

State Project - "Florida Springs Institute"

My State President's project is the Florida Springs Institute, a non-profit organization focused on educating people about how to maintain the health of the springs located all throughout the state. They bring young college students to the springs to have them study the water and then compile that data to create presentations and internet posts which educate civilians on how to maintain the livelihood of some of our most precious natural resources. They are currently moving into phase 2 of their Santa Fe River Project which hopes to improve the conditions of the Santa Fe River over the course of the year. All of the progress made on this project so far has been documented on their instagram page (@floridaspringsinstitute) and on their website (floridaspringsinstitute.org) if you want to read more about it.

State Packet Meeting -

Written by State Second Vice President-Sydney Rigaud

Our State Packet meeting was very fun and had many fun qualities to it. As this year has been challenging in its own way, we had to have the meeting over a zoom facetime call. This was easy to have people not able to come, still be able to log online to check in. All the state board members made short videos talking about each state positions contests. These were also included in the slideshow shown over the zoom call. We had some videos about our State President, Emma Glazener, project. These videos were formal, and had a lot of information that can help us further understand how important her project is. Everyone had positive feedback, and had a great time! Our year has been different, but I'm glad we were still able to have an event to see everyone. Hope to see everyone at the State Conference in February!

~Sydney Rigaud~

2020-2021 State Officers

As Officially installed at the 89th F.S.C.A.R Convention

State President: Emma Glazener

Senior State President: Dr. Holly Hamilton

State 1st Vice President: Lauren Glazener

Senior State 1st Vice President: JoAnn Burns Welker

State 2nd Vice President: Sydney Rigaud

Senior State 2nd Vice President: Adrienne Abiodun

State Chaplin: Emma Robbins

Senior State Chaplin: Theresa M Peterson

State Recording Secretary: Arran Corbett

Senior State Recording Secretary: Tiffany Ireland

State Organizing Secretary: River Phillips

Senior State Organizing Secretary: Kris VanNederynen

State Corresponding Secretary: Madison Ramirez

Senior State Corresponding Secretary: Sydney M. Glazener

State Treasurer: James Hamilton

Senior State Treasurer: Chuck Decker

State Registrar: Caroline Pierce

Senior State Registrar: Katie Nicholson

State Historian: William Ramirez

Senior State Historian: Julia Saldivar

State Librarian: Kyle Peterson

Senior State Librarian: Kimberly L. Zeman

State Curator: Ezekial Martin

Senior State Curator : Carol Bryant - Martin

Website Links -

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

F.S.C.A.R. Website <http://www.floridasocietycar.org/index.html>

~SOCIETY NEWS~

Treasure Coast Society News -

Written By: Treasure Coast Society President, Sydney Rigaud

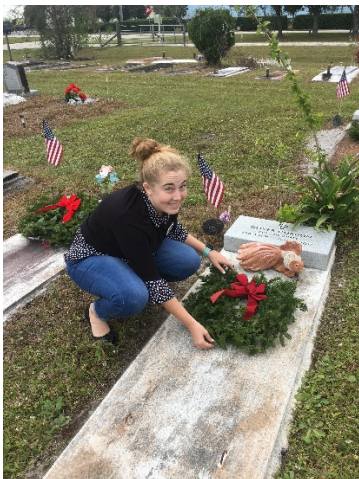
Hello,

Treasure Coast Society, despite being in the middle of a pandemic, has been doing quite well with keeping up with community service, and being involved as a society. Over the past few years, we have adopted this cemetery where we clean the headstones and keep the area clean. During this time, we have been out there more than usual because of all the time we had on our hands. The headstones in the cemetery are getting cleaner and cleaner. This project has been our society's job, and we will continue to keep the cemetery clean. Our Society President, Sydney Rigaud, and Society Vice President, James Hamilton, have been attending our local Society of DAR meetings. We have learned about the importance of heritage, and have learned about the different events on November 11th, throughout the years. The Treasure Coast Society C.A.R. cannot wait until the conference, and I hope everyone is staying safe through these rough times.

Sincerely,

Sydney Rigaud

Treasure Coast Society C.A.R.



Sydney placing a wreath for Wreaths Across America.



James Hamilton cleaning up the broken headstone.



Sydney Rigaud placing the ceremonial wreath for the Coast Guard in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on 12/19/2020.

Swamp Fox Society News -



November 15, 2020 Swamp Fox Meeting on Zoom! Thank you Emma Glazener, FL State President for telling us about your project, installing our officers and telling us about the National Project. Thank you Joe Motes and Charles Decker for your support. Great job Swamp Fox!

Swamp Fox Learns about the Military awards:



Patriotic Education Program:

The Congressional Medal of Honor- The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest and most-prestigious personal military decoration that may be awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.



The Distinguished Service Cross- The Distinguished Service Cross is the United States Army's second highest military award for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force.

The Navy Cross- The Navy Cross is the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps' second-highest decoration awarded for valor in combat. The Navy Cross is awarded primarily to a member of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard for extraordinary heroism.



The Air Force Cross- The Air Force Cross is the United States Air Force and United States Space Force's second highest military award for valor in combat. The medal is equivalent to the Army's Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy and Marine Corps' Navy Cross, and the Coast Guard Cross.

