



**THE TAMPA CHAPTER  
FLORIDA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
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Our Last Meeting

Might have been the largest ever held in Tampa of SARs, DARs and guests. Of course it took a joint meeting of the Tampa and Clearwater Chapters and invited DARs to do it but it was encouraging to see that many people who would turn out to honor the birthday of GEORGE WASHINGTON and observe the 200TH YEAR OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

The meeting was fortunate to have been addressed by Dr. John Lott Brown, the President of the University of South Florida. His talk reviewed the major elements of the Constitution; the Articles which set up the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches and provided for amendments to be made; the first ten amendments which created what is called the Bill of Rights and the succeeding amendments totaling twenty-six in all. He spoke to the greatness that this country has been able to achieve under our Constitution, particularly the liberties available to our people compared to those available to people under other forms of government. But he also addressed the fact that there were still areas of life in our country which are in need of improvement. A booklet containing the Constitution was at each place setting and he urged all to take it with them and re-read it.

Dr. Brown was presented with a Good Citizenship Medal by the Clearwater Chapter and a Certificate of Appreciation by the Tampa Chapter for his presentation to the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting---

Win Young of the Clearwater Chapter, who acted as moderator of the meeting, gave welcoming remarks to those present stressing the significance of the reasons for the gathering.

It turned out that the DARs present were not only from Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, but from Pasco and Dade (Miami) also.

Rufus B. Stewart was formally sworn in as a member of the SAR and the Tampa Chapter. A brief sketch on Compatriot Stewart appeared in the December newsletter. The SAR, and the Tampa Chapter particularly, welcome him as a fully credentialed Compatriot.

The Clearwater Chapter presented to Robert (Bob) Grover and Harold Seigler the Chapter's Certificate of Meritorious Service Award with Oak Leaf Cluster.

The Clearwater Chapter presented to the Clearwater Countryside High School Junior ROTC the Star Spangled Banner. Last year the Bunker Hill Flag was presented. Col. Lee Twait accepted the flag on behalf of the Countryside ROTC. He gave a few remarks on George Washington and the ROTC program.

Chapter Membership

The Chapter has had a net gain of four: 7 new members and 3 non-renewals. Those not renewing their membership were:

M. Leo (Tray) Elliott, III  
William M. Floyd  
John Morgan White, III

Total membership is now 55 which is 5 short of the goal of 60 which was set for this Chapter year end.

FLSAR Board of Management Meeting

Will be held on May 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn, North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. These meetings are open to all SARs who may have the floor but only the Chapter delegate(s) may vote. Your copy of THE FLORIDA PATRIOT will probably reach you with reservation forms for this meeting well in advance of the meeting date. Tampa Chapter members might well be able to make the meeting sessions (Friday night and Saturday morning) without having to stay in Sarasota overnight.

Annual FLSAR Meeting

The next issue of THE FLORIDA PATRIOT will have the details on the when and where of this meeting. It will be held in May also, however.

Our Next Meeting

Will be our SECOND ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION BANQUET. It will be held on Saturday, March 21st starting at 6:30 P.M. for social activities with dinner to be served at 7. Dress is black tie optional. The cost for the dinner will be \$12 (but last year it cost \$15). Compatriot Edward S. Hoyt, President of the FLSAR will be our guest and speaker. Chapter officers for the '87-'88 year will be installed and appropriate awards will be presented. Compatriot's wives and/or other guests are particularly invited to this meeting although always welcome at any of our meetings.

The planned dinner will consist of:  
Garden Fresh Salad  
Sliced Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes  
and Mushroom Sauce  
Green Beans Almonde  
Assorted Rolls with Butter  
Apple Pie  
Coffee and Tea

We will meet at our usual place, the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive.

Please make your reservations with the Telephone Committee who will be calling about a week prior to the meeting or with Bob Hill at 689-5395 by March 18th at the very latest.

For those Compatriots who have not been able to make Saturday morning meetings, this is a great opportunity to show interest in and support of the Chapter.

A good attendance is expected. See you there!!!

George Washington's Likeness In Advertisements

Have you noticed a lessening in showing George Washington in advertisements looking like a wimp? TV & Stereo Town did in prior years but this year depicted him smiling and with arms outstretched. This is a big improvement over showing him with a funny hat and blowing a party favor.

Only Roger Whitley Chevrolet showed Washington in an uncomplimentary manner. Your editor wrote Whitley a letter protesting but had no response to it. The ad was seen only one day, however.

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