



Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Tampa Chapter
(site of the 96th Annual Congress)

Newsletter December 1985



Tampa Chapter President's Letter to the Compatriots

Well, we finally have our own newsletter and with it hopes of better communication. The Chapter seems to be steadily growing. With several new members coming aboard the membership stands at about 33. With Christmas around the corner, the officers want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the very best of the New Year. Let us look forward to the New Year with growth in the Chapter and the '86 Congress. Let's make 1986 the year for the Tampa Chapter. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party/meeting December 21.

Our Thanks

to the Clearwater Chapter for including information about the Tampa Chapter in their newsletters from June through December while we did not have one of our own.

The 96th Annual Congress

Just to clarify the "86" and the "96"...the 96th Annual Congress will be held in Tampa June 7-11, 1986. Page 7 of the fall 1985 issue of The SAR Magazine is devoted to the Congress including a description of the organizational structure responsible for it and information on the "Tampa Area" for those of our Compatriots throughout the country who may not be familiar with it.

As you may know, the Tampa Chapter was not in existence when Tampa was chosen as the site of the 96th Congress therefore it is not the primary host chapter. However as the site of the Congress, the Tampa Chapter Compatriots would be remiss in their responsibility if they did not offer their help to General Twiggs, the Congress Chairman, and his Congress staff. Tampa Chapter President, Bob Baylies, is already sub-chairman of the Hotel Arrangements committee (he accepted this responsibility while still a member of the St. Pete chapter). Any Compatriot wishing to help him with his committee, or to offer his help with any of the other committees, call Compatriot Baylies - 963 0438. A copy of The SAR Magazine will be at the next few chapter meetings in case you did not get a copy. You can select the committee you wish to help from it, let Bob

know and he will put you in touch with the people you wish to help.

Our Last Meeting

was on November 16th. It was well attended and included guests Al Twiggs (see above), Winn Young, President of the Clearwater Chapter, Mrs. Compton of the DeSoto Chapter DAR with her brother and guests of Ted Dickerson, Frank Bradley and Bill Felton.

Our speaker at the meeting was Michael Linder of the Veterans Administration. His speech outlined the history of aid to veterans by their governments from times before Christ up to the present. He mentioned the work and facilities of the VA in the Bay area and stressed the intention of the VA of providing the best possible service it can to the veterans coming under its various areas of activity. It was a very moving speech and the Chapter is indebted to Mr. Linder for presenting it.

DeSoto Chapter DAR

Mrs. Compton extended an invitation to the Compatriots to attend a Victorian Christmas Open House at the Little White School House on the grounds of the University of Tampa. The Open House will be on December 10th with tea being served from 2 to 5 PM.

Our Next Meeting

will be an evening meeting on Saturday, December 21st. As President Baylies mentioned above, it will be a Christmas Party/meeting. As our other meetings, it will be held at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. Dinner will be served with the cost being \$10 per person. Of course, the Ladies are not only invited but are urged to come. Dress will be cocktail casual. Plan to be there about 6:30 PM for pre-dinner refreshments; dinner will be fish.

As you might imagine, Compatriot Jim Smith, who is making the arrangements, needs to know approximately how many will attend so call him - 885 6084 - as soon as you know and certainly by December 18th. If you can't contact Jim, call President Baylies - 963 0438.

Incidentally, guests of the Compatriots and their Ladies are welcome too.

1986 Dues

Treasurer Tray Elliott hopes that you will save the work of having to send out dues statements by sending him ASAP your \$26. Make your check payable to the Tampa Chapter SAR and mail to Compatriot Tray at

3215 Swann Avenue, Apt't 27
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Be sure you get your dues to him before January 1st!!!

Registrar-Genealogist

Martin McKinnon wants all prospective members who receive this newsletter to call him to verify-

your name
telephone number and address
the status of your application.

Compatriot McKinnon cannot forever follow up on an individual who shows no interest in trying to finalize his application or on a person who is unable to establish his credentials. His efforts can be more productively spent helping those who have a continuing interest in becoming a Compatriot in the SAR and he is more than willing to do so.

New SARs

Recent new members to the Tampa Chapter SAR are-

Ted Dickerson
William Floyd
Herbert Haager
Robert Hill
Martin Miller and
William Felton

The rest of us extend a warm WELCOME to you and urge you ALL to become active, participating members of the Chapter.

The Chapter's Best Wishes

to Compatriot John Morgan White who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital recently. Hopefully by now he is out of the hospital and recovering satisfactorily.

Keep In Touch

As with any organization, it is necessary for the members to keep the organization aware of any changes in addresses, telephone numbers or like information. Make the job you have asked your officers (and your editor) to perform easier by assuming the responsibility of keeping them informed of changes indicated above.

Looking Ahead

A report from the Nominating Committee will be given at the January meeting, nominations, if any, taken from the floor and officers for 1986 elected. There will be a formal installation of the new officers in March. Further information on the above will be announced at the December meeting and/or printed in the next newsletter.

Consideration is being given to separating the office of Secretary-Treasurer into two offices. A decision on this will be made at either the December or January meeting.

An effort is being made by the Chapter to have FREEDOM signs (billboards) erected in Tampa before the time of the 96th Annual Congress.

HELP!!!

If you have information for inclusion in a future newsletter, PLEASE put it in writing....the Editor needs the HELP!!!

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