The Silver Star- The Silver Star Medal is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat. The Silver Star Medal is awarded primarily to members of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.



The Distinguished Flying Cross- The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to November 11, 1918."



The Bronze Star- The Bronze Star Medal is a United States decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone.

The Purple Heart- The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military.



Fort Brooke Society news-

Society President Lulu Nicholson represented Fort Brooke Society, with [Dick Young](#) from the Tampa SAR Color Guard, during the virtual Battle Days Memorial Service. The live event took place at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Today was the exact anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, which took place on October 10, 1774.

Nov. 28 was a pleasant day for Lulu, her mother and grandparents to visit family members at Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Tampa and clean headstones. Lulu helped clean her great grandfather's headstone. He served in both World War II and Korea. She later worked on her great, great grandparents and great, great, great grandparents headstones.

Lisette Young
Senior Society President

Fort Brooke Society



Ponce De Leon Society News-

The Ponce De Leon Society held its Fall meeting on October 25, 2020 on the beautiful grounds of Goodwood Museum and Gardens. The weather was fantastic! All five officers, several guests and one potential member were in attendance. While wearing masks and sitting distanced from one another, a formal business meeting was conducted by society members. Society President, Arran Corbett gave an update on the exciting plans for the 2021 FSSCAR conference. Participants were then treated to a presentation on beekeeping by Melanie Annis of the Apalachee Beekeepers Association. Ms. Annis brought a demonstration hive and many accoutrements required for beekeeping which members were able to examine.

The next meeting of the Ponce de Leon Society will be on Sunday, January 24th at 2 PM at Wakulla Springs State Park. We invite other societies to join us in keeping with the state president's project of supporting the Florida Springs Institute. Arran Corbett and Ezekiel Martin will be attending the St. Augustine Beach FSSCAR conference as state officers. Senior Society members Laura Lee Corbett and Carol Bryant Martin have been active on the conference planning committee.



Fort Gatlin Society News-

The Fort Gatlin Society N.S.C.A.R. of Orlando, FL met on October 18, 2020 at the historic site of Fort Gatlin. The new Senior Society President, Deborah Cook, took the group on a tour of the site where Fort Gatlin had been. Members, Prospective Members, and friends saw the D.A.R. Marker placed at the site in 1924. They read the information on the FL Historic Marker, and learned much about the fort, native tribes, and the archaeology of the area from an Eagle Scout Project on the site. Members now know why we are named the Fort Gatlin Society. Officers were elected and all attending learned about C.A.R. 's National Project, Pets for Vets, and Florida's State Project, "Let's Make a Splash". Several State Project pins were purchased and we decided to hold a silent auction to raise funds for both projects. Scott Cook, the S.A.R. liaison to our society showed everyone a miniature fort that he had built. He encouraged the members to each make a drawing of what they thought the fort looked like. Members will vote on their favorite drawing, at the November meeting, and that picture will become our Society letterhead and put on note cards. In November, the Society met at a park. Mrs. Barbara Lemay, Honorary Chapter Regent of the Orlando Chapter NSDAR, gave the program, "Writing a Thank You Note". After the program all members, prospective members, and several adults wrote thankyou notes to a veteran, thanking

them for their service to our country. The notes were decorated with Autumn leaves and delivered along with a decorated Autumn cookie to the veterans at Lake Nona VA Hospital. Member, J.T. Kwak gave a report on a child who lived during the American Revolution. He reported on Simon Nelson of Salem. We are encouraging our members to learn about the children of the American Revolution. Elin Powell's drawing of Fort Gatlin was selected as the favorite drawing. Her image will be our Society's logo. Members wrote Christmas cards to send to 55 active military overseas. We are looking forward to a January Field Trip to Blue Springs State Park and FL State Conference in February.

Chichi-Okobee Society News-

This year, the Chichi-Okobee Society has been more active than ever! Working within the pandemic's limitations, we've been utilizing Florida's beautiful state and local parks for our meetings. For our members unable to attend in person, we have live-streamed each gathering on Zoom. Starting in October, we've celebrated Christopher Columbus within a fact-filled scavenger hunt, heard a local veteran's incredible experiences in the military for Veterans Day, and decorated gingerbread houses and ornaments for the holidays.

Along the way, officers devised at-home projects for our members. Our favorite was writing "Thinking of You" cards to local senior living members at the Brookdale Living Facility.

As we march into 2021, we will explore more service initiatives in our area while continuing our appreciation for Mother Nature!

Wishing you well,

Emma Robbins
Chichi-Okobee Society President





Orange Blossom's Editors Message
By OB Editor- Sydney Rigaud
Florida State C.A.R. Second Vice President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone has had a nice year despite all of the hardships we have had to go through. After this Winter Orange Blossom there will be one more before the state conference. If you would like your society to be included in this, please email me at, sydr32958@yahoo.com, or text me at, 772-321-3197. Thank You for the submissions so far. I try to get everyone's in, but my email has been messing up lately. If you sent me your submission and it was not included, I'm sorry, and please email me your past one and a new entry and I will add them into the new newsletter for the conference in February. I hope everyone will send me their submissions and pictures, and I can't wait for the conference! Have a wonderful new year, and be safe!!!