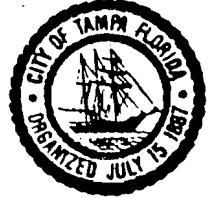


FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
TAMPA CHAPTER  
(Site of the 96th Annual Congress)



Newsletter May 1986



Tampa Chapter President's Letter to the Compatriots

My dear Compatriots, of the several organizations to which I belong the Sons of the American Revolution is among the most distinguished therefore it is with extreme gratitude, honor and humility that I gladly accept your mandate to serve as President of our Chapter for the year 1986-1987.

Our Chapter has thus far displayed "World Class" qualifications under the superb direction and guidance of its founders.

I pledge to you, Compatriots, my every effort toward the continued growth, and success and prosperity of our beloved fraternity.

I hope that I may serve your complete purpose. God Bless You. Sincerely, Jim Smith.

Secretary's Report

Any member who is interested in getting his membership badge can contact Secretary Baylies and it will be ordered. The cost is about \$75. The membership cards are available from the Secretary. Treasurer Hill is currently taking orders for the Chapter member disk. If you want one give him a call or Secretary Bayliss - the cost is \$2.50. The next meeting will be held on 17 May. Please call Treasurer Hill or Secretary Baylies with your reservation for lunch by Thursday, May 15th.

Treasurer's Report

Balance April 19, 1986	\$ 282.63
Income: Contribution received	30.00
14 Charter member pins	35.00
Expense:	-0-
Current Balance, April 22, 1986	<u>\$375.63</u>

Our Last Meeting

A wealth of information was brought up at our first regular meeting under President Jim Smith. He, as Chairman of the ROTC Medal Committee (a Committee of one?), said that all college and high school ROTC units in the area had been awarded the ROTC Medal except East Bay High and it would be within the next few days. He also said that he would be contacting the publisher of the Tampa Tribune regarding the Tribune publishing notices of our Chapter meetings.

At the April 15th meeting of the Board of Governors it was decided that all Chapter officers and committee chairmen were to submit their budgets for the '86-87 year to the Treasurer by August of '86 for discussion at the Chapter meeting of October '86. (Ed. Chapter years are April through the following March.)

It is planned that future programs at Chapter meetings will include 3 to 5 minute talks by Chapter members as to their ancestor's contribution to the Revolutionary War on which their membership in the SAR is based. Vice President Jack Seymour will coordinate the programs. Later in the meeting Bob Sumner gave a very interesting talk on his ancestor, Ebenezer Sumner, although somewhere back there, there seemed to have been a Tory in the woodpile too.

Secretary Bob Baylies reported that March 31, 1986 was the closing date for Charter members of the Tampa Chapter. These members are entitled to the "disk" which was mentioned under his report, above. Regular Chapter members numbered 44, a 100% increase and including 17 new members. There are also 2 associate and 1 dual members.

Compatriot Tozer has developed a supplemental line back to a Revolutionary War ancestor, the first member of our Chapter to do so.

Secretary Baylies is looking into nametags for our members so that each one will know who he is.

At about the same time that the Chairmanship of the VA Volunteer Services (VAVS) was transferred to Spec Winfree who had been covering the Tampa VA Hospital so diligently, Spec got ill and had to be in the University Community Hospital for a time. Any of you Compatriots who are up in the Temple Terrace area might check on Spec at 507 Caroline Street, 33617.

Five new Charter members were added in. There were Charles Beare, James Chambers, Herbert Mason, Jr., Albert Musgrave and Elwin Thrasher. We all welcome these new Compatriots.

*changed to Sunday before*

The SAR has been designating the Sunday nearest to July 4th as Allegiance Sunday. Secretary Baylies has asked for volunteers to form a Committee to petition the City of Tampa to proclaim July 6th as Allegiance Sunday in the city. He said that where the Sunday has been observed, Compatriots have been involved to some degree in church services such as leading the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He has more information on this for anyone interested.

#### 90th Annual Meeting of The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Florida Society was organized in Pensacola, Florida on March 14, 1896, by Lieut. John Bull, U.S. Navy. The 90th Meeting was held May 2, 3 and 4 in Orlando.

Three awards were made to the Tampa Chapter-

- The Avery Award to the Chapter with greatest percentage increase in the past year.
- An award for the Chapter with the greatest number of new members.
- A ribbon to be attached to the Chapter flag staff in recognition for the services performed at the VA hospital. Probably our Chapter should call it the Spec Winfree award.

In addition our Chapter Registrar/Genealogist, Martin McKinnon, was given a special one time award by the State Registrar, Skip Healy, in recognition of his success in adding so many new members to the Chapter.

#### 96th Annual Congress of The Sons of the American Revolution

As you should all know by now, this is to be held June 7-11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel here in Tampa. There is still plenty of need for Tampa Chapter members to help the Compatriots of the Chapters who have the prime responsibility for the smooth running of the Congress. This is also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Tampa Chapter Compatriots to participate in a Congress at a minimum of time and expense. We really owe it to the SAR to attend as many of the functions at all possible. The business meetings have not yet been announced but some of the social events are:

- June 7 - Saturday - 6 to 7 PM - Florida State Society Reception - Cost \$10 includes 2 drinks.
- June 9 - Monday - 12 to 2 PM - Luncheon - Cost \$14
- June 10 - Tuesday - 7 to 11 PM - Banquet - Cost \$22
- June 11 - Wednesday - 7 to 11 PM - Banquet and installation of National Officers - Cost \$21

Any Compatriots wanting tickets for these events let Secretary Baylies know how many and for which event(s) AT LEAST 48 HOURS AHEAD OF THE EVENT. The tickets will be left at the Information Table for the Congress in the Hyatt Regency. Presumably payment will be made by your check when you pick up the tickets.

#### Our next meeting

Is Saturday, May 17th with attitude adjustments starting at 11:30 AM at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. The cost will be \$7 for the luncheon. Don't forget to let Secretary Baylies or Treasurer Hill know by Thursday the latest if you are going to be able to be there so arrangements may be made with the Shrine's kitchen as to the number of meals to prepare. Baylies - 963-0438 or 272-2564, Hill - 689-5395.

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