



THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Newsletter September 1986

The Dog Star

rises and sets with the sun during July and August but those Dog Days are now over so let's now get back at it and continue to make the Tampa Chapter fastest growing and one of the most active and vital in the Florida Society!!!

Orientation

Just so we can start off this '86-'87 year's activity in sync with where we were at the end of the '85-'86 year, let's recap from May's meeting and up through the summer.

Four new members were sworn in during the May meeting --

Robert Creighton McWilliams formerly of New York and now a resident of Sun City Center served during WWII in the navy and retired as a Reserve Lt. Commander. His ancestor, Daniel Bailey, served in the Orange County Militia 1776-1779.

Albert F. Musgrove II who was profiled in the February newsletter. He was sworn in at the age of 19 by Comp. Felton age 91.

John Council Skinner, a Tampa native, is descended from William Flemming who was born in Maryland, served in the Revolution as a Rutherford County, North Carolina resident and who migrated after the war to Hall County, Georgia.

Duane Evert Vandenberg was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He is descended from Rufus Comstock of Massachusetts. Duane retired from the Air Force and is presently employed by the City of Tampa.

NOT so incidentally Dr. James Augustus Chambers was sworn in at the April meeting. He is a West Virginia native who now lives in Temple Terrace. Compatriot Chambers has taught at USF for a number of years. During WWII he served in the Army, European Theater. Samuel Auxier of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky is one of his ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War.

Compatriots Jim Smith and Al Musgrove made the necessary arrangements for the City of Tampa through its then-Mayor Bob Martinez to proclaim July 6th, the Sunday nearest to July 4th, declared Allegiance Sunday.

During the summer Compatriot Elwin Thrasher compiled and had printed a chapter yearbook. It contains among other things the chapter constitution and by-laws; officers of the national, state and chapter societies; chapter committee chairmen; chapter board of governors; '86-'87 meeting program and a roster of members (as of the date of printing). Pick up your copy at the September meeting. Let him know of any corrections needed.

Some of our Compatriots accepted the invitation of the DeSoto Chapter, NSDAR, and attended a Flag Day Luncheon on June 14th at Egypt Temple Shrine.

Compatriot Jefferson J. Mancinik transferred to the Tampa Chapter from Deland. Jeff is a 38 year old with, amongst other things, an 18 month old baby. And James W. Lillard, Sr. has had his application approved and his membership certificate sent to the Chapter for presentation to him at the first opportunity. The Compatriots of the Tampa Chapter extend a warm WELCOME to these new members.

The Chapter membership currently stands at 51.

Look for the activities of the 96th Annual Congress of the NSSAR as reported in the summer issue of the SAR magazine. The Tampa Hyatt Regency Hotel was bustling with SARs June 7 to 11 and some before and after. Those of the Tampa Chapter Compatriots who could not attend any of the functions deprived themselves of an opportunity to view close-at-hand at a minimum of expense and time spent to themselves how the National organization functions. They would have been impressed with the dedication and concerted effort put forth by the officers and committee members toward the accomplishment of the goals and business of the SAR. It is to the credit of the Tampa Chapter that many of its Compatriots were recognized by the FLSAR for their work at the Congress even though the Tampa Chapter was not charged with the responsibility of being the host chapter. Bob Baylies received a medal for his work in chairing the Hotel Arrangements Committee.

Charter membership disks are all available for \$2.50. See Secretary Bob Baylies or Treasurer Bob Hill for these. SAR membership badges may be ordered through the Secretary also or directly from the National Society (see the ORDER FORM in the SAR Magazine). They cost approximately \$65 to \$75.

As a reminder to Compatriots -- Keep the Secretary, Bob Baylies, informed of any address or telephone number changes. See his telephone number etc. in the yearbook.

