

THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Our Last Meeting

Attendance fell off from the October meeting. Part of this was due to the fact that in October six people were on hand to work on the plans for the February meeting which will be with their Clearwater Chapter honoring George Washington's Birthday. The other reason probably was that it was a fine weekend for football with some crucial games being played.

Program Chairman, Jack Seymour (973-1439) would sure appreciate a call from any Compatriot who would be willing to give a hand in working on the details of that February joint meeting.

Among the guests at the meeting was Daniel Saunders, a prospective member. He is now fully retired from the FBI and from Maas Brothers. The ladies present were Alicia Arter, Frances Compton (Daniel Carlton's sister) and Fifi Stoner.

Compatriot Arter said that he had some lap robes to be given to patients at the Veterans Hospitals. President Smith, who is also the Chairman of the Veterans Committee, will be given them and he in turn will see that they are distributed to the veterans.

At the Board of Governors meeting on November 5th the need for more of the Compatriots to become more active in the Chapter was stressed. The suggestion that the Compatriots research the activity of their Revolutionary ancestor and present a talk about their findings at a Chapter meeting. The talk need not be of any specified length - just based on the information available. An alternative to a talk about a specific individual ancestor would be a talk about the unit or group in which the ancestor served or was active - the action it saw or the activity it conducted. Another alternative suggested was for a Compatriot to take a single military action, or battle or some non-military event of significance and present a program about it. This might not have anything to do with a specific ancestor.

At the Board meeting it was also announced that Registrar/Genealogist Martin McKinnon had accepted a transfer to Mississippi. The Board approved that the Sumter Lowry Leadership Award be given to Compatriot McKinnon. This award is given each year to the officer who has done the most for the Chapter.

And it was also approved by the Board that each year in December a contribution in the name of Sumter L. Lowry to the State Endowment Trust Fund. \$20 was given.

Members name-tags are still in the offing but hopefully not for long. There is still some dickering in terms of tag vs price.

A nominating committee consisting of President Jim Smith, Secretary Bob Baylies and Compatriot Martin Miller was chosen to select a slate of officers for the coming year. Make any preference for officer(s) known to any or all of the committee since once a slate is chosen by the committee the chances are that its selection will be elected.

The program presented at the meeting was conducted by Mr. James (Jim) McBath who had slide pictures illustrating his talk on the background and the present status of The Henry B. Plant Museum at The University of Tampa. For those who might not know, the main building of what is now the University of Tampa dates from 1891 when it was opened by railroad magnate, Henry B. Plant, to lure tourists to the end of his railroad line. It was the utmost in a luxury hotel of the time. No expense was spared in the building construction and the furnishings put in it. Probably on other one building in Tampa has more of Tampa's history connected with it than this building. Many of the original parts of the building and furnishings added to by other museum pieces make up the Museum today. Each Compatriot should make a point of visiting it enjoying the displays, tours, programs and services the museum offers. It is located just west of the Hillsborough River across from downtown Tampa and off of Kennedy Boulevard. Incidentally Mr. McBath is the Curator-Director of the Museum.

Certificate for some new members have been received and will be presented to the new Compatriots at the first meeting possible. They include those of:

John McLean Allison, Jr. His Dad, John, Sr., was a member of the former Tampa Chapter. Their ancestor was Samuel Allison of North Carolina. John Jr. was a sergeant in the Army with a regimental supply division service company at Ft. Carson, Colorado. Currently he is in the insurance business and he and his wife live on Dunwoodie Street.

Theodore Inman Bahn is a descendant of Richard Inman who served as an Indian fighter in the Westmoreland Pennsylvania Militia. Ted, a consultant, served in the U.S. Navy for ten years and attained the rank of Commander. He and Mrs. Bahn live on Watrous Avenue.

Rufus Blurette Stewart is descended from Andrew Feaster, a South Carolina soldier. Compatriot Stewart, who lives with his wife in Appollo Beach, served six years in the Navy. His parents were both Brevard County Florida natives. His mother was a charter member of Phillip Perry Chapter NSDAR.

The Tampa Chapter welcomes these new Compatriots and hopes for them to be active in the Chapter programs.

1987 Dues

These are due to be paid before the end of 1986!!! They are \$27. Make the check payable to THE TAMPA CHAPTER FLSAR and send to-

Robert R. Hill, Sr.
631 S. Echo Drive
Brandon, FL 33511

or bring the check to the next meeting.

Our Next Meeting

will be on December 20th at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. As usual being there at 11:30 A.M. will give you time to mill around with the others and get to know them better as individuals. The meal will probably still cost \$8.

The program will be a presentation of the Law Enforcement Medal to a law officer selected from either the Tampa Police Department or the Hillsborough County Sheriffs Department. The recipient will be selected based on criteria developed by the SAR National office.

It's not the Fourth of July but let's all wind up 1986 with a BANG and attend this meeting to make it the biggest and best of the year!!!

But let Bob Hill (see above) know how many of you are coming so that the number of meals may be contracted for with the Shrine. Bob's telephone number is in your year book but to make it easy for you, it is 689-5395.

Your Newsletter Editor wishes for the Compatriots-

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