

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
TAMPA CHAPTER
(Site of the 96th Annual Congress)



Newsletter February 1986



Tampa Chapter President's Letter to the Compatriots

Well, the year is about over for me as your President. With the joint meeting of the Tampa and Clearwater Chapters this month and the new officers taking office in March, the year comes to a close. During this past year I have seen the Chapter grow to a strong 36 members, the newsletter started and the Chapter gain respect at the state level. Unfortunately, this past year also has seen the resignation of the Secretary-Treasurer. Compatriot Elliott had an unforeseen increase in his work load and could not fully execute his responsibilities as an officer. I have obtained the Chapter records from Compatriot Elliott and have deposited several checks to the bank account. If your check to the Chapter is outstanding, it should clear within the next 30 days. The officers which you have elected have the ability to expand the Chapter to greater heights but it will take the combined efforts of all to see that this is accomplished. The Chapter is only as good as the members are. The officers can't do everything. I look forward to the coming year with the 96th Annual Congress in June and the growth of this Chapter to the best in the State. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

Our Last Meeting

There were 29 people at our last meeting including 2 ladies. An announcement in the Tampa Tribune of the meeting and a phone number to call for information was seen by some winter-visitor Compatriots who the Chapter was happy to have as its guests.

During the business portion of the meeting:

Martin McKinnon, Registrar/Genealogist reported that 8 applications had been submitted to National, of which 6 had been approved. He projected between now (1/18/86) and the end of the Chapter year (3/31/86) between 4 to 7 more additional members. He noted that in seeking new members, the Chapter should seek for quality as well as numbers. Quality being those who have a definite interest in the SAR and its purposes. But then too, the more members a chapter has, the more votes it has in the State Society.

President Baylies reported that with two applications pending (accepted by National 1/13/86) and including Associate member(s), the membership of the Chapter was 36 Compatriots.

Bob Sumner gave the report of the nominating committee. The slate as proposed and unanimously elected was:

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| President | - Jim Smith | Secretary - Open |
| Vice President | - John Seymoure | Treasurer - Bob Hill |
| Registrar/Genealogist | - Martin McKinnon | |

The Board of Governors will consist of:

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| Bob Baylies | Bob Sumner |
| Bill Floyd | John White |

Note that the Board of Governors had previously approved the separation of the Secretary and Treasurer jobs. No one at the meeting volunteered to take the Secretary's job so that position is unfilled at present. Here is the chance for a Compatriot to accept a position which will be of real service to the Chapter.....the opportunity for a "Quality" Compatriot.

Our Next Meeting

will be with the Clearwater Chapter on George Washington's Birthday, 2/22/86. It will be held at the AFFAIRS, a restaurant on the SW corner of the intersection of State road 60 and U.S. route 19. If you did not receive the announcement of this meeting directly from the Clearwater Chapter, which had a reservation form, make your reservation by writing to the Clearwater Chapter, P.O. Box 1419, Largo, FL 32394-1419. Cost is \$10 payable in advance or at the door.

Our March Meeting

will be a banquet meeting on the night of March 15th, a Saturday night. President Bob Baylies asked for volunteers from the Chapter to help in the preparation of this meeting. He was not overwhelmed by the response of those present at the January meeting. The time and place will be announced when determined. The new officers will be installed at this meeting.

The 96th Annual Congress

will be held in Tampa on June 7-11. Again, President Baylies asked for volunteers from the floor to help out with this project and met with the same response as above. Here again is an opportunity for a "Quality" Compatriot(s).

1986 Dues

If you haven't paid your dues, send them to - Robert ^RB. Hill, Sr.
631 S. Echo Drive
Brandon, FL 33511

CAR News

The Tampa Chapter should be proud of their sponsoring the Ft. Brooke Chapter of the CAR. At the last State Conference held in Ft. Myers, the Ft. Brooke Chapter received two awards: 2nd place in the newsletter and Honorable Mention in chapter activities. Additionally, there are 5 State Promoters of the CAR from the Tampa Chapter. At the SAR state meeting in April, the chapter with the greatest CAR promoters (percentage wise) will receive an award. The cost of being a CAR promoter is only \$4 per year. Let's see if the Tampa Chapter can win this award. If you want more information call Bob Baylies at 963-0438 or 272-2565.

New Members

Albert F. Musgrove and Albert F. Musgrove, II, who is a student at Notre Dame. They live at Apollo Beach. They are descended from Roger Brooke, a Maryland Patriot. Dad was a Captain in the Navy during WWII so naturally Albert the II is in the Navy ROTC at school.

Transferees

Austin (Russ) Rising transferred in from the Kansas State Society. David McCallister came to Florida from Atlanta, Georgia.

New Member Profiles

Robert Ray Hill, Sr., a native of Virginia, is a descendant of Patroit Moses Hill of Fairfield County, SC. Before retirement Bob was an Army career man. He and his wife live in Brandon.

William Harrison Felton, born in 1894 at Northampton, Massachusetts, is descended from Benjamin Felton, one of the original Massachusetts Minutemen. Bill served in the U.S. Expeditionary Forces, Medical Department, 1917-1919. A retired banker, he and his wife live on Tampa's Bayshore.

Fly Your Flag In February

This reminder came from the Clearwater newsletter. February 12th is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February is Presidents' Day and February 22nd is George Washington's birthday.

Let George Do It

George already did it and earned a national holiday. If you don't do it, or at least help do it, it ain't going to get done!!!!