As a reminder to prospective Compatriots -- Genealogist/Registrar, Martin McKinnon
4301 Saltwater Blvd.
Tampa 33615
886-3427

stands ready to render every assistance possible in establishing your credentials for membership but you must keep him informed of your continuing interest. If you have a problem, he will work with you on it, but its primarily your problem and he cannot follow up with you; you must cooperate and follow up with him.

Our Treasurer reports a balance of \$308.77 going into our September meeting.

The Board of Governors met on August 21st. Some of the plans developed were:

Meetings again to be held at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive on the third Saturday of each month October through May. Because the Shrine is still on a reduced summer schedule, the September meeting will be held elsewhere as a joint meeting with the DAR celebrating Constitution Day. See below for the details of the September meeting. Meetings to start again at 11:30 A.M.

Arrangements will be discussed with the Shrine regarding having a lighter lunch than the dinners we have been having at the meetings, perhaps at a lower cost.

A goal of a total of 60 members by March '87 was set as a minimum.

Compatriot Musgrove accepted the chairmanship of a publicity committee. President Smith will handle contacts with the VA Hospital(s) until Spec Winfree can resume this function. Vice President Seymour will be responsible for arranging speakers/programs for the meetings. Compatriot Summer volunteered to fill the Chaplain's office for the present. A telephone committee for the purpose of reminding members of the meetings was established -- two Compatriots will be asked to handle this function.

Efforts will be made to involve more members in the operations of the Chapter.

Male members of the Mayflower Society living in the Tampa area will be invited to our meetings.

A registration book will be maintained at our meetings for the purpose of listing members but more particularly, our guests. Name tags will be provided for the guests. Permanent name tags will be available for purchase by the members at the next meeting.

The budget for '86-'87 was set at \$550 income, \$450 expense.

Approval was given for the presentation of a Law Enforcement medal. Guidelines for this will be established.

The Florida Patriot, summer 1986, lists the meeting dates for the FLSAR Board of Management. All SARs may attend and be heard but only the Chapter representative(s) may vote. The Tampa Chapter should consider placing in nomination one of its members for FLSAR state office. Secretary Baylies is on the nominating committee. Contact him for your proposal of member for office.

Don't forget the CAR!!! For \$5 you may become a State Promoter; for \$4 a State Patriot. The Promoter gets a year's subscription to the CAR Magazine. Be sure to specify that you are a Tampa Chapter member when you send your check or money to:

Mrs. Jerson A. Teran
Senior State Treasurer
8885 S.W. 147 Ave., Apt. 1221
Miami, FL 33196

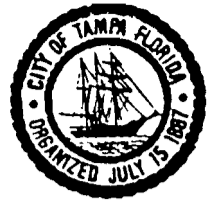
Are you now in sync???

Our next Meeting

Will be a joint meeting with DARs recognizing Constitution Day. This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Cypress, 4500 Cypress St., Tampa, on September 20th, a Saturday, starting at 11:30 A.M. with lunch a little after noon in the Pinewood Room. The cost will be \$9 per person. The ladies of SARs, while always welcome at our meetings, are particularly invited to this one. NOTE...PLEASE RSVP by the 17th to Bob Baylies - 963-0438/272-2572 or Bob Hill 689-5395 so the number of meals contracted for may be planned.



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FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



The Army ROTC Color Guard from the University of Tampa helped us open and close our First Annual Awards Banquet.



President Bob Baylies swears in new Compatriot Cecil Samuel (Sam) Beauregard, Jr.



President Baylies reads a certificate of appreciation and gives congratulations to Glenn Arter for Compatriot Arter's help in establishing the Tampa Chapter and for becoming an Associate member of the Tampa Chapter.



