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## **Saramana SAR Chapter Newsletter** **National Society Sons of the American Revolution**

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**Compatriots,**

I hope that you are all rested and rejuvenated after our summer recess. The first half of the year was chock full of events and activities that help preserve and protect our nation's unique heritage. In the next few months, Saramana will host guest speakers on historic topics, participate in state and national historic events, evaluate and select youth scholarship recipients, and elect new officers to guide us into the future – and that just scratches the surface. These and a host of other activities need YOUR leadership, support, and participation to be successful. Take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the schedule below. Your chapter has an exciting time ahead.

**Yours in patriotism,**

**Steven R. Fields, President, Saramana SAR Chapter**

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September 15, Saturday: Constitution Week Celebration Luncheon hosted by the Manatee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Sara Bay Country Club. 11am. Special guest speaker Rebecca O'Dell Townsend, Esq. "The Constitution: What you didn't know or may have forgotten." Reservations due September 11<sup>th</sup>. See attached file for reservation form and more details. Counts as a national color guard event (20 points).

September 19, Wednesday: Saramana Board of Governors meeting. 1:30 to 2:45pm at The Church of the Redeemer in downtown Sarasota. All officers, governors, and trustees should attend. Any Saramana member in good standing is welcome to attend. Agenda will include discussion of search for 2019 officers and committee chairs.

September 21-22, FRI-SAT: Florida DAR Fall Forum at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL. Those interested in attending should contact Bob McGuire at [rmcguire@slvx.com](mailto:rmcguire@slvx.com). Counts as a state color guard event (10 points per day).

October 12-13, FRI-SAT: Florida SAR Society Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee, FL. Sessions will include Technology & Advisory, Flintlock & Various Weapons, Membership & Promotion, Eagle Scout scholarship, Endowment Trust Fund Disbursements, Commemorative and Historic Sites (events, observances, and conservation and preservation efforts), Strategic Planning, and Colonial Dance (history, attire, and dance lessons). A dance is scheduled following the banquet. The registration form [<http://flssar.org/FLSSAR/Docs/BOM/BOMRegForm.pdf>] is available at the link or the BOM menu tab on the FLSSAR.org website. Save the form before filling it out to ensure your information registers. The deadline for early (less expensive) registration is September 28. Counts as a state color guard event (10 points per day).

October 17, Wednesday: Saramana Board of Governors meeting. 1:30 to 2:45pm at The Church of the Redeemer in downtown Sarasota. All officers, governors, and trustees should attend. Any Saramana member in good standing is

welcome to attend. Agenda will include discussion and acceptance of nominating committee report and discussion of 2019 budget.

October 20, Saturday: Regular meeting of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Sara Bay Country Club. 11:30am mixer. 12-2pm lunch and program. Nomination of 2019 officers. Induction of new members. Guest speaker. Color guard will present at this meeting.

October 25, Thursday: Dinner to award the DAR Medal of Honor to The Honorable Lee E. Haworth sponsored by the Sara De Soto Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Laurel Oak Country Club 6pm. The Medal of Honor is the NSDAR's highest award for citizens who have shown leadership, trustworthiness, patriotism, and service. Reservations due October 11. See attached file for reservation form and more details. The Saramana color guard will present at this event.

November 10, Saturday: Veterans Day Parade in downtown Sarasota on Main Street. Trolley will be available for those who prefer to ride rather than walk. Details on time, meeting location, etc. TBA. Counts as a national color guard event (20 points).

November 14, Wednesday: Saramana Board of Governors meeting. 1:30 to 2:45pm at The Church of the Redeemer in downtown Sarasota. All officers, governors, and trustees should attend. Any Saramana member in good standing is welcome to attend.

November 16, Friday: Regular meeting of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Sara Bay Country Club. 11:30am mixer. 12-2pm lunch and program. Election of 2019 officers. Recognition of members who served in the military. Color guard will present at this meeting.

December 12, Wednesday: Saramana Board of Governors meeting. 1:30 to 2:45pm at The Church of the Redeemer in downtown Sarasota. All officers, governors, and trustees should attend. Any Saramana member in good standing is welcome to attend.

December 14, Friday: Regular meeting of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Sara Bay Country Club. 11:30am mixer. 12-2pm lunch and program. Induction of 2019 officers. Color guard will present at this meeting.

December 15, Saturday: Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery. Details on time, meeting location, etc. TBA.

January 14, Monday: Chi Chi Okobee Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution MLK Day of Service event  
TBD/TBA

January 18, Friday: Regular meeting of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Sara Bay Country Club. 11:30am mixer. 12-2pm lunch and program. Color guard will present at this meeting.

February 1-2, FRI-SAT: Florida SAR Society Board of Management meeting in Kissimmee, FL. (10 points per day). Counts as a state color guard event (10 points per day).

February 16, Saturday: Regular meeting of the Saramana SAR Chapter. Sara Bay Country Club. 11:30am mixer. 12-3pm lunch and program. Celebration of George Washington's Birthday. Joint event with DAR/CAR. Special guest speaker. Counts as a national color guard event (20 points).

May 10-11, FRI-SAT: Florida SAR Society Board of Management meeting and Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, FL. (10 points per day). Counts as a state color guard event (10 points per day).



**Attention! Calling all compatriots! The color guard needs YOU!**

**The color guard is the public face of the Sons of the American Revolution. Nothing is more iconic than the image of a soldier of the American Revolution. Whether in uniform or militia attire, the color guard serve as a public reminder that the legacy of the founders lives on in us.**

**Saramana is fortunate in that we have several uniforms that have been donated to the chapter. These are available to be signed out to members who wish to participate in the color guard. Don't worry if you don't know how to march or the proper way to carry a flag. Our members can teach you the basics in an afternoon and they will help you with any questions. If you prefer to obtain your own personal uniform, we can provide guidance on types of uniforms and reputable suppliers.**

**Your chapter needs YOU! Contact President Steve Fields at 941-228-6123 or [sarasotasteve@hotmail.com](mailto:sarasotasteve@hotmail.com) ) or Color Guard Commander Vince Panissidi to learn how to get started.**