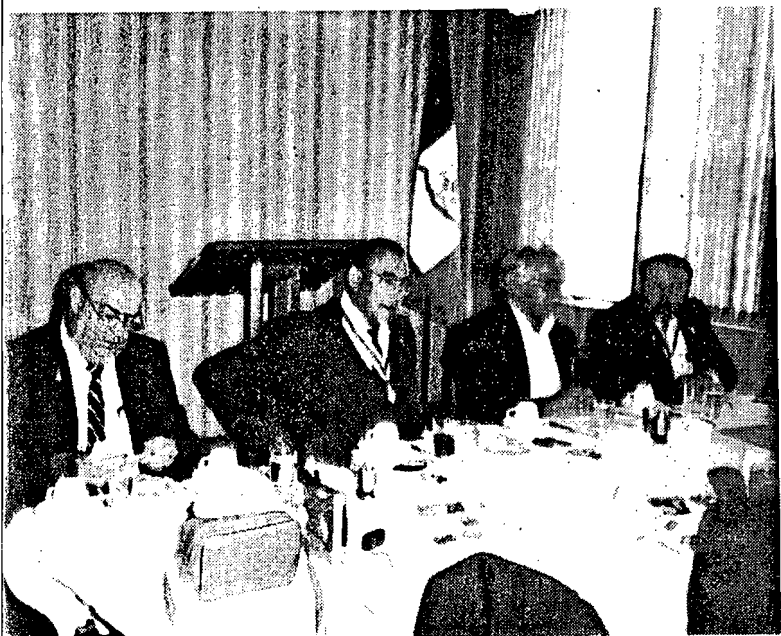
Kay McKinnon (Mrs. Martin) was given a certificate of appreciation by the Chapter for her assistance to her Registrar/Genealogist husband in securing the record number of new members in '85-'86.



President Baylies swears in the new officers; Treasurer Bob Hill, Vice President Jack Seymour, President Jim Smith and Registrar/Genealogist Martin McKinnon.



Ex-President Baylies has now passed the gavel over to new President Jim Smith.



In April the new officers take over at the head table. Treasurer Bob Hill is counting his money, President Jim Smith is apparently reaching in his pocket to ante up, Vice President Jack Seymour and Secretary Bob Baylies must have already anted. Bob Baylies volunteered to accept the Secretary's office rather than let it go vacant.



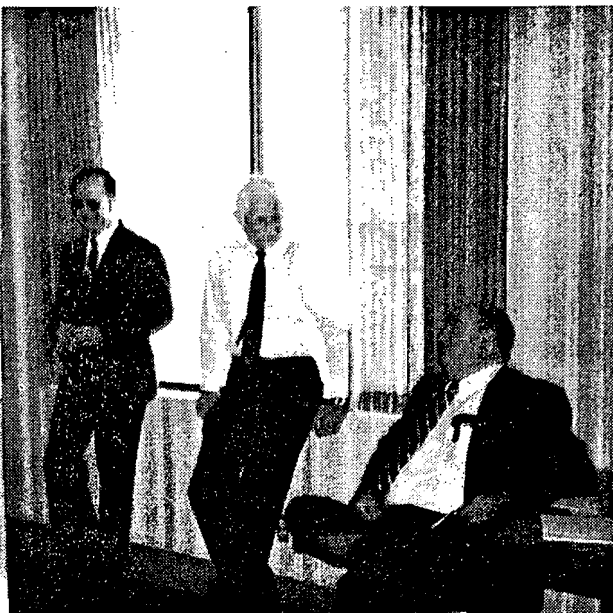
Also at the April meeting, 5 new Compatriots pose with President Jim Smith. From the left they are Al Musgrove, Charles Bearss, Jim Chambers, Herb Mason and Elwin Thrasher.



In June the City of Tampa issued a proclamation declaring Sunday, July 6th, it being the Sunday nearest July 4th, Allegiance Sunday. Compatriot Al Musgrove; ex-Mayor of Tampa, Bob Martinez and President Jim Smith are shown with the proclamation.



In May Mrs. Vandenberg accompanied husband, Duane to the meeting to witness his swearing in as a Compatriot. Pictures are not available of the others sworn in that day.



Just to show that our meetings are not all formalities, here discussing affairs of the day are Jack Seymour, Bob Sumner, Charles Bearss, Martin Miller and Bob Hill.